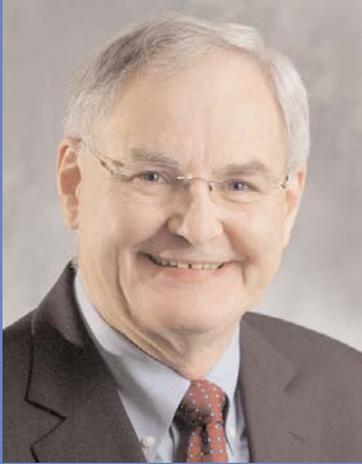


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#### Session Weekly:

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State Senate:

#### Senate Briefly:

[www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/briefly/](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/briefly/)

## WEEKLY SESSION UPDATE

### Meet the Regents Candidates

The Regent Candidate Advisory Council has recommended nine candidates to the Legislature for final consideration for election to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota. The legislature will meet in Joint Convention to elect the regents on Wednesday, February 16th.

There are four open seats including one at-large and one for each of the following congressional districts: second, third, and eight. The Council was pleased to receive 58 applications for the four open positions. Each successful candidate will serve a six-year term. The Council held interviews this week, and the following finalists have been recommended to the Legislature-

#### Second Congressional District:

Dallas Bohnsack and Bruce Endler

#### Third Congressional District:

David Larson and Kate Rubin

#### Eighth Congressional District:

Anthony Baraga and Edward Borowiec

**At-Large:** Steve Hunter, Scott W. Johnson, and Margaret (Peggy) Leppik

If you would like additional information about the Regent Candidate Advisory Council, the process of selecting recommendations, the University Board of Regents or updates regarding the Joint Convention of the Legislature please visit the homepage of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council at [www.rcac.leg.mn](http://www.rcac.leg.mn).

### Rep. Carlson Member of Early Childhood and Mental Health Caucuses

Representative Lyndon Carlson is proud to be an active member of both the Early Childhood Caucus and the Mental Health Caucus. Both caucuses are bi-partisan and the membership is made up of both House and Senate members.

The focus of the Early Childhood Caucus is to show bi-partisan support for investing in the school readiness programming that is proven to lower remedial education costs in later years and other essential investments for families of young children such as making childcare affordable and accessible. Rep. Carlson, along with his work with the Early Childhood Caucus, has introduced legislation to provide for voluntary all-day kindergarten.

This is the first year of the Mental Health Caucus and Rep. Carlson is proud to be a charter member. The mental health caucus is focused on exploring the role that the state can have in ensuring access to adequate mental health services and initiatives that will enable delivery of such services.

### Rep. Carlson participates in budget overviews

As a member of both the Ways and Means and Higher Education Finance committees, Rep. Carlson continues to explore the details of the Governor's proposed budget plan. This week, the Ways and Means Committee held budget overview sessions presented by the Minnesota Department of Finance. The Higher Education Finance Committee heard from representatives from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU), the University of Minnesota and the Higher Education Services Office (HESO) about the impacts of the Governor's budget on our institutions of higher learning in the state. Rep. Carlson remains concerned regarding many aspects of the Governor's budget balancing plan, including the likelihood of the sixth straight year of tuition increases due to the higher education portion of the Governor's budget plan and the loss of healthcare services to tens of thousands of Minnesotans due to the cuts to MinnesotaCare. Rep. Carlson will continue to speak to representatives of departments, advocates and his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to craft a budget plan that best represents the values of Minnesota.