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## Legislation by Rep. Drazkowski

- ★ **HF 7 (chief author) - Eliminating costly state government mandates on local governments and school boards (portions enacted into law)**
- ★ **SF 1044 (chief author) - Improving natural disaster relief language in order to allow local disaster victims to benefit (enacted into law)**
- ★ **SF 4744 (chief-author) - "Church Lady Law" that exempt churches, school concession stands and fraternal clubs that sell food from state inspections (enacted into law)**
- ★ **HF 1598 (chief-author) - Requiring a three-fifths vote of the state legislature, rather than a simple majority, in order to raise your taxes**
- ★ **HF 12 (co-author) - Requiring changes to the "Green Acres" program and returning it to previous standards (enacted into law)**
- ★ **HF 21 (co-author) Reinstating income tax reciprocity with Wisconsin (enacted into law)**

## 2011 Session Update Rep. Steve Drazkowski



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## Promotion of Jobs

### *Job growth environment where businesses start, stay and thrive in MN*

- ★ From the first bill of the session, the legislature worked to create a pro-jobs environment
- ★ House File 1 - Reduce permitting time and makes it easier for job creators to gain approval for new projects (passed by legislature and signed by governor)
- ★ Business property tax relief
- ★ Encouraged small-business expansion by making Minnesota more competitive with surrounding states



## Reforming Government

### *Improving the government of tomorrow*

- ★ Reduced projected spending in future budgets by \$2.5 billion
- ★ Reduced health and human services spending in future biennium - was 22% projected growth, now 4.8%
- ★ Scheduled repeal of provider tax, which is a two percent tax on every medical service in the state
- ★ Strengthened welfare eligibility requirements by adding name and photo ID requirements, and restricted the use of EBT cards for alcohol or tobacco purchases
- ★ Rejected \$4.1 billion in tax increases that would have impacted all Minnesota income levels
- ★ Links state employee pay to performance, with salary increases subject to sufficient ratings

## Common Sense Spending

### *Efficient state spending within its means*

- ★ Living within your means: Minnesota's General Fund - the account that allocates funding to all state government programs, spends roughly \$34 billion for this budget cycle. That's a 6% increase in spending without raising taxes.
- ★ The compromise budget agreement increases funding for priorities including K-12 education, health and human services, the courts and public safety
- ★ Includes dozens of reforms that will make state government more efficient and sustainable

