

# Introduction

On November 26, 1979, Senator John C. Chenoweth, (DFL), District 66, resigned his Senate seat. A special election was held January 8, 1980, and Emery Barrette, (IR), St. Paul, was elected to fill out the remainder of Senator Chenoweth's term and was sworn in on January 16, 1980.

Senator Ed Schrom, (DFL), District 16, died on January 20, 1980. A special election was held on February 22, 1980. Bernard (Ben) Omann, (IR), St. Joseph, won election to this seat and was sworn in on February 28, 1980.

Thirteen Senators announced that they would not seek reelection in 1980. They were: Jerald C. Anderson, (DFL), North Branch; Robert M. Benedict, (DFL), Bloomington; Nicholas D. Coleman, (DFL), St. Paul; Robert G. Dunn, (IR), Princeton; Edward J. Gearty, (DFL), Minneapolis; Carl A. Jensen, (IR), Sleepy Eye; Steve Keefe, (DFL), Minneapolis; William G. Kirchner, (IR), Richfield; Jack I. Kleinbaum, (DFL), St. Cloud; Bill McCutcheon, (DFL), St. Paul; Harmon T. Ogdahl, (IR), Minneapolis; George F. Perpich, (DFL), Chisholm; and Arnulf Ueland, Jr., (IR), North Mankato.

The political make-up of the 1980 Senate, Seventy-First Legislature, was 45 DFL-ers and 22 Independent Republicans.

# Members of the Senate

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Anderson, Jerald C. (DFL) *    | Moe, Roger D. (DFL)          |
| Ashbach, Robert O. (IR) **     | Nelson, Tom A. (DFL)         |
| Bang, Otto T., Jr. (IR)        | Nichols, Jim (DFL)           |
| Barrette, Emery (IR)           | Ogdahl, Harmon T. (IR)       |
| Benedict, Robert M. (DFL)      | Olhoft, Wayne (DFL)          |
| Bernhagen, John (IR)           | Olson, Howard D. (DFL)       |
| Brataas, Nancy (IR)            | Omann, Bernard (Ben) (IR)    |
| 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)            | Rued, Dave (IR)              |
| Gearty, Edward J. (DFL)        | Schaaf, David D. (DFL)       |
| Gunderson, Jerome (DFL)        | Schmitz, Robert J. (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)      | Stern, Irving M. (DFL)       |
| Kleinbaum, Jack I. (DFL)       | Stokowski, Anne K. (DFL)     |
| Knaak, Delores (IR)            | Strand, Roger E. (DFL)       |
| Knoll, Franklin J. (DFL)       | Stumpf, Peter P. (DFL)       |
| Knutson, Howard A. (IR)        | Tennessen, Robert J. (DFL)   |
| Laufenburger, Roger (DFL)      | Ueland, Arnulf, Jr. (IR)     |
| Lessard, Bob (DFL)             | Ulland, James (IR)           |
| Luther, William P. (DFL)       | Vega, Conrad M. (DFL)        |
| McCutcheon, Bill (DFL)         | Wegener, Myrton O. (DFL)     |
| Menning, Marion (Mike) (DFL)   | Willet, Gerald L. (DFL)      |
| Merriam, Gene (DFL)            |                              |

\*DFL—Democratic-Farmer-Labor

\*\*IR—Independent Republican

## Senate Leaders

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Coleman, Nicholas D. .... | Majority Leader           |
| Hanson, Marvin B. ....    | 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

|                                       |  |
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| <b>Gearly, Edward J.</b> .....        | <b>President</b>                         |
| <b>Flahaven, Patrick E.</b> .....     | <b>Secretary of the Senate</b>           |
| <b>Vavrosky, Joseph C.</b> .....      | <b>First Assistant Secretary</b>         |
| <b>Mattson, Janine</b> .....          | <b>Second Assistant Secretary</b>        |
| <b>Urman, Patrice</b> .....           | <b>Third Assistant Secretary</b>         |
| <b>Goodwin, George G.</b> .....       | <b>Minority Secretary</b>                |
| <b>Raiola, Marvin</b> .....           | <b>Sergeant at Arms</b>                  |
| <b>Zell, Willard</b> .....            | <b>Assistant Sergeant at Arms</b>        |
| <b>Ganje, Kay</b> .....               | <b>Engrossing Secretary</b>              |
| <b>Morrison, Catherine E.</b> .....   | <b>Engrossing and Appointments Clerk</b> |
| <b>Finn, Father Nicholas J.</b> ..... | <b>Chaplain</b>                          |