

# Lyndon Carlson

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE



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### Speaker of the House appoints Rep. Carlson to Key Commissions

Rep. Lyndon Carlson was nominated by House DFL Leader Matt Entenza and appointed by Speaker of the House Steve Sviggum to continue his service on two key legislative commissions.

Rep. Carlson was re-appointed to the Legislative Commission on Natural Resources, a bipartisan commission tasked with making recommendations to the state legislature regarding priorities for environment and wildlife protection and natural resources development.

He was also re-appointed to serve on the Legislative Audit Commission, which provides additional oversight of state agencies and programs. Rep. Carlson will serve a term of two years on each commission.

### Rep. Carlson Participates in DFL Education Rountable

At the Capitol, concerned parents and educators from districts across the state gathered to offer personal testimony regarding the impact that state budget cuts have had on their local public schools.

The event, hosted by the DFL Education Working Group and chaired by Rep. Jim Davnie (DFL-Minneapolis) was well attended, with participants representing over twenty school districts from across the state.

Rep. Lyndon Carlson listened as parents expressed concern over increasing class sizes and the loss of arts, music and language offerings. Administrators talked about the struggle to make tough choices on cuts as their support from the state dwindles and the needs of

the districts change due to increased mobility of students and students with special needs.

One mother said that the reduction of state funding over the past five years has made her feel like the state cares more about her 16-year-old than her 8-year-old because her older son has smaller class sizes and more opportunities. Rep. Carlson knows that the state must renew its commitment to education and make fully funding education a priority in the state budget debate.

### Rep. Carlson reports Capital Investment Bill passes major hurdle in Ways & Means Committee

As a member of the House Ways & Means Committee, Rep. Lyndon Carlson is proud to have voted in support of the passage of the House Capital Investment bill, commonly known as the bonding bill.

The bill, which provides for the sale of bonds to provide for the construction of capital projects across the state, has also recently been called a "jobs" bill. It has been estimated that the projects within the bill could create as many as 10,000 new jobs for Minnesotans.

The bill is likely to be on the House floor for final passage next Tuesday, February 22nd. The next step will likely be to Conference Committee to resolve differences between the Senate and the House versions of the bill. The House version currently stands at \$817 million, a little over \$100 million short of the amount the Senate included in their bill passed last month.

Highlighted projects currently in both bills include Northstar Commuter Rail, funding for a World War II memorial and the Minnesota Planetarium and Space Discovery Center. Tax Time is Here! Don't Forget Minnesota's State Tax Checkoffs

