

## ABM AF “Failed” Fact Check

Audio	Video	Supporting Facts
<p>NARRATOR:</p> <p>Ordinary Minnesotans are facing tough times.</p> <p>We need a leader who’ll fight for us.</p> <p>But Tom Emmer sided with Governor Pawlenty and opposed a plan that would force corporations and CEOs to pay their fair share of taxes.</p>	<p>Family looking over bills</p> <p>Graphic: We Need A Leader Who Will Fight For Us</p> <p>Tom Emmer and Tim Pawlenty over state Capitol</p> <p>Graphic: Emmer &amp; Pawlenty: Opposed a plan to force Corporations &amp; CEOs to Pay Their Fair Share of Taxes</p> <p><b>Source: HF 2037; HF 885; and HF 2323</b></p> <p>Graphic: Graph Showing Growing Deficit</p> <p>Headline re Deficit</p> <p>Unhappy Minnesota family</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On May 10, 2010, Emmer voted against HF 2037, a 2010 tax bill that would have added a fourth tier to state income taxes and raised an additional \$443 million in revenue. The bill passed 71-63. No Republicans voted for the bill and it was promptly vetoed by Governor Pawlenty. The additional revenue would have been used to plug a nearly \$3 billion hole in the FY2010-2011 state budget. [Minnesota House of Representatives, <a href="#">HF 2037</a>, House Journal <a href="#">12091</a>]</li> <li>• In May 2009, Emmer thrice opposed HF 885, one of several DFL-written tax bills; first on May 7, 2009 when the bill passed 120-11, again on May 8 as the bill was repassed 86-45, and finally on May 17 in an attempt to override the Governor’s veto of the bill. The bill would have raised \$1 billion in new revenue by increasing income taxes on those making over \$250,000 a year. [Minnesota House of Representatives, <a href="#">HF 885</a>, House Journal <a href="#">4919</a>, <a href="#">5053</a>, <a href="#">6563</a>]</li> <li>• On May 18, 2009, Emmer voted against the second attempt at a DFL-written FY2010-2011 revenue bill. The bill passed the House 82-47 before becoming the second revenue bill of the session to be vetoed by the Governor. HF 2323, would have raised \$1 billion in new revenue through a tax on upper incomes, but closed the remainder of the budget gap with a shift in K-12 funding. [Minnesota House of Representatives, <a href="#">HF 2323</a>, House Journal <a href="#">7456</a>]</li> </ul>

## Audio

The Emmer Pawlenty plan created a huge deficit –

## Video

**Source: Star Tribune, 5/6/2010, 2/10/2010**

## Supporting Facts

- On February 10, 2010, the Star Tribune noted that Emmer supported Pawlenty’s unallotment plan:

Pawlenty's attorneys filed a brief Tuesday asking the state's highest court to overturn a lower ruling against the unilateral cuts Pawlenty made last summer.

That ruling threatens to unravel \$2.7 billion in cuts and other budget changes and calls into question how and when the governor can trim the budget on his own. [Star Tribune, 02/10/2010]

- On May 6, 2010, the Star Tribune noted that Pawlenty’s illegal unallotment plan caused a \$2.5 billion deficit:

In a rare rebuke, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Gov. Tim Pawlenty’s solo move last summer to cut \$2.7 billion from the state budget violated the law.

...

Budget officials and legislative leaders expected to work well into the night on Wednesday to figure out the budget implications.

They estimate the ruling adds somewhere between \$900 million to \$2.5 billion to the budget deficit. [Star Tribune, 05/06/2010]

## Audio

## Video

## Supporting Facts

and cut things  
Minnesotans rely on.

- HF 1, the FY2010-2011 supplemental budget passed in a 2010 special session, erased a \$2.9 billion dollar budget deficit by delaying \$1.9 billion in school payments and by making \$1 billion in cuts to areas such as higher education and health and human services programs. The \$60 billion biennial budget was described as follows by the Bemidji Pioneer:

Delays \$1.9 billion of state payments to schools from the current two-year budget into future budgets.

Cuts nearly \$1 billion [\$830 million] in spending, a figure that includes some other delayed payments.

...

Aids to local governments will be cut more than \$300 million because, Pawlenty said, it is one of the few places that the federal government allows the state to cut.

