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Minnesota Legislature to begin Special Session *Proclamation issued to begin session at 3pm today*

Saint Paul – Governor Mark Dayton and Legislative leaders this morning signed an agreement outlining the terms of a special session to complete the budget. The Governor has signed a proclamation calling the Minnesota Legislature into a special session beginning at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon.

The proclamation and special session agreement are attached.

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July 19, 2011

With this document, the undersigned agree that the First Special Session 2011 will convene on July 19, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the State Capitol in St. Paul, Minnesota, and will be confined to the following items:

1. Taxes Omnibus Finance Bill;
2. Education Omnibus Finance Bill;
3. Capital Investment Bill;
4. Health and Human Services Omnibus Finance Bill;
5. State Government, Innovations and Veterans Omnibus Finance Bill;
6. Transportation Omnibus Finance Bill;
7. Judiciary and Public Safety Omnibus Finance Bill;
8. Jobs and Economic Growth Omnibus Finance Bill;
9. Environment/Energy/Commerce Omnibus Finance Bill;
10. Higher Education Omnibus Finance Bill;
11. Pensions Bill; and
12. Legacy Bill.

In order to pass these bills and resume government operations in a timely manner, the Special Session will include a suspension of the House and Senate Rules as well as the State Constitution. The bills will be placed before the bodies on third reading. A suspension of the rules on all bills has been agreed to by all Legislative Caucus Leaders.

There may be an agreed upon corrections bill for items signed off by all four caucuses and the Governor to make technical corrections to the bills.

Under this agreement, no amendment will be considered to the legislation listed above. No other votes will be permitted and no other bills other than those listed above will be passed.



The session will conclude within two session days and the bodies will adjourn the special session sine die.

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Mark Dayton
Governor

Handwritten signature of Kurt Zellers in black ink.

Representative Kurt Zellers
Speaker of the House

Handwritten signature of Amy Koch in black ink.

Senator Amy Koch
Senate Majority Leader

Handwritten signature of Tom Bakk in black ink.

Senator Tom Bakk
Senate Minority Leader

Handwritten signature of Paul Thissen in black ink.

Representative Paul Thissen
House Minority Leader



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION FOR SPECIAL SESSION 2011

- WHEREAS: The Eighty-Seventh Legislature adjourned its 2011 regular session without enacting legislation essential to the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The unfinished matters of the Legislature include laws essential to balancing the state budget; and
- WHEREAS: An extraordinary occasion, as envisioned by Article IV, Section 12 of the Minnesota Constitution is thereby created; and
- WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota are best served by a prompt conclusion of legislative business and a conclusion to the government shutdown; and
- WHEREAS: Elected leaders of the Legislature have agreed on an agenda and procedure to complete a special session in the shortest time possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby summon you, members of the Legislature, to convene in Special Session on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the State Capitol in Saint Paul, Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 19th day of July.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE