

NEW SENATOR PROFILES: JEREMY NORDQUIST AND BEAU MCCOY

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Each week between now and the end of the year, we are profiling two of Nebraska's newly elected senators. This is the third in that series. Sixteen senators will begin their first term January 7, 2009.

Jeremy Nordquist, Omaha (District 7), soundly defeated his opponent, Christopher Moles, winning 74% of the vote in this southeast Omaha district. Nordquist will take over for his former boss, Sen. John Synowiecki, for whom Nordquist served as a Research Analyst and Legislative Aide. Synowiecki could not seek the seat again, due to term limits.

Nordquist, whose top priority is property tax relief, graduated with honors from Creighton University. He has served on campaigns for both State and Federal Office, and was an intern for Sen. Tom Daschle (S.D.) in both Sioux Falls and Washington, D.C. Nordquist and his wife Shannon live in the Dahlman Neighborhood.

Nordquist, a Democrat, was endorsed by Senator Synowiecki, many other State Senators and elected officials, as well as by the Omaha World-Herald. Nordquist has not before served in elected office.

Beau McCoy, Elkhorn (District 39), defeated Rex Moats in a major battle to succeed Sen. Dwite Pedersen, who left office due to term limits. McCoy won in all three counties that comprise the district: part of northern Sarpy, southwestern Washington and western Douglas. The margin was about 8 percent in what many thought would be a closer race.

McCoy, who holds a Bachelor's degree from Bellevue University, owns a roofing business and is sales manager for Husker Siding and Windows. He and his wife have three young children.

A Republican, McCoy was endorsed by Governor Heineman, Attorney General Bruning and a number of other State officers. The Omaha World-Herald endorsed his opponent. The Legislature will be his first public office.

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