



## **Minnesota State Rep. Morrie Lanning, friend of public power, will not seek re-election**

Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) recognizes Minnesota State Representative Morrie Lanning (District 9A, R-Moorhead) as its Featured Lawmaker. Rep. Lanning has announced he is not running for re-election to the Minnesota State House. Rep. Lanning was first elected to the state house in 2002, eventually serving 5 terms in the House. He most recently served as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House. Prior to service at the state Capitol, Rep. Lanning was mayor of the City of Moorhead from 1980-2001 and a city alderman from 1974 to 1979. In his professional life, he was an educator and was Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Concordia College.

Having served as mayor of Moorhead, an MRES member community, Rep. Lanning brought a unique and in-depth understanding of municipal electric utility issues to the state legislature. He used this knowledge to debate bills and to educate other legislators on the needs of municipal electric and on the complicated issues municipal utilities face in keeping costs low and reliability high. He has also supported bills and amendments for MRES and has been committed to supporting public power. Rep. Lanning has also served on the steering committee of the International Legislators Forum, a group of legislators from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba, Canada who work on issues of regional importance including flood control, electric transmission development, and pipeline development.

Rep. Lanning has been a very engaged legislator and will be missed. MRES and its Minnesota members wish Rep. Lanning well in his future endeavors.