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**Minnesota
House of
Representatives**
Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker

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Fairgoers invited to weigh in on guns, higher education costs and Vikings' stadium

Legislators to meet and greet at the Minnesota State Fair

Fairgoers can let their opinion be known on a number of issues by participating in the annual Minnesota State Fair Poll at the House of Representatives' booth during the fair's 12-day run, Aug. 26-Sept. 6.

This year's questions include firearms at gun shows, tax breaks for small businesses, costs at public colleges and universities, and public funding for a new stadium to house the Minnesota Vikings.

Although not scientific, ballot results give a heads up to what Minnesotans think about some high-profile issues. A list of this year's poll questions is available on the House website, www.house.mn. Poll results should be available on the House website Sept. 7.

Located in the Education Building on Cosgrove Street just north of Dan Patch Avenue, the booth will be stocked with information to introduce fairgoers to state government and to help them better understand the legislative process.

It has been a long-standing tradition that House members make themselves available to meet with the public. The following is a listing of representatives planning to attend, as of Aug. 19, including dates, times and the district they represent:

Thursday, Aug. 26

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Rick Hansen (39A)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Mary Ellen Otremba (11B)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Rep. Karla Bigham (57A)

Friday, Aug. 27

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Lyndon Carlson, Sr. (45B), Rep. Rick Hansen (39A)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Karla Bigham (57A), Rep. Denny McNamara (57B)
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Rep. Joe Hoppe (34B), Rep. Connie Doepke (33B)

Saturday, Aug. 28

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Bob Gunther (24A), Rep. Joe Mullery (58A)
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Rep. Phil Sterner (37B)

Sunday, Aug. 29

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Mindy Greiling (54A)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Phyllis Kahn (59B)

Monday, Aug. 30

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Joe Hoppe (34B), Rep. Mark Murdock (10B)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Joe Atkins (39B), Rep. Leon Lillie (55A)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Rep. Andrew Falk (20A), Rep. Loren Solberg (3B)

Tuesday, Aug. 31

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Rick Hansen (39A)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. John Benson (43B)

Wednesday, Sept. 1

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Melissa Hortman (47B)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Paul Anderson (13A), Rep. Sandra Peterson (45A)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Rep. Karla Bigham (57A), Rep. Bev Scalze (54B)
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Rep. Al Juhnke (13B), Rep. Marty Seifert (21A)

Thursday, Sept. 2

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Bruce Anderson (19A), Rep. Paul Torkelson (21B)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Phyllis Kahn (59B),
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Rep. Carol McFarlane (53B)
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Rep. Mike Beard (35A)

Friday, Sept. 3

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Roger Reinert (7B)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Rep. Jerry Newton (49B)

Saturday, Sept. 4

10 a.m. to noon: Rep. Pat Garofalo (36B)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. David Bly (25B), Rep. Joe Mullery (58A)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Rep. David Bly (25B), Rep. Paul Torkelson (21B)

Sunday, Sept. 5

Noon to 2 p.m.: Rep. Jim Davnie (62A)