

Krinkie, who was known as **Dr. No** during his time in the Legislature, probably seems at ease organizing this campaign.

Vote Yes (a coalition of sporting, environmental, hunting, arts and cultural groups) is pushing for voters to pass the constitutional amendment.

If a majority of those voting vote yes in November, the sales tax will kick in. If a majority vote no or choose not to vote, it is not included.

5 seats away from extinction...

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I got my hands on a **fundraising letter** from GOP House Minority Leader Marty Seifert. It's eye opening since Seifert was telling reporters last month that they will **retake** the majority in November.

The letter, however, seems to focus more on defense than offense. It warns potential donors that:

"If the House Republicans lose five seats this November, the few remaining of the House Republicans will be no more than empty carcasses."

"If we lose five seats, the chance of maintaining a veto ever again under our governor is done, finished, extinct!"

"There is a clear and present danger in this purple state we call home and it is the possibility of a DFL controlled House and Senate that can override every veto by Governor Pawlenty. If that happens, we may as well be extinct."

Seifert raised **more money** than his DFL counterparts when the last campaign finance report was filed in January. We'll see who is ahead in the fundraising race when the next reports are **filed** on August 25th.

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Dems PAYING attention to 3rd

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Just saw two fundraising letters on behalf of 3rd District DFLer Ashwin Madia. Two Democrats in Congress will raise some dough for Madia.

DFL Rep. Jim Oberstar (Minnesota's 8th Congressional District) will hold a fundraiser for Madia on August 13th in Brooklyn Park. DFL House Rep. Melissa Hortman is hosting the event.

Florida Democrat Debbie Wasserman Schultz will also be in Edina on August 19th to raise money for Madia and DFL Rep. Tim Walz (who represents Minnesota's 1st Congressional District). Kelly Doran (who ran for the U.S. Senate and for Governor) will host that event.

Wasserman Schultz is a member of the **New Democrat Coalition** and is known to shake the money trees. She is the current Chair of the DCCC's **Red to Blue program** and appears to be in **line** to become the next Chair of the DCCC.

It's a clear signal that the DCCC has Minnesota's 3rd Congressional District on the priority list. Madia is running against Republican Erik Paulsen and I-P member David Dillon.

By the way -- You can e-mail any fundraising letters/requests/calls to tscheck@mpr.org or fax them to 651 227 5238. Anonymity is promised.