

Report From The Freedom-Loving House Republicans

Here's What A United House Republican Caucus Achieved in the 2007 Session:

- 1) **Stopped \$5.5 billion worth of tax increases**, including the top income tax rate in the nation, higher taxes on sales, gas, light bulbs, funerals, utilities, cosmetic surgery, statewide business property, among many others. With the recent veto of the Omnibus Tax Bill, there will be no changes to any of Minnesota's tax laws.
- 2) **Stopped a \$334 million pork-filled "capital investment" bill** that would have squandered \$164 million in cash from the surplus and the maximum \$170 million from the state's credit card. This bill included every light rail project and Iron Range boondoggle imagined.
- 3) **Stopped the Trial Lawyer's #1 issue**: the ability to pursue "double-lawsuits" that would have jacked up insurance rates on every consumer in the state of Minnesota, if enacted.
- 4) Worked with the Governor to advocate for and enact **dozens of line-item vetoes**, totaling more than \$32.7 million in savings for the taxpayer.
- 5) Worked with the Governor to veto and **sustain billions of dollars in spending and tax increases**.
- 6) **Held state spending down to the second lowest level in the modern era**, second only to when the state had a \$4.5 billion deficit.
- 7) **Stopped all of the radical DFL social agenda**, including allowing non-citizens to vote, in-state tuition for illegal aliens, mandatory sex education at all levels and other left-wing agenda items.
- 8) **Successfully defeated, watered down or line-item vetoed various welfare increasing initiatives** that would have made Minnesota even more attractive for out of state welfare recipients and more people dependent on government.
- 9) **Supported vetoes of bills** increasing fees and mandating a statewide teacher insurance pool, among other bad bills.
- 10) **United to uphold Governor Pawlenty's vetoes. Every single member of the caucus voted to uphold vetoes and veto threats.**

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