

2004 Legislative Update & Survey

Representative Gene Pelowski

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2004 legislative session has come to an end without progress on a Capital Investment bill, a budget deficit solution that protects the Health Care Access Fund or a Judiciary bill that toughens sentencing for sex offenders.

The inability of the legislative leaders and the governor to come to a compromise on these matters is unacceptable; and I will continue to work with legislators on both sides of the aisle to encourage bi-partisan agreement. One way that you could help in this effort is to take a few moments and fill out the issue survey below. I will present the findings of the legislative survey to the leaders in both caucuses to voice the concerns of residents in Southeastern Minnesota.

I was first elected to represent you in the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1986. Over the years it has truly been an honor and privilege to get to know so many of you and hear the concerns that are of importance to you and your family. On behalf of my family - my wife, Deb, and our two children - thank you for letting me represent you in St. Paul. I truly believe that with our commitment to community, Minnesota's best days are ahead! Again, thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey.

Sincerely, 

- Should the legislature pass a Capital Investments Bill that includes the following area projects: \$10.3 million to renovate Pasteur Hall at WSU; \$3.5 million to renovate the entrance and nursing lab at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical; \$125,000 for the City of Winona to plan the Shakespeare Festival; and money for local road and bridge repair?
Voter 1 Yes No Don't know **Voter 2** Yes No Don't know
- Should the legislature debate a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriage despite it being illegal in Minnesota under current law?
Voter 1 Yes No Don't know **Voter 2** Yes No Don't know
- Should Minnesota opt out of the federally mandated program, No Child Left Behind, and use the resources the federal government would have required Minnesota to spend on No Child Left Behind for programs needed in Minnesota such as Pre-K programs, All-Day K, and class-size reduction?
Voter 1 Yes No Don't know **Voter 2** Yes No Don't know
- Should cities and counties have the authority to put in place a local option sales tax?
Voter 1 Yes No Don't know **Voter 2** Yes No Don't know
- Should the legislature balance the budget deficit in a way that protects the Health Care Access Fund, which is the fund that makes health insurance affordable for low-income Minnesotans?
Voter 1 Yes No Don't know **Voter 2** Yes No Don't know
- Do you feel that closing corporate tax loopholes that allow companies to hide profits should be part of the budget deficit reduction package?
Voter 1 Yes No Don't know **Voter 2** Yes No Don't know
- Should MN taxpayers dollars go to companies that outsource work overseas that could be done by MN workers?
Voter 1 Yes No Don't know **Voter 2** Yes No Don't know
- Should the state take action to control rising property taxes?
Voter 1 Yes No Don't know **Voter 2** Yes No Don't know

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