

# Rep. Garofalo's Legislative Checklist



- ✓ Voted for legislation that would provide homeowners a property tax rebate check equal to about 9 percent of your property tax bill.
- ✓ Supported legislation to crack down on the manufacture and sale of methamphetamine (meth), a dangerous, highly addictive drug that is spreading throughout Minnesota.
- ✓ Supported veterans, such as eliminating state income taxes on military retirement pay.
- ✓ Voted for legislation that would penalize legislators for failure to complete their legislative duties on time by withholding salaries.

- ✓ Voted for the proposed constitutional amendment to dedicate all funds from the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) to transportation purposes.
- ✓ Supported legislation that reduces doctors office visit copays for families with disabilities
- ✓ Voted for legislation that eliminates taxpayer-funded abortions.
- ✓ Supported efforts to enhance energy alternatives, such as wind power and hybrid vehicles.
- ✓ Supported legislation that fully funds tuition reimbursements for active National Guard members, and extends textbook reimbursements to two years after the soldier's service, plus time spent on active duty.



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## K-12 EDUCATION

Worked with both Democrat and Republican lawmakers to:

- Provide more than \$800 million in new revenue by adding 8 percent to the per pupil funding formula
- Reform how teachers are paid through QComp performance pay initiative
- Dedicate funding to Gifted & Talented programming in the state's schools to help serve Minnesota's highest-achieving students.
- Create the Get Ready/Get Credit program to enhance existing Advanced Placement programs and allow high school students to earn college credit for mastery of college level courses taken in high school.

## TAXES

Keeping Minnesota taxes under control was a top priority as lawmakers:

- Provided \$50 million relief to married couples by aligning state married filing jointly status with federal law
- Defeated all attempts to raise income, corporate and commercial/industrial property taxes, as opposed to the Senate attempts to raise taxes

## EMINENT DOMAIN

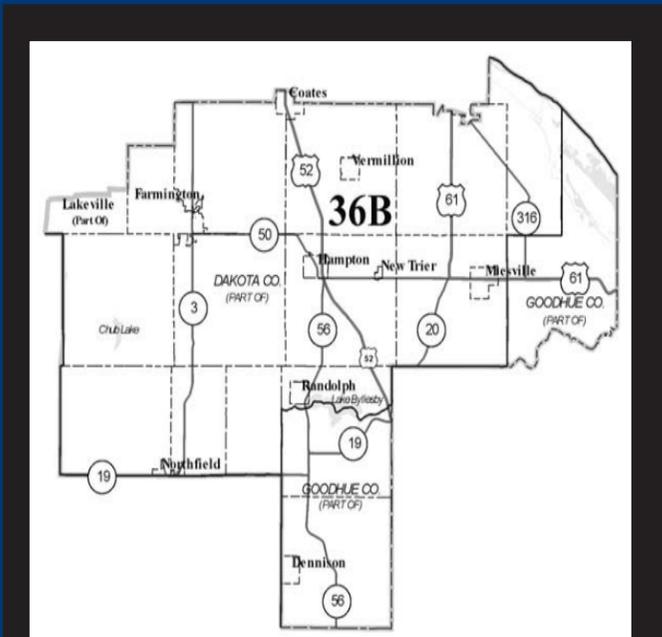
Putting the rights of the individual first in Minnesota, the legislature:

- Protected personal property rights by restricting the seizure of homes and businesses by government for economic development. A new law allows private property owners more protections than before.



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## AGRICULTURE

Lawmakers passed a bill this session calling for the ethanol blend in Minnesota gasoline to double from 10 percent to 20 percent by no later than 2013. The goal of this legislation is to reduce our dependency on foreign oil and lower fuel prices.

## ENVIRONMENT

Landmark legislation was signed into law this session that reduces mercury emissions from Minnesota's three largest coal-fired power plants by 90 percent - 1,200 pounds per year. The law exceeds the federal requirement of a 70 percent mercury reduction well in advance of the 2018 deadline.



## IMMIGRATION REFORM

Some cities - such as Minneapolis and Saint Paul - are prohibiting their employees from enforcing federal immigration law. A bill passed by the Minnesota House prohibits cities from enacting sanctuary ordinances that prevent or discourage their employees from providing information to or cooperating with federal immigration authorities.

