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Legislative Session Begins

The legislative session began with the election of new leadership. A long-standing controversy over the President Pro Tempore was resolved when a unanimous vote of the Senate elected the potential candidate of a Republican/Democrat coalition Mary Kay Papen. She was nominated by the former Democratic Caucus candidate Pete Campos. As a result of this controversy, the Senate is not expected to complete naming committees and chairs until Thursday.

The organization of the House was much more routine. Representative Ken Martinez was elected Speaker by a straight party-line vote with all 38 Democrats voting for him and the 32 Republicans voting for their floor leader.

Very little business has been conducted. But it is not too early to contact your legislator about funding salaries. One tell them school employees need a raise and that the Governor's proposed 0 percent is not enough, Neither is the Legislative Finance Committee's 1%!

Legislative Training

NEA-New Mexico's annual legislative training session will be next week on January 23, follow the link below for details:

- Legislative Conference & Reception: January 23, 2013, Santa Fe

More on committees and other issues tomorrow!
