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**Happy last day of January!** It's hard to believe we're already three weeks into the legislative session – with not much official business to show for it. While the DFL continues to be absent from House proceedings, the Senate is now split 34-33 following the special election in District 60, giving the DFL a one seat majority. [Doron Clark](#) is expected to be sworn in next week.

**Registration is LIVE** for [Day at the Capitol!](#) Register while there are still spots available!

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## Session Snapshot



**The big picture:** Following the State Supreme Court [ruling](#) last Friday that 68 votes constitute a quorum in the House, proceedings in that chamber continue to be in a standstill. Leaders from both parties have stated a power sharing agreement is close to being reached, but a new [lawsuit](#) from the Republican House members may throw a wrench into that plan.

**Yes, and:** The Senate is moving ahead with bipartisan hearings on bills. This week's committees heard a variety of topics including:

- The Governor's [Proposal](#) for the Department of Revenue ([Watch Here](#))
- The Governor's [Proposal](#) for the Department of Health ([Watch Here](#))
- [Updates](#) from the Department of Employment and Economic Development ([Watch Here](#))

**What's next:** The Senate Jobs and Economic Development committee will hear presentations from Explore Minnesota and DEED's Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board on Monday. These presentations will provide overviews of funding requests for the current biennium, progress on already appropriated funds, and an outlook for future investments.

## Join TPI Hospitality and Other Industry Leaders for Day at the Capitol March 12!

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**Calling all advocates:** Registration for Hospitality Minnesota's [2025 Day at the Capitol](#) is now open until February 26th. With a lot at stake in an already historic and unprecedented legislative session, we need your perspective now more than ever in Saint Paul.

- **Join TPI in advocating for our industry.** Our efforts are best championed by our owners and operators. Having your perspective and participation in conversations with legislators is critical to getting our legislative agenda across the finish line.

**Act now:** This event sold out in record time last year, we recommend those interested to register before the February 26 deadline.

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