

**2010 SENATE DISTRICT 15 [County Unit]  
PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**ALL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO SENATE DISTRICT 15 ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE RESOLUTIONS PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION AND DECIDE ON THEIR VOTES, IF POSSIBLE. THIS WILL HELP REDUCE THE TIME NEEDED FOR RESOLUTIONS AT THE CONVENTION. This will save at least four hours of convention time for everyone and allow us to go home earlier. Please bring your copy of these Resolutions and Report with you to the Convention. Very few additional copies will be available at the Convention. THANKS.**

**I. The primary duties of the Platform and Resolutions committee [see 2010 B2011 DFL Official Call] are:**

- A. Review all resolutions passed or failed by a Precinct Caucus concerning the DFL new Action Agenda or Platform.**
- B. Compare resolutions with the DFL Ongoing Platform and Action Agenda and remove from further consideration those in agreement with the Platform. [None were removed this year.]**
- C. Prepare the written resolutions [and balloting rules and procedures] for vote by this convention.**
- D. Edit resolutions received and passed by precinct caucuses, while preserving the intent and purpose of the resolutions.**
- E. Prepare and forward to the State Convention a Report with the passed resolutions.**

**II. In preparing this report, this committee followed the DFL 2010 -2011 Official Call [hereafter Call] pp. 5-8, especially items p. 5, C. 2; pp. 5-8; pp. 21-23; and the applicable rules used by previous conventions; and related instructions from Senate District 15 Central Committee.**

**This committee takes no position on the merits of any particular resolution.**

**III. Passage to State Convention and Sharing All Results With Candidates Resolutions in the top TWENTY-EIGHT YES vote total of those passed [more than sixty percent yes votes] are forwarded to the State Convention. [Call, pp 5-8, esp. p.5, item C. 2, and pp 21-3.]. Written ballots will be used for all resolution balloting. All resolutions are ranked, and sometimes grouped together by topic within a category. See Call.**

**As has been our practice since 1988, we shall provide a copy of ALL the resolutions with**

tallied results to all local, Congressional District, and State wide DFL candidates for public office, in addition to the applicable DFL Central and other committees. This provides these candidates with the Convention delegates and Precinct Caucus attendees views of many current topics for change. The results shall also be posted on the Senate District 15 in about ten days.

IV. The Committee, as requested to this Chair [in person or to Em: eddd77lador@cloudnet.com], provides assistance or accommodations [including reading resolutions and marking ballots for people with vision disabilities or other impairments], to various people with disabilities. This Committee has done this since about 1988, when this Chair first served as Chair.

V. The Committee met on Saturday, February 13, 2010. We reviewed ninety-two resolutions, which passed at the precinct caucuses, and one failed resolution.

VI. [P\_, F\_] after each resolution indicates the number of Precincts, where that item passed or failed. As requested by previous Convention delegates, as space allowed, we have included the contents of whereas clauses or other written materials submitted with resolutions, for resolutions that appeared to need explanations. The explanation is in a smaller print than the related resolution.

VII. Thanks to Joseph Friedrich, Robert Inkster, Sarah Maddox, Marcia Summers, Bob Troxel, Rick Witte, and Ed Lalor for keyboarding this report.

In accordance with the Call [pp. 5-8] the following EIGHTY-EIGHT resolutions are presented for votes by this convention for possible inclusion in the DFL Action Agenda, which is in effect for two years, or in the Platform for two or three resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Joseph Friedrich Robert Inkster Sarah Maddox Gerald Murray Marcia Summers  
Robert Troxel Richard Witte II and Ed Lalor, Chair

Tellers: All above, and

Nancy Huber Amy Schrank Chris(topher) Viney

BALLOTING RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. All balloting on the enclosed resolutions shall be only by Official Resolutions Ballot. Other written ballot(s) shall be used for all debated or petition resolutions. All resolutions must be ranked.

2. No other Convention business shall be conducted while the floor is frozen or during balloting, except visiting DFL office holders or candidates may be permitted to make short

speeches [three minutes or less] at the discretion of Resolution Committee Chair, or his/her designee.

