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APOLOGIZE OR RESIGN, REP. RENNER ADVISED

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Rep. Robert Renner, Walker Conservative, should either apologize to his constituents for the "arrogant and condescending" attitude he has displayed or should resign his office, Warren Spannaus said today.



Renner

"Renner has disqualified himself from holding public office," said a statement from Spannaus, state DFL chairman.

Spannaus' criticism was prompted by Renner's comment at a press conference Wednesday when he said he does not "have a great faith in the electorate."

Most voters, Renner told reporters, are more interested in issues such as daylight

saving time and colored oleomargarine.

"I have a lack of faith in the electorate on any question involving major policy," he said.

Spannaus called the statement "an insult to the intelligence of the people" in Renner's district.

"I had thought that his type of thinking went out with King George III... but it is amazing how often it reappears in the Conservative-dominated legislature.

Renner called the criticism "a typical political response." He said he made his statement about the electorate in reply to a question about executive reorganization, "and it's a realistic statement of fact."

"The electorate has no ability to understand these issues at all," he said. "That's why they elected us."