



Platform of the New House Republican Caucus

The New House Republican Caucus was formed on the basis that the legislative process should be transparent to the citizens and the belief that "the government is best which governs least."

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We are going to be free. We will defend and advance the liberties guaranteed to the individual in the Constitutions of the United States and Minnesota. Free people living with free will in a free land is the hallmark of our success.

HF 0268 (DRAZKOWSKI) CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY

HF 0352 (DRAZKOWSKI) FREEDOM TO WORK

HF 1334 (BAHR) RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS MINNESOTA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HF 0201 STAND YOUR GROUND (MUNSON, BAHR, MILLER, DRAZKOWSKI CO-AUTHORS)

HF 1296 (BAHR) NO FEDERAL USE OF INDIVIDUAL STATE DATA WITHOUT A WARRANT

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We are going to be honest. We will act with public integrity when serving with the public trust. Abuse of that public trust will not be tolerated.

HF 0986(BAHR) ALL BILLS MUST FOLLOW THE SINGLE SUBJECT RULE

HF 0467 (BAHR) LEGISLATIVE AUDIT OF COSTS OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TO MINNESOTA

HF1109 (DRAZKOWSKI) PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR VOTERS WITHOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCY

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We are going to be open. We will be transparent in our legislative work. Individual citizens and fellow legislators should be able to view and understand how we are considering what should be the law of Minnesota. As Thomas Jefferson wrote, dissent should be welcomed in a process where reason is free to respond to dissent.

HF 0676 (MUNSON) FREEDOM OF SPEECH MINNESOTA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HF 0638 (MUNSON) "RIGHT TO SHOP" FOR HEALTHCARE (A BILL WITH 20 COAUTHORS!)

HF 0149 PHARMACISTS FREE TO TELL YOU IF A DRUG IS CHEAPER WITHOUT INSURANCE.

(MUNSON CO-AUTHOR)

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We are going to be frugal. We will advance the principle of fiscal responsibility in government. Every dollar taken from the individual for state spending is taken with the coercive force of government.

HF 0049 (BAHR) REPEAL THE TAX CREDIT FOR HOLLYWOOD TO MAKE MOVIES IN MINNESOTA

HF 0056 REMOVE THE TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY FOR SENIORS (DRAZKOWSKI, BAHR CO-AUTHORS)

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We are going to be brave. We will stand up for those who cannot defend themselves. We believe in the guidance of Abraham Lincoln that "government should only do what the people cannot do for themselves." This includes the defense of the most powerless in our society.

HFO271 (MILLER) NO ABORTION WHEN A FETAL HEARTBEAT IS DETECTED

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We are going to be safe. We will defend the law-abiding people from all enemies foreign, domestic, governmental and private.

HF 0034 NO STATE CONTRACTS WITH STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT SPONSOR TERRORISM. (BAHR CO-AUTHOR)

MESSAGE TO GRASS-ROOTS LEADERS

We are the four State Representatives who formed the New House Republican Caucus (NHRC). You deserve to know what we believe, why we did this, and what we hope to accomplish.

PRINCIPLES: We will fight for: constitutional rights, public integrity, an open and transparent legislative process that can be understood and overseen by ordinary citizens and all legislators, frugality and fiscal responsibility for public dollars, the defense of the powerless from any public or private predators.

WE WILL SUPPORT ENDORSED CANDIDATES: During the past two election cycles under the old Republican Caucus leadership, we saw caucus staff, resources and affiliated campaign committees work against party-endorsed candidates. This divisive behavior must stop! We proposed a rule change last November to only support endorsed candidates, and this was overwhelmingly rejected by the old House Republican Caucus.

WE WERE TIRED OF EXPLOSIVE SPENDING AND BACKROOM DEALS: During the past two budget cycles under the old Republican Caucus leadership, we saw state government spending explode by twice the rate of inflation. That spending exploded because, under the old Republican leaders, the “Go along to get along” style of the negotiators left fiscal conservatives without a shot.

WE WERE TIRED OF MISMANAGEMENT: The old Republican Caucus leadership just got fined \$15,000 and ordered to fund ruinous independent audits for the HRCC because they could not provide accurate HRCC reports of receipts, expenditures, and financial data for each of the past six years.

WE WERE TIRED OF ANIMOSITY TO THE REPUBLICAN BASE: For years, the old Republican caucus leadership and some staff closed their doors to a variety of groups and activists who share our values, beliefs, and commitment. Those snubbed included crowds of advocates for liberty, life, guns, small businesses, and health reform.

WE WERE TIRED OF LOSING: In the past, old Republican caucus leaders did not offer voters a clear choice. We have lost 24 of the last 25 state-wide elections since 2002. We cannot win until House Republicans stand up and give voters a reason to vote for us.

THE ENEMY IS AT THE GATES: The Democrats presented their top ten legislative goals. We four conservatives showed up and warned that **“the Democrats are coming for our freedom, our money, our guns, and our children.”** Republicans have the right ideas. We will be your voice in the House.

Rep. Steve Drazkowski (Republican-Mazeppa)

Rep. Tim Miller (Republican-Prinsburg)

Rep. Cal Bahr (Republican-East Bethel)

Rep. Jeremy Munson (Republican-Lake Crystal)