3. Passage of a platform resolution requires a sixty per cent (60%) YES vote of all the seated Convention delegates (Delegates and upgraded alternates) at the convention, [not those voting on an item.].
4. In calculating vote totals, abstentions on particular items, shall be counted as part of the vote (in effect making them "no" votes). A non-vote also shall be counted as an abstention.
5. Once a resolution is finally adopted or rejected, it shall not be reconsidered by this Convention. [Call, p. 6 Item G; p.8, item 3L; p. 22, Rules of Order]. If a resolution receives sufficient votes either to pass or defeat it on the Official Resolutions Ballot, it is considered finally adopted or rejected [even though it also has sufficient debate votes, or is automatically debatable].
6. All AD (automatically debatable) items may only be considered during the debate period(s). You do not have to vote to have these debated. Any delegate may offer an amendment to any resolution removed for Debate. All amendments to resolutions must be seconded by ten percent (10%) of the delegates. Amendments that change or add five or more words must be submitted in writing. There are approximately six automatically debatable resolutions in this report this year. All AD (automatically debatable) resolutions and other resolutions with sufficient votes for debate on the written ballot will be included in the debate resolutions.
7. Petition or Other Resolutions
  - a. Petition or other resolutions must be in writing, and require signatures [with address, ward and precinct noted], from a minimum of ten percent [10%] of the seated Convention delegates.
  - b. Petition resolutions require review by the Platform and Resolutions Committee Chair and Committee, before any voting on the particular resolution(s).
  - c. All amendments to resolutions must be seconded by ten percent [10%] of the delegates. Amendments that change or add five or more words must be submitted in writing.
  - d. Petition resolutions must be different from any resolution considered on the Official Resolutions Ballot.
  - e. Petition resolutions shall be considered only after all other resolutions, including those held for debate, have been considered. This rule shall not apply, if there is no other pending Convention business. [All balloting is considered pending Convention business.]
8. Discussion or Amendments To Resolutions (Debate/Special Consideration)

To discuss or amend resolutions, when written ballots are used (as here), the results tabulated from the debate column shall be used to determine special consideration status [Debate].

Unless an automatically debatable item, support of fifteen percent of all seated Convention delegates is required for special consideration (Debate).

Any delegate may offer an amendment to any resolution removed for special consideration (Debate). All amendments must be seconded by ten percent [10%] of the delegates.

## 9. OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS BALLOT

A. On the REVERSE SIDE(s) ONLY OF YOUR BALLOT : SIGN YOUR NAME; PRINT YOUR NAME; LIST YOUR WARD and PRECINCT. Look at your delegate badge, this information is listed there. Signatures are now required by the National Democratic Party and Minnesota Democratic Party rules for all ballots.

The Resolutions Committee first will look at the reverse side only of all ballots and compare these names to the delegates and upgraded alternates at this Convention to confirm that all ballots are valid ones. We shall then mix these valid ballots and count them from the front side only. Printing your name, listing your ward and precinct will help us identify all correct voters and ballots. This will speed the counting process. Any unsigned ballot or one whose signature cannot be read and verified as a proper voter, will not be counted and in effect becomes a no vote for all resolutions.

B. Vote YES or NO on All resolutions, if possible. You may also vote debate on the same resolution.

C. This ballot will be counted for all resolutions that are not debated or do not receive sufficient DEBATE votes for debate. If there are sufficient votes to pass or fail the resolution, then we do not debate that motion. Therefore, it is best to also vote on all items that you mark for debate.

## 10. Order of Debate on Resolutions

The order of debate on resolutions shall be as follows:

- a. first, all resolutions that are at variance with the DFL Ongoing Platform;
- b. Next all majority/ minority reports;
- c. then all resolutions set aside for debate.

The highest debate resolutions in each category will be debated first. After all categories with debate resolutions have had their first rank debate items debated, or voted on, then the second, etc., rank item in each category will be debated.

d. Finally, all petition resolutions.

**11. FREEZING THE FLOOR and DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS**

**A. The floor shall be frozen immediately prior to the distribution of the Official Resolutions Ballot, as announced by the Resolutions Committee Chair.**

**B. It shall remain frozen for seventy-five minutes, or until all Official Resolutions Ballots have been collected.**

**C. Ten and five minute warnings shall be given to the floor and in nearby hallways that the floor will be frozen.**

**D. Once a person's Official Resolutions Ballot has been collected, (s)he may leave the floor. However, (s)he shall not return to the floor until the floor is unfrozen.**

**E. No other convention business shall be conducted while the floor is frozen, except visiting DFL office holders or candidates may be permitted to make a short speech at the discretion of Resolution Committee Chair, or his/her designee.**

