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Rep. Tim Sanders: Balance the Budget First, then Develop a Complete Stadium Plan

ST. PAUL—A proposal to fund a new Vikings stadium was defeated 10-9 in the House State and Local Government committee on Wednesday. State Representative Tim Sanders (R – Blaine) was among those who cast his vote against it with his eye toward the next, more complete proposal.

“While I am not totally opposed to a Vikings stadium plan, this particular proposal was incomplete,” said Sanders. “Any solution must involve a local partner and a consensus funding mechanism.”

Sanders also commented that the legislature’s first priority is to balance the budget. “With less than two weeks to go in the 2010 legislative session, our top priorities must be to balance the budget and jumpstart economic opportunity,” said Sanders.

Sanders concluded that Wednesday’s this committee result was not the end, but rather the beginning of a stadium solution. “Both sides agreed that balancing the budget must be done before passing a stadium bill. Negotiations are ongoing, and I will continue to work for a fair solution that keeps the Vikings in Minnesota.”

Rep. Sanders encourages constituents to contact him with questions and concerns on the Vikings stadium and all legislative issues.

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Tim Sanders represents House District 51A, which includes the city of Blaine. Rep. Sanders encourages constituents to contact him with questions or opinions on any state or legislative issue. He can be reached via email rep.tim.sanders@house.mn and phone calls can be placed to his office at 651.296.4226. U.S. Mail should be sent to Rep. Tim Sanders, 233 State Office Building, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155.