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**Welcome back.** I hope all of you have found ways to stay warm and safe after the cold snap earlier this week. Speaking of cold and snappy - this week I'm breaking down how the second week of session has been both. Let's get right into it!

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

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## Session Snapshot



**Stay informed:** For the second week, the House DFL has boycotted committee meetings and floor sessions. Following a lawsuit filed by the DFL and Secretary of State Steve Simon, the Minnesota Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case yesterday. Today, the court issued [its ruling](#) that a quorum in the House consists of 68 votes.

**Why it matters:** The ruling by the court means House DFL and GOP members will need to reach a power sharing agreement to conduct business. The ruling also means all work done by the House GOP up to this point is null and void.

**What they're saying:** The court issued this statement in the ruling:

*"We assume that the parties will now conform to this order without the necessity of issuing a formal writ."*

A full opinion from the court will be released in the coming days.

**House Republican Speaker-designate Lisa Demuth** issued this statement following the court's ruling:

*"This decision drives home the fact that House Democrats are disrespecting not just their own constituents, but the entire state of Minnesota by refusing to do their jobs. House Republicans will be showing up to work on Monday — it's time for the Democrats' walkout to end and for the legislature to get on with its work."*

**The House DFL and Secretary Simon have not released statements** as of the sending of this email. This is a developing story and more updates will be included in the coming weeks.

**Yes, but:** Over in the Senate, bills are moving forward thanks to a power sharing agreement reached by leadership before session began. Committees have been meeting regularly, with co-chairs presiding and bills being heard.

- **Zoom in:** HM testified in the Senate Taxes committee in support of [SE34](#), a bill that would exempt restaurant equipment from state sales tax. The bill, authored by Sen. Ann Rest (DFL – New Hope), is a priority for HM this session, and it's bipartisan author list is a hopeful sign of potential passage. It was laid over for possible inclusion in a tax omnibus bill.

## Register Now for Hospitality Minnesota Day at the Capitol



**You're Invited:** Join us for a full day at the Capitol, meeting with legislators, Commissioners, and key staff. The day will begin and end at Holman's Table, with transportation provided to and from the Capitol.

- **Act NOW:** Seats are limited, and registration closes February 26th, 2025. We encourage you to register soon before they sell out!

**REGISTER HERE!**

## Special Election Update: SD 60 Special Election Next Tuesday!



**The big picture:** Following Sen. Dziejdzic's passing, Gov. Walz announced a special election will be held in Senate District 60 next Tuesday, January 28.

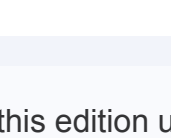
- **Senate District 60** includes Northeast Minneapolis, and portions of the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood
- **House District 40B's** Special Election update: Following a MN State Supreme court [ruling](#), the election has been delayed, and we will keep you posted on details for this special election. As a reminder, House District 40B includes Shoreview and the northern half of Roseville.

**What's next:** Find your [polling place](#) and find out [who's on your ballot](#) on the Secretary of State's website.

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