Welcome:

As Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 107th General Assembly, and on behalf of the House members, I want to welcome you to the Tennessee State Capitol.

Even with its majestic architecture and rich history, the Capitol building still serves the viable function for which it was erected. On the House floor, Tennessee Representatives work together to handle today’s most challenging issues on behalf of the citizens of Tennessee.

Please remember that all Sessions of the General Assembly held in the Chamber, as well as all Committee meetings held in the Legislative Plaza, are open to the public. I encourage you to take part in the legislative process first hand by attending a Session of the House of Representatives.

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Please feel free to contact the representative from your home district as you visit the Capitol and the Legislative Plaza. All of Tennessee’s 99 representatives serve to address any concerns or questions that you may have.

Again, I want to thank you for visiting the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Beth Harwell
Speaker of the House
Jon Lundberg  
Cameron Sexton
Pat Marsh  
Johnny W. Shaw
Jimmy Matlock  
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Don Miller  
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Jeanne Richardson  
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Speaker of the House

Beth H. Harwell
Of Davidson County
Chamber Seat No. 100

Address: 42 Wyn Oak, Nashville 37205; Date of Birth: 07/24/57; Marital Status: Married—spouse Sam; Children: 3—Allie, Sam, and Tucker; Occupation: Assistant Professor; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Church of Christ; Education: Ph.D., Vanderbilt University; M.S., George Peabody College; B.A., David Lipscomb University; Organizations and Affiliations: David Lipscomb University Business Advisory Council; Montgomery Bell Academy Advisory Board; Families First Advisory Board; Leadership Nashville, 1992; Nashville AMI Advisory Board; Women's NETWORK Advisory Board; Board of Directors Bethlehem Center; Tennessee State Museum Foundation Board; Member: 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—56th Representative District

Speaker Pro Tempore

Judd Matheny
Of Coffee County
Chamber Seat No. 70

Address: 389 Vanguard Lane, Tullahoma 37388; Date of Birth: 04/09/70; Marital Status: Married—spouse Christy; Children: 2—Abigail and Aulden; Occupation: Auctioneer; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Methodist; Education: Graduate of Tullahoma High School; B.S., Criminal Justice and Political Science, University of the State of New York; Organizations and Affiliations: National Rifle Association; Master Mason; Tullahoma Rotary; Tullahoma, Manchester, and McMinnville Chambers of Commerce; Honors and Awards: Past Chairman, Davidson County Crimestoppers; Past Chairman, Coffee County Republican Party; Previous Service: Eight Year Veteran of the U.S. Army and Tennessee Army National Guard; Eight Year Veteran of State and Local Law Enforcement; Member: 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Coffee and Part of Warren Counties—47th Representative District
Deputy Speaker
Steve K. McDaniel
Of Henderson County
Chamber Seat No. 95
Address: 97 Battleground Drive, Parkers Crossroads 38388; Date of Birth: 10/20/51; Marital Status: Married—spouse Phyllis; Children: 1—Andrea; Occupation: Businessman; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Church of Christ; Education: B.S., The University of Memphis; Organizations and Affiliations: Member and Past President of Henderson County Chamber of Commerce; Member, Chester County Chamber of Commerce; Member, Decatur County Chamber of Commerce; Member, Wayne County Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, American Legislative Exchange Council; Board of Directors, Tourism Association of Southwest Tennessee; Historian, Parkers’ Crossroads Battlefield Association; National Rifle Association; Member, Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission; Member, Civil War Preservation Association; Member, Tennessee Preservation Trust; Douglas Henry State Museum Commission, Member; Previous Service: Secretary of the Calendar and Rules Committee, 107th; Member: 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Henderson, Chester, and parts of Decatur and Wayne Counties—72nd Representative District

Speaker Emeritus
Jimmy O. Naifeh
Of Tipton County
Chamber Seat No. 94
Address: P.O. Box 97, Covington 38019; Date of Birth: 06/16/39; Children: 3; 6 grandchildren; Occupation: Businessman – Naifeh Realty Company; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Episcopalian – member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church; Education: Graduate of Byars Hall High School; Graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Organizations and Affiliations: Former President, Covington Rotary Club; Director, Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce; Member of the South Tipton County and Haywood County Chambers of Commerce; Past President and Member of the Tipton County University of Tennessee Alumni Association; Board of Governors and Directors – ALSAC – St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; Member of the Tipton County Veterans Council and American Legion Post #67; Honors and Awards: 2007 Tennessee School Boards Association Legislative Award; 2006 William M. Bulger Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award; 2006 Tennessee Supreme Court Appreciation Award; 2006 Legislator of the Year, Chiefs of Police and District Attorney Generals Conference; 2006 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents; 1999 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Trucker’s Association; 1996 and 1997 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee District Attorney Generals Conference; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee School Boards Association; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Court Clerks Association; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Sheriffs’ Association; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee County Officials Association; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Business Roundtable; Previous Service: Speaker of the House 97th-105th; Member: 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Haywood and part of Tipton Counties—81st Representative District
House Republican Leader

