

SIXTY-FIRST DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, January 31, 2022

The Senate met at 12:00 noon and was called to order by the presider, Senator Limmer.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Dan Ankerfelt.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

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| Abeler | Draheim | Ingebrigtsen | Marty | Rest |
| Anderson | Duckworth | Isaacson | Mathews | Rosen |
| Bakk | Dziedzic | Jasinski | McEwen | Ruud |
| Benson | Eaton | Johnson | Miller | Senjem |
| Bigham | Eichorn | Johnson Stewart | Murphy | Tomassoni |
| Carlson | Eken | Kent | Nelson | Torres Ray |
| Chamberlain | Fateh | Kiffmeyer | Newman | Utke |
| Champion | Frentz | Klein | Newton | Weber |
| Clausen | Gazelka | Koran | Osmek | Westrom |
| Coleman | Goggin | Kunesh | Pappas | Wiger |
| Cwodzinski | Hawj | Lang | Port | Wiklund |
| Dahms | Hoffman | Latz | Pratt | |
| Dibble | Housley | Limmer | Putnam | |
| Dornink | Howe | López Franzen | Rarick | |

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senators Miller and López Franzen introduced --

Senate Resolution No. 68: A Senate resolution amending the Temporary Rules of the Senate.

Temporary Senate Rule No. 12.1 is amended to read:

12.1 (a) All meetings of the Senate, its committees, and subcommittees are open to the public. A meeting of a caucus of the members of any of those bodies from the same political party need not be open to the public. A caucus of the Hennepin county, Ramsey county, or St. Louis county delegation is open to the public. For purposes of this rule, a meeting occurs when a quorum is present and action is taken regarding a matter within the jurisdiction of the body.

(b) Until the adjournment of the 2022 regular session, senate committee and subcommittee meetings may be held using alternative means that permit remote participation and voting, subject to this rule. Remote meetings under this rule may also be held: (1) during any peacetime emergency declared by the Governor that is related to the infectious disease known as COVID-19; (2) during a special session; or (3) by the Committee on Rules and Administration at any time. Compliance with this rule meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055. The alternative means used to conduct a hearing under this rule must ensure that all members of the committee participating in the hearing can see and hear one another, and that all witnesses are also visible and audible to the members participating during the witness's testimony, with the ability for witnesses to see and hear the members participating during the witness's testimony. If a member participating in a hearing held under this rule verbally affirms during the course of the hearing that the member's Internet connection prevents the member from establishing a visual connection to the hearing, the member may participate using only an audio connection to the hearing. Any meeting using alternative means must be contemporaneously available electronically to the public. The notice provided for the hearing must specify how members of the public may access and monitor the meeting. All of the requirements of Senate Rule 12 apply to hearings held under this paragraph unless otherwise excepted.

Temporary Senate Rule No. 40.7 is amended to read:

40.7 During a special session or a peacetime public health emergency, and until the adjournment of the 2022 regular session, a member may vote on a question from a location outside the Senate chamber, in accordance with Rule 40.8. For the purposes of this rule, "peacetime public health emergency" means any peacetime emergency declared by the Governor in an executive order that relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19.

Senator Miller moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 14.1, the following members intend to vote under Rule 40.7: Dibble, Eaton, Rest, and Torres Ray (Colombia).

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Without objection, remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate reverted to the Order of Business of Executive and Official Communications.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received.

January 30, 2022

The Honorable Cal R. Ludeman
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Secretary Ludeman:

I hereby resign as President of the Senate, effective January 30, 2022.