

5. What is the biggest issue facing your district and how will you help alleviate this issue?

Newman: Health Insurance is number 1. Rising costs have now put health insurance out of reach for many. MNSure is the culprit. Not a single republican voted for it while Dayton and the DFL Senate refuse to admit it's a problem. Resolution of health care costs will be up to the voters by sending legislators to St Paul who will fix it. Transportation funding is number 2. Southwest Light Rail (SWLR) from MPLS to Eden Prairie at \$100M/mile is the keystone. Resolve it and money for transportation will follow. Hearings to determine the cost of maintenance, operation, ridership, future subsidies and possible alternatives to SWLR is the solution. As the minority lead on the Senate Transportation Committee, I will insist we hold those hearings.

Wilde: Three major concerns that local residents report includes 1) sustainable transportation funding for state, county, township and municipal roads. Current revenues have been flat and not kept pace with inflation; more money needs to be put into the system. 2) Developing health coverage that is not so expensive. The ACA and MNSure exchange helped insure many, but did not include enough price controls. I would use my experience on a county hospital board and the PrimeWest Health Board to work on cost controls. 3) Lack of access to affordable high-speed Internet in some rural locations. Electric co-ops could help play a role in reaching those rural residents & businesses who need dependable service.