



Marshal nomination

Rep. Tony Bennett (IR-Shoreview) isn't letting his nomination for U.S. Marshal interfere with his legislative duties and plans for retaining his House seat.

He won and accepted his party's endorsement for the November election and plans to work toward re-election to a seventh term until he is sworn in as the federal marshal for Minnesota.

"I'm proud and honored," says Bennett, a 26-year veteran of the St. Paul Police Department. "But it's not a done deal."

To complete his eligibility for the job, Bennett must undergo a background check, a confirmation hearing in the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and receive the president's signature, provided the full U.S. Senate confirms him.

If his nomination is approved by the president, Bennett would succeed Robert Pavlak, another former House member who was in law enforcement.

A federal marshal's duties include maintaining federal courtroom security and transporting federal prisoners.