

NEW SENATOR PROFILES: SCOTT PRICE AND KEN SCHILZ

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Each week between now and the end of the year, we will be profiling two of Nebraska's newly elected senators. Sixteen senators will begin their first term January 7, 2009. These brief profiles will give you a glimpse at our state's new legislative leaders.

Scott Price, Bellevue (District 3), is the only newly elected senator taking office for a reason other than term limits. He defeated incumbent Gail Kopplin in a hotly contested race for a seat Sen. Kopplin won four years ago. Issues central to the race included taxes, the Omaha learning community and immigration. The district lies entirely in Sarpy County, and includes Gretna, Millard and the southern edges of Papillion and Bellevue.

Price is an Air Force veteran and currently works as a business development manager for Computer Sciences Corporation. Price is a graduate of Peru State College, where he received his bachelor's degree in technology management in 2004, and holds an associate of applied science degree from the Community College of the Air Force. He and his wife Jacqueline have three children and live in Bellevue.

Price, a Republican, was endorsed by the Governor and Attorney General and several other elected Republican officers. The *Omaha World-Herald* endorsed his opponent. The Legislature will be the first public office Price holds.

Ken Schilz, Ogallala (District 47), is the first Nebraska senator from Ogallala to be elected since Donald F. McGinley, who won election in 1962 and served from 1963 to 1965. Schilz defeated Bernard Fehringer from Sidney, and carried seven of the eight counties in the district, which covers most of the southern half of the Panhandle. The only county Fehringer won was Cheyenne, where Sidney is located. Schilz emphasized water conservation, tax reduction and economic development in his campaign.

Schilz, who holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is a farmer and cattle feeder. He and his wife Deb have two children. He served as president of the Keith County

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Area Development office, as well as the Nebraska Water Users Board. He was appointed by Governor Mike Johanns to serve on the Nebraska Water Policy Task Force.

The *Omaha-World Herald* endorsed Schilz, a Republican, who has not before served in elective office.

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