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NEW HOUSE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS STATEMENT ON HOUSE MINI-SESSION: "THE SOUTHERN MINNESOTA APOLOGY TOUR"

Winona, MN – Today, the Minnesota House concludes its “Mini-Session;” a series of events in several Southern Minnesota cities.

Rep. Steve Drazkowski, who owns a business in Winona and lives in Mazeppa, said, “We could have saved the taxpayers \$100,000. This week we saw the Metro-Centric House Democrats hold their rural apology tour in southeastern Minnesota. They are getting smoked in elections in rural Minnesota because of their radical big government agenda. Last session saw House Democrats pass a full-on socialist agenda, including their economy-crushing ‘green new deal,’ their radical sex education plan, and their gun confiscation plans for law abiding citizens. This week we saw them pretend that they care about what Greater Minnesotans think. The over-regulation, high taxes, and radical social agenda of the Democrats is hurting rural Minnesota families. Southeastern Minnesota doesn’t need their apology. We need them to stop doing things to us.”

Rep. Jeremy Munson attended events in Rochester on pharmaceutical pricing and other related issues. He said, “It’s good for people to see us out in the community, but I am not sure we needed to have all the other expenses devoted to the tour buses, lodging, and meals for 100 legislators and staff. Calling it a ‘Mini-Session’ is also an exaggeration since there were hearings, but no bills could be introduced or passed.”

Rep. Cal Bahr and Rep. Tim Miller could not attend due to work commitments. Rep. Miller is busy in his district, driving a tractor and helping with the silage and sugar beet harvests. Rep. Miller said, “The heavy rains have pushed the timetable back and the condition of the fields is terrible. Farmers need all the help they can get in this difficult situation. Originally, I planned to go to the Mini-Session, but I could not justify taking time away when it is ‘all hands on deck.’”

Rep. Bahr said, "I am a citizen legislator. That said, I am in the workforce living under the laws we, as legislators, pass. I do not see the need for the legislature to gather and spend the people's hard-earned money, when we can NOT act on anything brought forward while in Winona."

Note: The New House Republican Caucus members and staff who attended the Mini-Session arranged and/or paid for their own transportation, food, and lodging at the Southern Minnesota locations. No taxpayer funds were applied for expense reimbursement or per diem.

The NHRC is led by Rep. Steve Drazkowski (Republican-Mazeppa). It includes Rep. Cal Bahr (Republican-East Bethel), Rep. Tim Miller (Republican-Prinsburg), and Rep. Jeremy Munson (Republican-Lake Crystal).

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