**12. DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. There shall be a maximum of three speeches for each side (pro or con).**

**Delegates or upgraded alternates to the Senate District 15 convention only shall speak on any resolutions. All speakers shall state their name, delegate status, ward and precinct at the beginning of each speech. This identification statement shall not count as part of their speech time.**

**B. The first speech on each side of a motion shall be no longer than two (2) minutes duration.**

**C. Any additional speeches on a motion shall be no longer than one (1) minute duration.**

**D. Second and subsequent speeches shall alternate sides.**

**E. No person shall speak twice on a motion until all other persons asking to speak shall have spoken.**

**F. At any time when there are no additional pro or con speakers on a motion, debate shall be closed even though fewer than three individuals previously have spoken on each side.**

**13. Resolutions have been ranked first within each section by the number of Precincts in which the resolution passed. See for example, Civil Rights, Education, and National Security and International Policy sections. Within some sections the resolutions then have been grouped together by subject area (for example, death penalty).**

**14. The Convention Rules and related Agenda are amended, as needed, in accordance with the above Balloting Rules and Procedures.**

**SENATE DISTRICT [County Unit] 15 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS 2010**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

## I. AGRICULTURE & FOOD

- A. The state repeal all changes made to the green acres laws in 2008 and 2009. [P1]
- B. DFL Party supports, at every level of government within the State, policies, practices, laws, ordinances, zoning regulations, etc. which support local food production, farming, gardening, marketing and distribution [community gardens, farm markets, CSA=s, etc.] as a means of promoting and supporting food and energy independence and protecting Minnesota=s citizens from the disruptions and breakdowns in ever more tenuous and costly global supply lines. [P1]

## II. BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. State of Minnesota focus its efforts over the next ten years on ending poverty in the state by
1. restoring work as a way out of poverty.
  2. refocusing public assistance to streamline services and support everyone=s capacity and potential.
  3. helping Minnesotans build and maintain financial assets.
  4. revitalizing our communities through infrastructure and person-to-person support.
  5. modernizing our system of education to build the best workforce in the nation.
  6. developing an ongoing structure to monitor Minnesota=s efforts to end poverty. [P1]
- B. Our elected officials and endorsed candidates support state legislation that prohibits state agencies from contracting with companies that outsource work and job opportunities to other countries. [P1]
- C. Our elected officials and endorsed candidates support passage in Congress of the Employee Free Choice Act to ensure that workers who wish to form and join unions have the freedom to do so without fear of employer retaliation. [P1]

## III. CIVIL, HUMAN & CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

- A. The Minnesota legislature support and pass the ban on forced/coerced abortions; and establish civil and criminal penalties for anyone who forces a woman to abort. [P1, AD]Senate file #1989 (Sen. Michelle Fischbach) and house file #2228 (Rep. John Ward)
- B. Change laws so that abortion is legal only in situations where the life of the mother is in danger. [P1, AD]
- C. Provide such supportive policies and promote such compassionate/nonjudgmental attitudes so as to protect the right to life of both unborn children and of many women and couples experiencing pregnancy in difficult situations. [P1, AD]
- D. Secure justice for the illegal immigrants among us by working to provide safe and legal ways to enter the United States, achieve humanitarian border protection, reunite families separated by migration and change laws that inhibit the above. [P1, AD]
- E. Support passage of a constitutional amendment removing corporation from considerations of first amendment rights. [P1]
- F. Support passage of an amendment to the DFL party platform supportive of gender equality and

an amendment to the Minnesota constitution affirming gender equality. [P1]

G. Grant full dignity and respect to all families and relationships and full marriage equality to all people, regardless of their sexual orientation. [P1, F1, AD]

H. Aggressively seeks full marriage rights for same-sex couples. [P1]

#### **IV. CONSUMER ISSUES**

A. Support legislation that addresses home foreclosures by banning predatory lending & slowing restructuring of loans when families have a path to pay off their mortgages.[P1]

#### **V. EDUCATION**

A. All publicly funded State Schools shall be directed to start and end on the same dates to the greatest extent possible. [P 1]

B. DFL reaffirm its commitment to Minnesota's public education system by providing equitable, sustainable, predictable and sufficient funding. [P 1]

C. DFL support legislation to close the achievement gap, including funding for a loan forgiveness program for teachers and class sizes limited to a ratio of 18 students to one classroom teacher in the highest-needs schools. [P 1]

