

Introduction

On November 1, 1977, Senator John Milton (DFL), District 49, resigned his Senate seat and a special election was held December 3, 1977. Mrs. Delores (Dee) Knaak (IR), White Bear Lake, won election to this seat and was sworn in on December 9, 1977.

The political make-up of the 1978 Senate, Seventieth Session, was 48 DFL-ers and 19 Independent Republicans.

Members of the Senate

Anderson, Jerald C. (DFL)*	Menning, Marion (Mike) (DFL)
Ashbach, Robert O. (IR)**	Merriam, Gene (DFL)
Bang, Otto T., Jr. (IR)	Moe, Roger D. (DFL)
Benedict, Robert M. (DFL)	Nelson, Tom A. (DFL)
Bernhagen, John (IR)	Nichols, Jim (DFL)
Borden, Winston W. (DFL)	Ogdahl, Harmon T. (IR)
Brataas, Nancy (IR)	Olhoft, Wayne (DFL)
Chenoweth, John C. (DFL)	Olson, Howard D. (DFL)
Chmielewski, Florian (DFL)	Penny, Timothy J. (DFL)
Coleman, Nicholas D. (DFL)	Perpich, George F. (DFL)
Davies, Jack (DFL)	Peterson, Collin C. (DFL)
Dieterich, Neil (DFL)	Pillsbury, George S. (IR)
Dunn, Robert G. (IR)	Purfeerst, Clarence M. (DFL)
Engler, Steve (IR)	Renneke, Earl W. (IR)
Frederick, Mel (IR)	Schaaf, David D. (DFL)
Gearty, Edward J. (DFL)	Schmitz, Robert J. (DFL)
Gunderson, Jerome (DFL)	Schrom, Ed (DFL)
Hanson, Marvin B. (DFL)	Setzepfandt, A. O. H. (DFL)
Hughes, Jerome M. (DFL)	Sieloff, Ron (IR)
Humphrey, Hubert H., III (DFL)	Sikorski, Gerry (DFL)
Jensen, Carl A. (IR)	Sillers, Douglas H. (IR)
Johnson, Douglas J. (DFL)	Solon, Sam G. (DFL)
Keefe, John B. (IR)	Spear, Allan H. (DFL)
Keefe, Steve (DFL)	Staples, Emily Anne (DFL)
Kirchner, William G. (IR)	Stokowski, Eugene E. (DFL)
Kleinbaum, Jack I. (DFL)	Strand, Roger E. (DFL)
Knaak, Delores (IR)	Stumpf, Peter P. (DFL)
Knoll, Franklin J. (DFL)	Tennessee, Robert J. (DFL)
Knutson, Howard A. (IR)	Ueland, Arnulf, Jr. (IR)
Laufenburger, Roger (DFL)	Ulland, James (IR)
Lessard, Bob (DFL)	Vega, Conrad M. (DFL)
Lewis, B. Robert (DFL)	Wegener, Myrton O. (DFL)
Luther, William P. (DFL)	Willet, Gerald L. (DFL)
McCutcheon, Bill (DFL)	

*DFL—Democratic-Farmer-Labor

**IR—Independent Republican

Senate Leaders

Coleman, Nicholas D.	Majority Leader
Borden, Winston W.	Assistant Majority Leader
Johnson, Douglas J.	Majority Whip
Keefe, Steve	Majority Whip
Ashbach, Robert O.	Minority Leader
Frederick, Mel	Minority Whip
Bernhagen, John	Deputy Minority Whip
Dunn, Robert G.	Assistant Minority Leader
Jensen, Carl A.	Assistant Minority Leader
Knutson, Howard A.	Assistant Minority Leader

Officers of the Senate

Gearty, Edward J.	President
Flahaven, Patrick E.	Secretary of the Senate
Vavrosky, Joseph C.	First Assistant Secretary
Mattson, Janine	Second Assistant Secretary
Urman, Patrice	Third Assistant Secretary
Goodwin, George G.	Minority Secretary
Daly, Eugene P., Sr.	Sergeant at Arms
Larson, William	Assistant Sergeant at Arms
Ganje, Kay	Engrossing Secretary
Morrison, Catherine E.	Engrossing Clerk
Finn, Father Nicholas J.	Chaplain