

January 21, 2011 - The "Loop"

Greetings Folks of the Fortieth.

The 107th Assembly met this week, in spite of the fact we were blasted with wintry weather. Since 1979, the General Assembly has convened on the second Tuesday in January for an organizational session which takes place in an odd-numbered year and can not last more than fifteen calendar days.

After the nomination of Representative Beth Harwell (R Nashville) the first woman to hold this title, House and Senate went into joint session to elect two of the three constitutional officers who are also elected every two years. Treasurer David H. Lillard and Comptroller Justin P. Wilson were re-elected. Secretary of State, the third constitutional officer is elected by the legislature every four years.

Now that committee assignments have been appointed, it thrills me to be serving on the House Agriculture and to serve as Secretary of the House Transportation Committee. I look forward to working closely with my rural district in the areas of much needed infrastructure and the various issues concerning our farms and produce of this agriculture state.

I am pleased to say that my most humble abode, War Memorial room # 105, will remain my office in which I look forward to many of the fabulous folks of the fortieth coming to visit me at the Capitol.

With a solid and united majority of 64 members, we are looking forward to advancing the principles of job creation, LIMITED government and a balanced budget with NO new taxes and innovation education reforms in the 2011 session. I have filed legislation that protects the right of individuals to purchase and the right of doctors to provide lawful medical services WITHOUT government fine or penalty, The Health Freedom Act. Senator Beavers will carry it in the Senate. This bill seeks to fight back against the overreach of federal power in our private lives. If Congress can impose such a mandate, what will be the next mandate coming down the pike? The Health Freedom Act provides our citizen's with another arrow in the quiver! We must arm ourselves with every possible weapon to defend this state against this unprecedented law.

In closing I wanted to share with you the Oath of Office I swore to uphold to you, and how honored and grateful I am to serve this great state.

I, Terri Lynn Weaver do solemnly swear that as a member of this General Assembly, I will, in all appointments vote without favor, affection, partiality, or prejudice; and that I will not propose or assent to any bill, vote or resolution which shall appear to me injurious to the people, or consent to any act or thing, whatever, that shall have a tendency to lessen or abridge their rights and privileges, as declared by the Constitution of this State.

You have entrusted me to represent you and I take that very seriously. Working for you is a joy! Remember that the 40th district is your seat and never hesitate to contact me at 615 -741-2192.

Blessings,
Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver