



Capitol Watch

Legislative Update From the Minnesota Grocers Association

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This Week

Being at the legislature right now feels a bit like walking around with only one boot on. While the Senate moves forward with committee hearings and regular business, House Democrats are still boycotting and refusing to return to the Capitol until Republicans agree to a shared power agreement. As a result, the House remains "unorganized" following last Friday's Minnesota Supreme Court ruling, which determined that 68 members must be present to conduct business in the House of Representatives.

Discussions are ongoing between GOP Leader [Lisa Demuth](#) (R – Cold Spring) and DFL Leader [Melissa Hortman](#) (DFL – Brooklyn Park), but there seems to be little movement towards an agreement. Until that happens, there can be no official work undertaken and all activities taken by the GOP over the first two weeks of session was invalid.

The MGA Government Relations Team continues to engage with legislators to discuss industry priorities and is prepared to take action once the House gets its act together.

Register Today: MGA 2025 Day on Hill

Given the current strife at the Capitol, it's more important than ever for MGA members to participate in this year's annual Day on the Hill, set for **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**. The day will feature informational briefings from the MGA Government Relations Team, meetings with legislators and agency leaders, and the exciting Bipartisan Bag-Off. Be sure to mark your calendars for this valuable opportunity to connect with decision-makers and amplify the industry's voice on legislative priorities. MGA encourages members to bring as many of their teams as possible to make the most of this important day. The registration form can be found [HERE](#).

Bill of the Week

[SF789](#) is authored by Sen. [Alice Mann](#) (DFL – Edina) proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution to establish term limits for state legislators. It would limit individuals to serving no more than 10 years in the Senate and 10 years in the House of Representatives during their lifetime. The proposed amendment would be submitted to voters in the 2026 general election, with the ballot question titled "Legislative term limits."

MGA Capitol Check Out Call – Tomorrow - Friday, January 31

The MGA Government Relations Team invites you to join us for a discussion on the latest updates from St. Paul. Our bi-weekly Capitol Check Out calls will keep you informed on key developments from the 2025 legislative session. Each call lasts up to 30 minutes and will be recorded for easy sharing with your team.

Join us **Friday, January 31 at 9:30 a.m.** for our first call of the 2025 session. These calls will now be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Contact [Steve Barthel](#) to receive the meeting link and recurring calendar invite.

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