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## First Week

Governor Dayton, other constitutional officers and all 201 state legislators were sworn in earlier this week. Shortly thereafter, the Governor held a press conference in conjunction with his signing of an executive order to sign Minnesota up for MA early enrollment. This should bring in between \$1.2 and \$1.5 billion dollars from Washington. There was the obligatory dueling demonstrations with proponents and opponents present to express either their outrage at early enrollment or whole-hearted support.

Committee chairs and committee assignments have been finalized. To see who is on what committee as well as contact information, or

to secure any other information on state government, go to the legislature's excellent web site: [www.leg.mn](http://www.leg.mn)

There isn't much else to relate of particular interest. The pace of activity will surely pick up in the coming weeks. As we have done in the past, we will be having a weekly legislative conference call for our clients. A notice will be sent out to let members know the date, time and phone number to call in. Last, everyone out there involved in EMS should be ready to engage with your legislators this year. We are going to be in the fight of our life to keep our programs funded.