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No date set for Drazkowski swearing-in ceremony **Election could mean a reshuffling of House committee assignments**

House Republicans kept their seat when Steve Drazkowski won the District 28B special election Tuesday.

Although results are not final until certified by the State Canvassing Board, possibly next week, Drazkowski (R-Wabasha) garnered 3,762 votes, or 52.89 percent, to defeat Linda Pfeilsticker, who received 3,333 votes. An additional 18 write-in votes were cast.

House Minority Leader Marty Seifert (R-Marshall) said Wednesday that no date has been set for the official swearing-in ceremony.

Drazkowski will fill the seat vacated by Rep. Steve Sviggum. The former Republican House Speaker resigned in June after Gov. Tim Pawlenty appointed him Department of Labor and Industry commissioner.

Because Sviggum held seats on several powerful House committees, including Finance and Ways and Means, there may be "shuffling of committee assignments" among more senior House Republicans, Seifert said. Drazkowski, an agriculture educator and cable contractor, said while he is open to any committee assignment, he is interested in serving on the agriculture committee.

Drazkowski's contact information will be 651-296-2273 or rep.steve.drazkowski@house.mn. He is expected to take over Sviggum's former office at 247 State Office Building.

To view today's press conference, go to www.house.leg.state.mn.us/htv/archivesall.asp?ls_year=85.