



CAPITOL REPORT

SENATE DEMOCRATS NAME MIKE PRUSI LEADER FOR 2009-10 SESSION

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The Senate Democratic caucus held leadership elections today and named Sen. Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) the incoming caucus leader effective in January of 2009. Sen. Prusi succeeds current Senate Minority Leader Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) who was recently elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Seventh Congressional District. Sen. Prusi is in his second and final Senate term. Sen. Buzz Thomas (D-Detroit) will continue as Minority Floor Leader.

When the 95th Legislature convenes in January, the Senate Republicans will hold a 21 to 16 advantage over the Democrats with one (1) vacant seat due to Sen. Schauer's election to Congress. A highly contested special election to fill this vacancy is expected sometime in 2009 with possible candidates including Rep. Mike Nofs (D-Battle Creek), Rep. Marty Griffin (D-Jackson), and Rep. Mike (D-Liberty Twp.).

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