Gerald McCormick
Of Hamilton County
Chamber Seat No. 23

Address: P.O. Box 1087, Chattanooga 37401; Date of Birth: 02/22/62; Marital Status: Married—spouse Kim; Children: 2 Cooper and Scottie; Occupation: Real Estate Brokerage & Development; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Methodist; Education: Attended Memphis and Shelby County Public Schools; Graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Organizations and Affiliations: Kappa Alpha Order; Blood Assurance Board of Directors; Harrison Ruritan Club; Past Board Member of the Chattanooga Jaycees; Former Chattanooga/Hamilton County Planning Commissioner; Past Vice-Chair and Finance Chair of the Hamilton County Republican County; Past President of Pachyderm Club; VFW; American Legion; Farm Bureau; Past Board Member, Big Ridge Elementary School PTA Board of Directors; Life Member of National Rifle Association; Previous Service: U.S. Army Veteran of the First Gulf War; Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Specialist; Member: 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton County—26th Representative District

Republican Caucus Chairman

Debra Young Maggart
Of Sumner County
Chamber Seat No. 24

Address: 112 La Bar Drive, Hendersonville 37075; Date of Birth: 10/11/60; Marital Status: Single; Children: 1—Brittainy; 1 grandchild Rondor Chloe Smith; Occupation: Executive Director, COMPASS; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Episcopal; Education: Graduate of Goodpasture Christian School; B.A. in Advertising, Western Kentucky University; Lipscomb University Institute of Conflict Management 2002-2010; Organizations and Affiliations: Wheels in Motion Chair, Hendersonville Rotary Club; Phi Mu Fraternity for Women; Tennessee Right to Life; Sumner County Chapter; Sumner County Republican Women's Club; St. Joseph of Arimathea Episcopal Church; Board Member, SUMMER COUNTY Anti-Drug Coalition; Board Member, COMPASS Board of Directors; Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce; Gallatin Chamber of Commerce; Honors and Awards: Sumner County Republican Party Chairman's Award 2000 and 2002; Western Kentucky University Outstanding Greek Adviser; Member: 104th, 105th 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Sumner County—45th Representative District
Craig Fitzhugh
Of Lauderdale County
Chamber Seat No. 22
Address: 135 South Alpine Street, Ripley 38063;
Date of Birth: 03/22/50; Marital Status: Married—spouse Pam; Children: 3—Elizabeth, Chaz, and Tom; 1 granddaughter, Marley; Occupation: Banker/Lawyer; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S. in Finance, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1972; J.D., University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1975; Organizations and Affiliations: Chamber of Commerce; Rotary International; Ducks Unlimited; Boy Scouts; Tennessee Bankers Association; University of Tennessee Alumni Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Major, U.S. Air Force Reserve; Dixie Softball/Baseball Coach; Member: 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Lauderdale, Crockett, and part of Dyer Counties—82nd Representative District

Mike Turner
Of Davidson County
Chamber Seat No. 21
Address: 1408 Hadley Avenue, Old Hickory 37138;
Date of Birth: 02/06/55; Marital Status: Married—spouse Dinah; Children: 3—Rachel, Taylor, and Savannah; Occupation: Firefighter/EMT; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: United Methodist; Education: Attended Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University; Organizations and Affiliations: Mason; Old Hickory Village Association; Dupont Hadley P.T.O.; Board Member and Treasurer, Tennessee Fire Fighters Emergency Relief Fund; Tennessee State Employees Association; Old Hickory, Madison, and Donelson Chambers of Commerce; Vice-President, Tennessee AFL-CIO; Former President, Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters; Former Board Member, Tennessee Fire Commission; Ducks Unlimited; National Wild Turkey Federation; Sierra Club; National Rifle Association; Qual Unlimited; Previous Service: Former Vice-President, Nashville Fire Fighters Association; Member: 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—51st Representative District
David Alexander  
Of Franklin County  
Chamber Seat No. 14  

