For several Minnesota counties, the great recount of 2010 is finished.

Houston and Winona Counties are among those which recounted all their ballots in the governor's race on the first day of the statewide canvass. The Winona County Auditor, Sue Rivers, says that other than having to retrieve ballots from one machine, her staff's recount proceeded with almost nothing changing. One contested vote went to Democrat Mark Dayton.

Statewide, the Democrat's lead over rival Tom Emmer has gone up 24 votes after one day of recounts. But more than 300 ballots have been challenged so far.