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Independent Office of the Inspector General

Last year, the Senate overwhelmingly passed legislation creating an Office of the Inspector General, but it did not move forward due to inaction in the House. Thankfully, that changed this year, and this landmark anti-fraud legislation is on its way to becoming law.

This new independent office will have broad oversight authority over state agencies, grant recipients, and contractors. The office will have subpoena power and the authority to freeze or stop the distribution of funds under court order — provisions championed throughout the legislative process to ensure the office has genuine enforcement capability and not just the ability to issue reports.

Pensions

I'm proud to serve on the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirements, which oversees legislation relating to the pension and defined contribution plans that provide retirement benefits for state, county, municipal, school district, and other public employees across the State of Minnesota. This year our pensions bill will help benefit public safety officers, St. Paul teachers, and probation officers/911 telecommunicators. This important bill also includes my proposal creating a working group to analyze and make recommendations to update laws governing fire relief associations.

Manufactured Home Park Residents' Bill of Rights

I'm honored to represent many residents of manufactured home parks, and it is their incredible community organizing, powerful committee testimony, and strong advocacy at the Capitol that led to the Senate passing a Manufactured Home Park Residents' Bill of Rights.

This package would protect Minnesota's manufactured home owners and residents of manufactured home parks from the practices of absent, exploitative corporate owners. While the Senate passed this important legislation, the House did not take it up.

Firefighter Line of Duty Death Benefits

Our first responders serve our communities selflessly and with incredible integrity, and we should have their backs. After years of work, my bill to provide line-of-duty death benefits to firefighters who succumb to cancer passed, recognizing the dangers inherent in this honorable profession.

Regulating Cryptocurrency

Cryptocurrency is a new type of digital asset that more and more Minnesotans are using, and our state regulations need to catch up to its use. One of our important policy changes this year was strengthening oversight and regulation of cryptocurrency. That includes a new ban on cryptocurrency kiosks that were overwhelmingly used for scams, and legislation I chief authored allowing credit unions to provide virtual currency custody services.

Friends & Neighbors,

I am incredibly humbled to represent the people of Hastings, Cottage Grove, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Lake Saint Croix Beach, Lake Elmo, Grant, Afton, and Saint Mary's Point in the Minnesota Senate.

This has been a difficult year for our state. Following the conclusion of our 2025 session, Minnesota has faced unprecedented political violence and significant upheaval from federal policy changes, including the largest federal enforcement action in our country's history. The impact of these issues will be felt in our state for a long time.

These issues were hanging over much of our work during this year's session. With a divided government, I worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to try and find common ground on these difficult but important issues. I have always been committed to putting politics aside, digging in, and working towards solutions that work for our communities and for Minnesota.

From landmark anti-fraud legislation to support for our first responders, we made a lot of progress that will help make Minnesota stronger. While I know there was more we could do, I'm proud of what we accomplished this year.

As always, please continue to reach out to our office with any ideas, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Judy Seeberger
Minnesota Senate

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- *Vice Chair*, Commerce & Consumer Protection
- Judiciary & Public Safety
- Agriculture, Veterans, Rural Development & Broadband

Commissions & Appointments

- Chair, Emergency Medical Services Task Force
- Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirements
- Public Safety Advisory Council