



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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“Creating a More Educated Georgia”



Today was the first day of the 2007 session of the Georgia General Assembly and also inauguration day for Gov. Sonny Perdue, who is beginning his second term.

Inauguration activities in Atlanta began with a 9:30 a.m. prayer service at Northside United Methodist Church, and continued through the day with a 2 p.m. swearing-in cer-

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emony at Philips Arena, a 4 p.m. review of troops outside the State Capitol and a 7:30 p.m. Inaugural Celebration at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Next Monday, Jan. 15, lawmakers will take a break for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, and two days of budget hearings will follow (including

Chancellor Erroll B. Davis’ presentation of the Governor’s Budget Recommendations for the University System of Georgia to the Joint Appropriations Committees at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17). The session will resume on Jan. 22.

This session marks the beginning of a new biennium – the first

year of the two-year terms served by all members of the General Assembly. Any bills and resolutions introduced but not adopted during the 2005 and 2006 legislative sessions now are considered dead and must be reintroduced afresh to receive further consideration. ☰

House Welcomes 24 New Members

The Georgia House of Representatives is beginning the biennium with two dozen newly elected members. The newcomers are as follows:

Stacey Abrams, Atlanta

Amy Carter, Valdosta

Doug Collins, Gainesville

Rick Crawford, Cedartown

Hardie Davis, Augusta

Katie Dempsey, Rome

Gloria Frazier, Hephzibah

Mike Glanton, Jonesboro

J. Craig Gordon, Savannah

Mark Hamilton, Cumming

Wayne Howard, Augusta

Sean Jerguson, Canton

Celeste Johnson, Jonesboro

Margaret Kaiser, Atlanta

Kevin Levitas, Atlanta

Doug McKilip, Bogart

Randy Nix, LaGrange

Allen Peake, Macon

Jimmy Pruett, Eastman

Tony Sellier, Fort Valley

Robbin Shipp, Atlanta

Barbara Sims, Augusta

Wade Starr, Fayetteville

Mark Williams, Jesup ☰

Senate has Six New Members

The November 2006 election added six new members to the Georgia Senate, including two former members of the House of Representatives, **Jack Murphy** of Cumming and **Nan Orrock** of Atlanta.

The other four newcomers are: **Bill Cowser** of Athens, **Gail Davenport** of Jonesboro, **Lee Hawkins** of Gainesville, and **Ron Ramsey** of Lithonia. ☰