

Minnesota Government Update

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Polling for Votes

With only 25 days until the election on November 2, expect to see more frequent polls. Today, Rasmussen Reports released their latest poll in the Minnesota gubernatorial race. DFLer Mark Dayton garnered 40 percent of the vote, Republican Tom Emmer is at 38 percent and Independent Party candidate Tom Horner trails at 15 percent.

Tom Emmer (R)	38 percent
Mark Dayton (DFL)	40 percent
Tom Horner (IP)	15 percent
Other Candidate	1 percent
Not Sure	5 percent

Rasmussen officially tagged the Minnesota Governor's race a toss up between Republican Emmer and DFLer Dayton. The numbers do not reflect much change from the last Rasmussen poll two weeks ago. The poll was conducted October 6, included 750 likely Minnesota voters and has a margin of error of +/- 4 percentage points.

Special Session

Governor Tim Pawlenty has called a Special Session of the Legislature for Monday, October 11, 2010 to deal with damage caused by the flooding in southern Minnesota. However, on his radio show today, he noted that if the disaster declaration does not come from federal officials today, he may need to delay the session until the declaration is granted. The estimated flood damage is at \$64 million. With the declaration, comes federal aid covering up to about three-fourths of the public costs.



For up-to-date information about the Minnesota Legislature, tune into Almanac: At the Capitol. This lively and informative program is aired Wednesdays during the legislative session on Twin Cities Public Television at 7:00 PM on Channel 17 and at 10:00 PM on Channel 2.

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