D. Special finding for educational needs of Com City School Districts of extra additional needs resulting in unequal educational opportunities of AA students. [P 1]

E. Minnesota State Legislature should work to ensure that budget allocations and reductions be distributed equitably among MNSCU campuses and the offices of the Chancellor [OCC] so that the OOC cannot continue growing as campus resources diminish. [P 1]

F. DFL supports full funding of any/all State and Federal educational mandates by the mandating agency. [P 1]

G. Education of out young should not be penalized by reducing the amount of monies to the schools and Teachers and their having to pay higher tuition. [P 1]

H. Support funding for MNSCU with the State funding at the statutory rate of 67%, with students paying 33% of total cost. [P 1]

I. Drop the word public from the Minnesota DFL 2008-2010 Action Agenda so that it reads: Make higher education affordable to all citizens by providing State & Federal financial aid grants, loans, and tax credits based on family income. [P 1]

#### **VI. ENERGY**

A. The power line should come down Interstate Highway 94 in Stearns county.[P1]

B. Increase funding for research and development of renewable energy.[P1]

C. Any and all legislation promoting the clean energy industry must only provide benefits to companies with the stipulation that they stay in our state economy.[P1]

Clean energy sources such as wind and geothermal can bring great wealth to our state.

Clean energy businesses will not benefit our state unless they are based here.

#### **VII. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PUBLIC**

- A. Support and work to limit dollars expended on campaign activities. [P1]**
- B. Support the voluntary use by candidates of comprehensive public funding of election campaigns. [P1]**
- C. Support and work to limit State and Federal elected terms of all elected officials to two successive elected terms. [P1]**
- D. Support the Federal Fair Elections Now Act, H.R. 1826, and equivalent legislation in the U.S. Senate and in the State of Minnesota, providing for the voluntary use by candidates of comprehensive public funding of election campaigns.** The recent Supreme Court decision in Citizens United V. Federal Election Commission opens the floodgates for unlimited corporate spending on elections and makes the public financing of elections essential to keep the public interest, rather than private corporate interests, at the heart of the electoral process. [P1]

## **VIII. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

- A. Urge the Minnesota Legislature to pass a ban on cruel saline abortions, in which a poisonous saline solution is used to suffocate and burn to death an unborn child in the womb. [P 1]**
- B. Minnesota DFL Party support and work to enact a universal single-payer health care plan on the Federal level, and the single-payer Minnesota Health Act at the State level. [P 2]**
- C. Legislature should immediately re-institute the Medicare Programs such as Medical Assistance (MA), etc. for people who do not qualify for any other medical assistance. [P 1]**
- D. Support single-payer health care. [P 1]**
- E. Endorse implementation of universal single-payer health care system for the United States (Medicare For All, HR 676) and Minnesota (MN Health Plan SF 118, HF 135). [P1]**
- F. General Assistance Medical Care Program be continued by Gov. Tim Pawlenty and the Minnesota Legislature. [P 1]**
- G. State of Minnesota should tighten its laws so that violation of even one no contact or restraining order would result in incarceration for the perpetrator. [P 1]**
- H. Continue to pursue Health Care Reform. [P 1]**
- I. Minnesota not balance the State budget on the backs of persons receiving State supports that enable them to live healthier lives, develop their skills, and increase their participation in their communities, including supports for persons with disabilities. [P 1]**
- J. Urge our US Representatives to vote for the Senate Health bill as it stands now. [P 1]**
- K. Support meaningful health care reform that at a minimum covers everyone and cuts costs. The DFL should work towards reform that ensures all of our citizens have access to care and are not denied life-saving treatment because they do not have coverage. We also must address the rising costs of healthcare premiums that are hurting families as well as businesses, and must be brought under control. [P 1]**
- L. Strongly support the continuation of General Assistance Medical Care for Minnesotans who make less than \$8,000 a year. [P 1]**
- M. State of Minnesota focus its efforts on ending poverty in this State by restoring**

**work, streamline services and support everyone=s potential, help Minnesotans build and maintain financial assets, revitalize our communities, modernize our system of education, and develop an ongoing structure to monitor poverty ending efforts. [P 1]**

**N. All victims of sexual assault, especially in consideration of children, be entitled to social services protection.** Currently only victims whose perpetrator is a family member receive social service benefits. Individuals who are violated by strangers are not eligible. [P 1]

