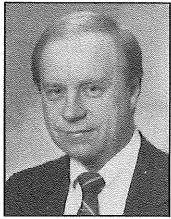




Three more House members step down



Rep. Jerry
Knickerbocker

(IR-Minnetonka) will leave one office to become a candidate for another.

Recently, he announced that he will not seek a 12th legislative term and instead will vie for a spot on the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

Knickerbocker, who has served in the Legislature for 22 years, said he believes his extensive experience will be an asset on the county board.

“The opportunity to apply my experience and skills to a different level of government, one that provides greater hands-on involvement and the opportunity to work hard to improve the quality of Hennepin County’s government is an exciting challenge,” said Knickerbocker.

His accomplishments at the Legislature include working on major election law changes, sponsoring several pieces of insurance reform legislation, and sponsoring a bill to better protect and maintain streams.



Rep. Katy Olson

After eight years at the Legislature, Assistant Majority Leader Katy Olson (DFL-Sherburn) has decided to step down.

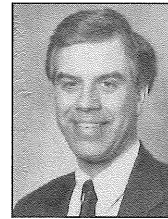
Olson said she waited to announce her retirement until the session had ended because she didn’t want to endanger two local projects that were still pending.

“I wanted to make sure they got through before I said anything to anyone,” she said.

Throughout her tenure at the Legislature, Olson has been known as a champion of farmers. This session, she co-sponsored the \$18 million flood relief bill, which Gov. Arne Carlson signed after reducing it to \$9 million.

But Olson’s work on flood relief began well before this session. Last summer, Olson and several others from the House rural caucus went to Washington, D.C., to lobby 26 officials for flood relief on the federal level.

Among her legislative achievements, Olson lists the Heron Learning Center Ecology Bus and the expansion of Highway 60 from Windom to Worthington.



Rep. Rick Krueger

Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples) has decided to move from the public sector to the private sector.

After 12 years at the Legislature, Krueger recently announced that he will not seek a seventh term.

Instead, he is starting a new job as the president of Minnesota High Technology Council and looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Diane, and three children, ages 6, 9, and 13.

Krueger has chaired the State Government Finance Division of the Governmental Operations and Gambling Committee for the past two years. The committee funds several state agencies and programs.

In that capacity, much of his energy has been focused on technology issues. He also chaired the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee’s Telecommunications and Technology Subcommittee, which was in the process of making recommendations to House leadership on computer issues.