Among the biggest cuts is a \$100 million reduction in higher education spending. Also, the renters' refund will be reduced \$52 million and \$166 million of sales and corporate tax refunds will be delayed.

Health and human services programs will be cut \$85 million, but nursing homes and long-term care facilities are spared reductions and mental health program cuts are minimized, Rep. Tom Huntley, DFL-Duluth, said. [Minnesota House of Representatives, [HF 1](#), [HF1 Status in House for 2010, Special Session 1](#); Bemidji Pioneer, [5/18/2010](#)]

## Audio

they cut funding for education

## Video

Classroom shot

Graphic: Emmer & Pawlenty:

Cut – stamps over shot and word Education

**Source: HF 6; Minnesota Star Tribune 5/12/2007**

Worker being trained

Child at Doctor

## Supporting Facts

- On April 18, 2007, Emmer voted against HF 6, the K-12 funding bill, which passed the House with a huge bipartisan majority of 119-13. On May 8, 2007, Emmer again voted against the bill as it was repassed on a similar 119-14 vote. The bill appropriated an additional \$16 million to schools and granted schools an additional one-time increase of \$51 per student. [Minnesota House of Representatives, HF [6](#) 2007, House Journal [3997](#), [12113](#)]
- In May 2007, the Star Tribune noted that both houses of the legislature passed a \$13.9 billion education bill that included new money for all day kindergarten and a 3 percent annual increase in school aid. [Star Tribune, 5/12/2007]
- In May 2008, the Star Tribune wrote that a \$51 per pupil increase included in the bill was funded through the use of unused funds from a teacher's pay for performance program:
  - Money from a trust fund for public schools would be sent directly to school districts. The trust fund is funded through money and assets from land granted to the state by the federal government. Money earmarked for individual school districts from that trust currently goes to the state's general fund.
  - School districts would be allowed to transfer \$51 per student, one time only, from their capital budgets to their operating budgets.
  - \$21.3 million in unused funding for the state's voluntary pay-for-performance plan for teachers would be used for other education funding. [Star Tribune, 5/13/2008]

## Audio

job training

## Video

Graphic: Emmer & Pawlenty:

Cut – stamps over shot and word Job Training

**Source: HF 1976; Children’s Defense Fund Legislative Scorecard, Fall 2005**

## Supporting Facts

- On April 29, 2005, Emmer voted for HF 1976, the GOP written health and human services funding bill. The bill narrowly passed the House on a 68-66 party-line vote. The House bill included \$70 million in cuts to child care assistance and \$10 million in cuts to youth programs. [Minnesota House of Representatives, [HF 1976](#), House Journal [3367](#)]
- The CDF lamented the cuts to child care and child programming as well as the looming increase to penalties some MFIP recipients took:

HF 1976, the House Omnibus Jobs and Economic Development bill authored by Representative Bob Gunther, included a \$70 million cut to child care assistance and an increase in the “housing penalty” for MFIP recipients who receive public housing subsidies, reducing their cash grant by \$200 instead of the current \$50. While the legislation allocated \$2.2 million to provide services to reduce the risk of homelessness for youth who “age out” of the foster care system, it cut \$10.3 million from youth programs designed to provide employment services and job skills training to at-risk youth. [CDFAC 2005 Minnesota Legislative Scorecard, accessed [5/25/2010](#)]

## Audio

and health care – making it harder to get our economy back on track.

Minnesota can't afford another four years of Tim Pawlenty & Tom Emmer's failed agenda.

## Video

Graphic: Emmer & Pawlenty:  
 Cut – stamps over shot and word Health Care

**Source: HF 1422; Children's Defense Fund Legislative Scorecard, Fall 2005**

Workers

Photo of Emmer & Pawlenty

Graphic: Minnesota can't afford another four years of Tim Pawlenty & Tom Emmer

## Supporting Facts

- On April 29, 2005, Emmer voted for HF 1422, the GOP-written House health and human services bill, which passed 74-59, with only token DFL support. The bill cut public health care programs by more than \$187 million with deep cuts in eligibility, premium increases and new co-payments for some public health care program enrollees. [Minnesota House of Representatives, HF [1422](#) 2005, House Journal [3383](#); Children's Defense Fund Legislative Scorecard, Fall 2005]

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