**O. Hospice Service have increased funding as needs increase for terminal care. [P 1]**

**P. Minnesota Legislature work to restore General Assistance Medical Care [GAMC] because it disproportionately impacts poor with mental illness, many whom are homeless or who would become homeless. [P 1]**

**Q. Democrat Party hasten the passage of the present Senate Health Care Bill with whatever applicable political means. [P 1]**

## **IX LABOR & EMPLOYMENT**

**A. DFL elected officials and endorsed candidates support the expansion of Minnesota=s prevailing wage law (state Davis-Bacon Act) to include all public school construction and all projects funded by local tax dollars by local units of government.[P2]**

**B. DFL elected officials and endorsed candidates support the option of Labor/Management negotiated Project Labor agreements on public construction and renovation projects.[P2]**

**C. DFL elected officials and endorsed candidates support green job manufacturing and installation initiatives that pay prevailing wages that can support workers and their families.[P1]**

**D. Support policies that create jobs and reduce the unemployment rate and unemployment level. We should have incentives in place for job creation in small and large businesses as well as having readily available job training programs. We also need to create jobs by funding long overdue infrastructure projects.[P1]**

**E. DFL elected officials and endorsed candidates support continued extension of unemployment benefits.**

**F. DFL expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support state legislation that prohibits state agencies from contracting with companies that outsource work and job opportunities to other countries. [P1]**

**G. DFL expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support removal of any tax credits and/or reductions for companies that "off-shore" their employees or those that lay off large numbers of employees due to the off-shoring of their work.[P1]**

**H. DFL expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates at the state and federal level to support a short-term jobs bill to get people back to work to help pull our economy out of this lengthy recession.[P1]**

**I. Support a wage subsidy program for businesses to hire new workers at livable wages as one method to jump-start our economy.[P1]**

## **X. NATIONAL SECURITY & INTERNATIONAL POLICY**

- A. Processes of bringing the war to an end in Afghanistan be initiated immediately. [P1]**
- B. President issue an executive order that immediately stops armed services members from being kicked out of the military under the Do not ask, do not tell law. [P1]**
- C. Support the removal of all U.S. troops from Iraq and Afghanistan as soon as safely possible and also supports the funding of the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan. [P1]**

## **XI. NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT**

- A. Minnesota Legislature be supportive of all allocation recommendations made by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for expenditure projects preserving wetlands and native prairies in order that the increased Legacy tax revenues are spent appropriately towards these conservation efforts. [P1]**
- B. a) Prescription and non-prescription drugs not be disposed of in sewer or septic systems and be kept out of surface and ground water, and  
b) State of Minnesota adopt a uniform, safe and anonymous way of disposing of these drugs. [P1]**
- C. Minnesota Legislature assure there is no pollution nor clean-up needed post-mining with regard to Copper/Ni mining in Northeast MN. [P1]** Mining companies have 74 permits to explore mining copper, nickel and other minerals in Northeast MN on the edge of the Superior National Forest. More permits are being sought. Sulfide is a toxic by-product of mining and threatens to pollute our waters and environment.
- D. a) State of Minnesota enact regulations that prohibit mines that would require perpetual care, and  
b) Sulfide mining be banned in order to protect surface and groundwater from sulfuric acid pollution. [P1]**
- E. State of Minnesota require an upfront financial reserve to cover potential clean up costs to be returned 10 years after closing of mines if no pollution was created. [P1]** Poly Met Mining Inc. and Franconia Minerals have submitted proposals to construct and operate sulfide mining operations in Northern MN. The waste rock contains a high content of sulfides which present a high danger of water pollution of the water resources. Mining corporations have a poor history of protecting the environment.
- F. Minnesota Legislature end the Mississippi River Wild and Scenic Route. [P1]**
- G. DFL Party support all measures to retain and improve the environmental quality of water, air, and land. [P1]**

## **XII. PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION**

- A. Strongly support that battered women=s programs, which operate under the department of public safety, receive no cuts in funding in the coming fiscal year. [P1]** Some of these programs throughout the state are already in danger of closing due to lack of funding and the safety of families are at stake.
- B. Minnesota Legislature pass a law disallowing/prohibiting the use of cell phones and other hand held devices while driving for people of all ages. [P1]** It is as dangerous to talk on a cell phone or use other hand held devices as it is to drive drunk.