Address: 512 South High Street, Winchester TN 37398;  
Date of Birth: 10/29/52;  
Marital Status: Married;  
Children: 3;  
Occupation: Co-owner of Reliable Rental;  
Political Preference: Republican;  
Religious Preference: Presbyterian;  
Education: B.A. in English, Mississippi College;  
Organizations and Affiliations: Lions Club, NRA, Winchester Downtown Program Corporation, American Rental Association;  
Member: 107th General Assembly;  
Counties Represented: Franklin, Moore and part of Lincoln Counties—39th Representative District

Joseph E. “Joe” Armstrong  
Of Knox County  
Chamber Seat No. 20  

Address: 4708 Hilldale Drive, Knoxville 37914;  
Date of Birth: 11/30/56;  
Marital Status: Married—spouse LeTonia;  
Children: 4;  
Occupation: Insurance Manager;  
Political Preference: Democrat;  
Religious Preference: Methodist;  
Education: B.S (Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration), University of Tennessee at Knoxville;  
Organizations and Affiliations: Board Member, Mercy Health Partners; Board Member, East Tennessee Broadcasting; Presedent-elect, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; First Tee Junior Golf Program; Knoxville Community Action Committee; University of Tennessee Alumni Association; Lifetime Member Beck Cultural Exchange Center; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Knoxville NAACP; Knoxville College Boosters Club; Men's Health Network; Health Equity Commission; Alzheimer’s Association; National Insurance Association;  
Member: 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
Counties Represented: Part of Knox County—15th Representative District

Eddie Bass  
Of Giles County  
Chamber Seat No. 10  

Address: 1015 Bass Road, Prospect 38477;  
Date of Birth: 11/03/57;  
Marital Status: Married;  
Children: 2 children; 1 granddaughter;  
Occupation: Farmer/Small Business Owner/Retired Sheriff;  
Political Preference: Democrat;  
Religious Preference: Church of Christ;  
Education: Graduate of Giles County High School; Graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy;  
Honors and Awards: Men’s Health Award-Legislator’s Award;  
Previous Service: Agriculture Committee; Judiciary Committee; House Ethics Committee 107th General Assembly;  
Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
Counties Represented: Giles and Marshall Counties—65th Representative District
Harry Brooks
Of Knox County
Chamber Seat No. 47

Address: 6600 Washington Pike, Knoxville 37918; Date of Birth: 09/04/46; Marital Status: Married; Children: 2; Occupation: Retired Law Enforcement/Retired Business Owner; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Graduate work, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Undergraduate work, Speech and Communication, Carson Newman College; Graduate of Maryville High School; Organizations and Affiliations: Knoxville Civitan; Knox County Republican Clubs; Past Advisory Board for Millertown Group Home; Past Member, United Way Allocations; Gideon's International; National Rifle Association; Member of the Deacon Board and Sunday School Teacher at Union Baptist Church; Selective Service Board; Honors and Awards: Elected Assistant Minority Leader, 105th General Assembly; Previous Service: Knox County School Board, 1992-1996; Knox County Retirement and Pension Board, 1987-1995; Member: 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Knox County—19th Representative District

Kevin D. Brooks
Of Bradley County
Chamber Seat No. 33

Address: P.O. Box 4801, Cleveland 37320; Date of Birth: 05/04/67; Marital Status: Married to Kim; Children: 2; Occupation: Public Relations/Conference Management; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Church of God; Education: B.A., Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee; Organizations and Affiliations: Former Board Member of Main Street Cleveland, Tennessee; Former Division Chair of United Way of Bradley County; Former Officer and Board Member of Rotary Club of Cleveland; Religious Conference Management Association; Honors and Awards: 2009 Legislator of the Year, Rural Health Association of TN; 2009 Legislative Officer of the Year, TN Wing Civil AIP Patrol; 2010 Bronze Good Citizenship Award, TN SSAR, National Society SAR; Previous Service: Past Cleveland City Planning Commissioner; Past Chair Blue Ribbon Advisory Council - City Schools; Vice Chairman of the Children and Family Affairs Committee, 107th; Chairman of the Children and Family Affairs General Subcommittee, 107th; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Bradley County—24th Representative District

