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**Pro Tem Leader  
in State Senate**

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Sen. Walter J. Franz, Mountain Lake Conservative, will be elected president pro tem of the Minnesota senate shortly after it convenes today.



**Franz**

Franz will defeat the DFL candidate, Sen. Harold Kalina of Minneapolis. Conservatives control the body, 45 to 22.

Franz, 61, is a general store owner who has served in the Senate since 1955. He is a former Cottonwood County commissioner.

Each caucus usually nominates its senior member who has not been previously nominated for the job. While the position is largely honorary, the president pro tem presides over the Senate in the absence of the lieutenant governor and, on occasion, has assumed that office.

The last time that happened was in 1954 when Sen. Donald O. Wright, Minneapolis Conservative, served briefly as lieutenant governor after Ancher Nelsen resigned to become director of the U.S. Rural Electrification Administration.

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