## **XIII. RETIREMENT SECURITY [2010-None.]**

## XIV. TAX & BUDGET POLICY

- A. 2010 Minnesota Legislature raise revenue fairly and progressively to solve the budget deficit and save the vital public services that Minnesotans want and need most. [P1]**
- B. 2010 Minnesota legislature raise revenue fairly and progressively to solve the budget deficit and save the vital public services that Minnesotans want and need most during tough times. [P1]**
- C. We cannot address current budget shortfalls through budget cuts alone but rather must make raising revenues a significant part of the state budget solution. Tax revenues must be a part of a balanced approach to addressing budget shortfalls, and necessary revenues should be raised in a way that makes the overall tax system more fair. [P1]**
- D. One part of a balanced budget solution is that those Minnesotans who have the largest annual income pay at least the same percentage of their income as middle class taxpayers. [P1]** According to the Minnesota Department of Revenue 2009 Tax Incidence study, those making more than \$448,000 annually pay 8.9% of their incomes in state and local taxes while those making between \$31,000 and \$67,000 pay over 12.5% of their income in taxes.
- E. Remove any power a Governor may have to unallot approved budgets unless there is an unexpected budget need not forecast at the time the budget is passed and signed by the Governor. [P1]**
- F. When the state removes the funds from a program, they also remove the mandated program. [P1]** City and county aid have been drastically reduced in the attempt to balance the budget.
- G. Provider tax on every entity providing medical care to the residents of Minnesota (1) will not be put in the general fund but remain in a separate fund for which it was created; (2) will not be raised in the future; (3) will sunset over the next 5 years. [P1]**
- H. Minnesota Legislature should restore the Renters Credit. [P1]**In July 2009, through unallotment, Governor Pawlenty cut the average Renters Credit by \$129 beginning this year. Seniors and persons with disabilities make up 28% of the over 300,000 low-and-moderate-income Minnesota tenants who will get a Property Tax Refund through the Renters= Credit refund.
- I. State of Minnesota shall divest from all Israel Bonds investments. [P1]**  
The U.S. has a history of divesting from countries that commit human rights abuse, and Minnesota has divested from Iran and Sudan for their human rights abuse.
- J. Minnesota Legislature require a ban on taxpayer funded abortion. [P1, AD]**  
Senate file #906/House file #1059.
- K. Marijuana be legalized, taxed and controlled by governmentBmuch like alcohol and tobacco. [P1]**
- L. Personal exemption amount, of \$3,650, allowed for 2009 Federal Personal Income Taxes, be increased to \$6,000. for 2010; and thereafter include a COLA adjustment.[P1]**  
This would return this provision to approximately its inflation adjusted value of the 1950's. The cost of this future loss of revenue for this item could be more than covered by not making permanent the reduction of rates in the top personal income tax bracket.
- M. Our elected officials and endorsed candidates support removal of any tax credits and/or tax reductions for companies that off-shore their employees or those that lay off**

**large numbers of employees. [P1]**

**N. Fair taxation to meet basic needs and improve quality of life. [P1]**

#### **XV. TRANSPORTATION**

**A. Our elected officials and endorsed candidates support ongoing planning, funding and implementation for a comprehensive, state-of-the-art transportation system not only for today but for our children and grandchildren. [P1]**

**B. Commuter rail (Northstar) be extended to at least St. Cloud as quickly as possible for potential economic growth, transportation versatility and environmental protection. [P1]**

**C. Funding for the Northstar train to St. Cloud and similar public transportation efforts be a top budget priority at the State and Federal levels, and the Northstar be extended to St. Cloud with all haste. [P1]**

**D. MN Legislature should establish a resolution with funding to advance the Northstar Rail to St. Cloud. [P1]**

#### **XVI VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**A. Veterans with mobility disabilities be allowed to use the public transportation buses known as Dial-a-ride at the same rate per ride as veterans pay (zero) who use the fixed route buses, especially when riding to and from a Veterans= Administration hospital. [P1]**

**B. All veterans should have the same, excellent medical care [physical & mental] in a timely manner. This should include counseling for jobs when returning to civilian life. [P1]**

#### **XVII. PARTY OR LOCAL ISSUES**

**NONE.**

**THE END: DFL Senate District [County Unit] 15 Resolutions;  
2010 Platform and Resolutions Committee Report To Convention**