Minnesota Senate



November 8, 2017

TO: All Senators and Staff

FR: Senator Paul E. Gazelka

RE: Senate Spending

Members,

Due to Governor Dayton's line-item veto of the Legislature's budget for FY 18-19, and MMB's failure to recognize the district court's ruling, the Minnesota Senate is without an ongoing appropriation for the fiscal year.

We have already cut off in-state and out-of-state travel reimbursement requests (unless travel was approved prior to June 13, 2017). In addition as of today we will implement the following:

- no per diem
- no mileage or business travel expense reimbursement
- no communication reimbursement
- no out-of-state travel reimbursement
- no district travel reimbursement

Once the pending legal issues are resolved (which we hope will occur swiftly), these policies will no longer be necessary.

At this time staff will continue to receive regular compensation and benefits. In addition, Member's compensation, housing allowance and the employer portion of insurance will continue to be paid.