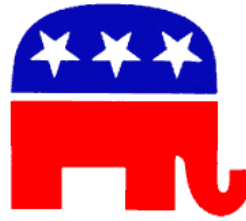


# Republican Report



“Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them.”

—Ronald Reagan



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## *A message from the Republican Leader.....*

Now that there is a whipping system in place, we have taken steps to set up a process for organizing debates on the floor of the House. While there are less than 20 bills on the Regular Calendar this week, we hope to choose a bill to whip as a way of testing the system that we have set up. Better organized floor debates should lead to better communication both on the floor as well as in the days leading up to a House Session.

### **Policy Leaders/Committee Whips**

It is the role of each **committee policy leader** to coordinate Republican debates on legislation coming before the House. They will also serve as the liaison between Republicans on their committee and leadership. If any member of our caucus has a concern about any piece of legislation, please bring it to the attention of your committee policy leader.

The **committee whip** will be in charge of collecting the *executive session tally sheets* and turning them into the House Republican office by the end of business on Friday. This will enable us to produce the *white sheet* for the following session in a timely fashion and get it out to the caucus via email, hopefully by Monday evening. Therefore, it is very important that these sheets be turned in by Friday.

A couple of weeks ago these tally sheets were emailed to all committee whips. If you did not receive these documents, copies are available in our office or they can easily be emailed to you once again. (*tip: these sheets can easily be filled out on a computer and emailed back to us, saving you the trouble of handwriting out the information.*)

The purpose of these documents is to record the votes of committee members and to make a recommendation to leadership as to what our position should be. The policy leaders and whips will work together

with leadership to establish our positions on selected bills, and these recommendations will be then be listed on the *white sheet* for the week.

### **Floor Leadership**

Representatives Jasper and Patten will work with the committee policy leaders to organize all floor debates. If you are planning a floor debate please notify them and, when necessary, they will assist you either by bringing in members of leadership to speak on a bill or to give the PI. Our goal is to be more organized on the floor and to avoid any list minute surprises. If you are involved in a debate in any fashion, please make our floor leaders aware of this.

To make it easier to organize these floor debates, we have split up the committees into two groups. With the exception of one committee, Rep. Jasper will handle committees located on the second floor of the LOB, including Criminal Justice, Children & Family Law, Transportation, Ways & Means, Science & Technology, Education, Judiciary, HHS, Election Law, and Finance. Rep. Patten will handle those on the third floor, including Public Works (2nd floor), Local & Regulated Revenue, Municipal & County Government, Fish & Game, Commerce, Resources and Recreation, State-Federal, Executive Departments, Labor, Legislative Administration, and Environment and Agriculture. (*note flowchart on page two*).

We are still looking for members of our caucus to assist Randy Wagoner with his special election in Lebanon in June. Please contact the state party headquarters if you can help out.

With the House session this week beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will hold our caucus at 8:45 a.m. in the LOB. I hope to see you all there

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Education  
Judiciary  
HHS & Elderly Affairs  
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Local & Regulated Revenues  
Municipal & County Gov.  
Fish & Game  
Commerce  
Resources, Recreation & Dev.  
State-Federal Relations  
Executive Dept.s & Admin.  
Labor  
Legislative Admin.  
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Gene Charron (Whip)

**Jim Rausch**  
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Matt Quandt (Whip)

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Ken Hawkins (PL)  
Russ Day (Whip)

**Ways & Means**  
Norm Major (PL)  
Mary Griffin (Whip)

**Labor**  
Will Infantine (PL)  
Gary Daniels (Whip)

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John Hunt (PL)

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Jim Garrity (Whip)

**Pam Price**  
Dave Kidder

**Education**  
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Brien Ward (W)

**Judiciary**  
Rob Rowe (PL)  
Will Smith (W)

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