It took until early this morning to find out that both Minnesota constitutional amendments would fail at the polls. A voter ID measure and one that would define marriage as between a man and a woman both seemed as though they had life as ballot totals came trickling in throughout the night, but a late surge of votes in the morning made it clear that neither would pass. The voter ID defeat was by about 180 thousand votes and the marriage amendment was downed by a total much closer to a hundred thousand. Both measures proved costly and divisive in the state but the marriage amendment was said to be the most expensive ballot question in state history.