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WEEKLY SESSION UPDATE

Rep. Carlson Elected as Member of House DFL Caucus Steering Committee

This week, Representative Lyndon Carlson was elected by his peers to serve as a member of the House DFL Caucus Steering Committee. The role of the Steering Committee is to provide leadership and direction for the caucus and develop caucus strategy and message. The Steering Committee is made up of a specific number of leaders from Greater MN and the Twin Cities metro area. There are also a specific number of slots designated for newly elected members of the DFL caucus.

Rep. Carlson said that he was pleased that his fellow caucus members had confidence in his ability to lead the direction of the House DFL Caucus. He said that since the elections, the House is closely divided, and it is more important than ever to focus on the core values that all Minnesotans have in common and not be distracted by the few issues and geography that can divide them. Democrats in the House now represent districts equally divided between urban, suburban and Greater MN.

Rep. Carlson testifies to Iowa's Joint Higher Education Finance Committee

Rep. Lyndon Carlson was invited to appear before Iowa's House and Senate Higher Education Finance Committee members to address them on the merits of joining the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). He testified before the joint committee at the Iowa state Capitol in Des Moines on Wednesday, February 9th. MHEC is currently a consortium of 10 midwestern states. As a member, Minnesota and the 9 other current member states are eligible to take advantage of cost savings through joint purchasing of items such as insurance and equipment, participate in student exchange agreements (reciprocity) and benefit through shared research. In total, 12 states meet federal government requirements for participation in the Compact. Only South Dakota and Iowa qualify but have so far chosen not to join. Rep. Lyndon Carlson was asked to address the Iowan leaders due to his role as a former MHEC chair. Due, in part, to his testimony at the committee, Iowa leaders are currently working to draft legislation to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

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Rep. Carlson invites residents to Crystal Town Hall Forum

Rep. Lyndon Carlson encourages residents to join him along with Rep. Sandra Peterson (DFL-New Hope) and Rep. Dan Larson (DFL-Bloomington) and others at a Town Hall Forum on Thursday, February 17th from 7-9 pm at the Crystal City Hall City Council Chambers. House Democrats are hosting this event, along with others all across the state, to give citizens the opportunity to participate in a discussion regarding the state budget impacts on local families and communities. Rep. Carlson said that the focus would be on the budget and on transportation issues, but that residents should feel free to come and raise issues of any issue of state government.