

**NEW SENATOR PROFILES:  
BOB GIESE AND COLBY COASH**

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This is the seventh in a series of eight profiles on Nebraska's newly elected senators. Sixteen senators will begin their first term January 7, 2009.

**Bob Giese, South Sioux City (District 17)**, defeated Doug Garwood, in a bid for the seat previously held by Pat Engel, who was term-limited. District 15 includes Dakota, Dixon and Wayne counties. Giese prevailed in Dakota and Dixon counties; while Garwood carried Wayne County.

Giese is the produce manager at a grocery store in South Sioux City, where he has lived his entire life. He is a graduate of South Sioux City High School. During the campaign, Giese emphasized the need for roads funding with particular emphasis on an expressway linking South Sioux City and Norfolk.

A Democrat, Giese defeated a Republican opponent who was endorsed by the *Omaha World-Herald*. Giese has served on the South Sioux City Council, and was elected Mayor in 2006.

**Colby Coash, Lincoln (District 27)**, defeated City Councilman Dan Marvin in an extremely close election that went down to the wire. Coash succeeds Sen. DiAnna Schimek, who could not run again due to term limits. District 27 encompasses an area of central and southwest Lincoln. Coash's final margin of victory was just 79 votes.

Coash is a director of training and staff development in an agency serving developmentally disabled people. He and his wife also own rental properties in Lincoln and Omaha. Coash holds a Bachelors degree in performing arts from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is currently working on his Masters degree in leadership development.

Coash is the first Republican to win the District 27 seat in 36 years. His opponent was endorsed by the *Omaha World-Herald* and the *Lincoln Journal Star*. Gov. Dave Heineman endorsed Coash.

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