



House Majority Leader calls for special session regarding Ravensborg investigation

Pierre, SD – House Majority Leader Kent Peterson (R-Salem) has announced he will be calling for a special session of the South Dakota Legislature to convene to evaluate the matter of Attorney General Jason Ravensborg, and to start the formal process to investigate and consider if impeachment articles are warranted.

Majority Leader Peterson is calling for the session to begin November 9th, 2021. He will be formally petitioning all members of the legislature beginning next week. "Before we concluded the session in March, the House of Representatives voted on a resolution that stated we may evaluate the matter pertaining to the Attorney General when the judicial process was completed. Since that process has finished, I am asking that the legislature convene to start the formal process of investigating the matter surrounding Attorney General Ravensborg."

Speaker of the House Spencer Gosch (R-Glenham) feels that a process that is fair to all parties involved is crucial to ensure that due process may prevail. "If the call to special session is successful, I intend to appoint a committee to investigate matters involving Attorney General Ravensborg. It is important to note that the Legislature is not equip to, nor does not intend to retry criminal matters. The constitution is clear on what our role is." Speaker Gosch said, referencing Article 16 of the South Dakota constitution. "The process will be fair, thorough, and transparent."

House Minority Leader Jamie Smith (D-Sioux Falls) wants the state to understand that this is not a political party issue, but rather an issue of the state. "We are working together in a nonpartisan manor to ensure a fair and just outcome. We are taking this responsibility very seriously."

To call a special session, 2/3rds of the members of both the House and Senate would need to answer the call by the Majority Leader.

Cordially,



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