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Legislative Leadership Sets Budget Hearing Schedule

Legislative Leadership unveiled the upcoming schedule for budget hearings that will help determine the Budget priorities for the State of Tennessee.

The schedule includes speakers who will provide expert testimony about the needs of Tennesseans and where savings can be found for taxpayer dollars. A number of high-profile commissioners and executive directors will discuss the issues their respective offices are facing. The Budget Hearings begin on Tuesday, March 15th.

In addition, the Legislature will soon receive the Governor's budget proposal that will highlight ways to grow Tennessee's economy and create an environment for positive job growth. Last week, the Governor delivered his legislative package that contains a number of much-needed reforms. They form a dynamic agenda to make Tennessee a leader in attracting new businesses, job creation, and common sense educational reforms that reward teaching excellence and promote student achievement.

Governor Welcomes More New Jobs to the Volunteer State

On Tuesday, the Governor welcomed another major company to Tennessee that will provide valuable employment opportunities for citizens of Tennessee. U.S. Nitrogen, LLC selected Greene County to be the location for its brand new liquid ammonium nitrate plant. The company was recruited to the area by the Governor as well as many other local leaders.

The company will bring nearly \$110 million to the local economy as well as 80 jobs for talented Tennesseans.

This move is yet another sign that Tennessee's leadership is committed to improving the workforce opportunities for citizens by recruiting and retaining some of the top companies in the United States to the Volunteer State.

Representative Barrett Rich Announces His Legislative Whip Team

GOP Legislators Will Help Ensure a Principled Conservative Agenda is Passed (February 22, 2011, NASHVILLE)
Representative Barrett Rich (R-Somerville) today announced the new members of his House Whip Team. The group, comprised of six Republican legislators, will help Rep. Rich meet the goals of Speaker Beth Harwell's (R-Nashville) legislative agenda for the House of Representatives.

Joining the team as Chief Deputy Whip is Representative Jimmy Matlock (R-Lenoir City). Upon learning of his appointment, Rep. Matlock said, "I am grateful for this post. I look forward to helping our Majority govern and pass an agenda dedicated to creating an environment for job growth, reforming the state government, and bringing excellence to the field of education."

Other Members selected for the Whip Team are Representative Richard Floyd (R-Chattanooga), Representative Terri Lynn Weaver (R-Lancaster), as well as first-term Members Representative Sheila Butt (R-Columbia), Representative Andy Holt (R-Dresden), and Representative Mike Sparks (R-Smyrna).

"It is an honor to be selected to join the Whip Team and help guide our Majority's priorities through the Legislature," commented Rep. Weaver. "I look forward to working with Rep. Rich to make sure we pass legislation that reflects the values of Tennesseans."

Rep. Rich remarked of the team, "This is a strong group of leaders in our Caucus dedicated to ensuring legislation that is vital to the interests of Tennesseans passes the House of Representatives. They exemplify a strong work ethic and a commitment to the conservative philosophy that guides our State."

As always, I feel so blessed to serve the fine folks of the 40th District.

Have a blessed weekend and upcoming week.

Terri Lynn