



# Capitol Watch

Legislative Update From the Minnesota Grocers Association

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## Minnesota Supreme Court Hits 'Reset' on House

Late Friday afternoon, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled in favor of the House Democrats and Secretary of State Steve Simon, determining that 68 members must be present to conduct business in the House of Representatives. This is based on the full 134-seat body, regardless of vacancies. As a result, all actions taken by Republicans over the past two weeks are now considered invalid.

In response, House Republicans immediately canceled all scheduled hearings for the week - and we're back to square one. Democrats have made it clear they won't return to the Capitol until there's an agreement on shared power with Republicans. For now, the GOP holds a narrow 67-66 majority in the chamber, which will remain until a special election in March fills the vacated seat in district 40B. This election was originally set for January 28 but was delayed after the Supreme Court found that Governor Walz violated state election law by calling the election prematurely.

As you can imagine, things are quite chaotic in St. Paul. We appreciate your patience and participation as we work through these unprecedented challenges. We aim to break down these complicated developments in digestible terms, but realize this might be an impossible task. If you're looking for more clarity on the latest updates or would be interested in a "Dysfunctional Minnesota Government 101" session, we're always available.

Regardless of the political upheaval, rest assured the MGA Government Relations Team is tirelessly working to advance industry priorities and proud to represent your interests at the Capitol.

[Patrick Garofalo](#), President and [Steve Barthel](#), Director of Government Relations, are here to assist. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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