Dr. Tommie F. Brown
Of Hamilton County
Chamber Seat No. 5

Address: 603 N. Highland Park Avenue, Chattanooga 37404; Marital Status: Single; Occupation: Retired Educator; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.A., Dillard University; M.S.W., Washington University, St. Louis, MO; D.S.W., Columbia University; Organizations and Affiliations: National Political Congress of Black Women; Hamilton County Democratic Women's Club; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Member: 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton County—28th Representative District
Shelia Butt
Of Maury County
Chamber Seat No. 29

Address: 3870 Albert Matthews Road, Columbia 38401; Date of Birth: 11/20/51; Marital Status: Married; Children: 3; Occupation: Motivational Speaker; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Church of Christ; Education: B.S. in English, East Tennessee State University; Organizations and Affiliations: NRA, Tennessee Right to Life, Tennessee Firearms Association, Maury Alliance, Maury County Right to Life, Fraternal Order of Police; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Maury County—64th Representative District

Scotty Campbell
Of Johnson County
Chamber Seat No. 98

Address: 632 South Shady Street, Mountain City 37683; Date of Birth: 2/21/84; Occupation: 911 Police/Fire/EMS Dispatcher; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S., Cumberland University; Graduate of Johnson County High School; Organizations and Affiliations: Neva Volunteer Fire Department, Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Johnson County Chamber of Commerce; Previous Service: Staff Member of the 105th and 106th General Assemblies; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Johnson and Part of Sullivan Counties—3rd Representative District

Karen D. Camper
Of Shelby County
Chamber Seat No. 68

Address: 1184 Old Hickory Road, Memphis 38116; Date of Birth: 01/15/58; Marital Status: Divorced; Children: 1—Bruce, Jr.; Occupation: Business Owner; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: A.S., University of Albany, SUNY; University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Certificate, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Team Course, U.S. Army; Certificate, Equal Opportunity Leadership Course, U.S. Army; Certificate, Primary, Basic and Advanced Leadership Development Courses, U.S. Army; Certificate, Basic, Operations, and Advanced Management Courses, U.S. Army; Organizations and Affiliations: Owner of Key II Entertainment; Substitute teacher in the Memphis City School System; Member of the Shelby County Delegation; Member of the Tennessee Legislative Black Caucus; Junior Vice VFW Post #11333; Executive Director, The Humble Hearts Foundation, Inc.; Chairperson/CEO, Joint Services Black Heritage Committee; Treasurer, Order of the Eastern Star; Treasurer, Harambee Social Club; Anne Arundel County NAACP; Maryland Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Dinner Committee; Charter Member of Women in Military Service for America; Lifetime Member of Black in Government; NOBEL/Women Regional Coordinator for Southern Region; National Black Caucus of State Legislators Region IV Vice President; Secretary, Shelby County Delegation; Honors and Awards: 1999 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Keeping the Dream Alive" Award; 2000 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Drum Major Award;" 2000 Fort Meade Maryland Volunteer of the Year Award; Intelligence Security Command's (INSCOM) 1st Runner Up NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award; Two Maryland Governor's Citations for Community Service; Maryland House of Delegates Citation; Anne Arundel County Executive Citation; Anne Arundel County Council Citation; Annapolis City Mayor's Certificate of Distinguished Citizenship; Anne Arundel County Superintendent of Schools Certificate of Recognition; Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Military Volunteer Medal; Military Intelligence Corps Association Knowlton 1776 Award; Previous Service: Retired member of the United States Army; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—87th Representative District
Joe S. Carr  
Of Rutherford County  
Chamber Seat No. 17  

Address: 3750 Overall Road, Lascassas 37085; Date of Birth: 03/25/58; Marital Status: Married; Children: 3—Erin, Maddie, and Joe, Jr.; Occupation: Business Owner/Farmer; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Christian; Education: B.S., Middle Tennessee State University; 60+ hours of graduate work at Middle Tennessee State University; Organizations and Affiliations: National Federation of Independent Businesses; NRA; National Right to Life; Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; Middle Tennessee Business Future 50; Past Treasurer, Murfreesboro Lions Club; Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Private Pilot; Blue Raider Athletic Association; State Commission on Aging and Disability; Honors and Awards: Appointed to the 106th Commerce Committee, Small Business Subcommittee, State and Local Government Committee, and State Subcommittee; 107th, Secretary of Education Committee; Vice-Chair of Education Subcommittee; Member of Finance Ways and Means Committee; Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Rutherford County—48th Representative District

Glen Casada  
Of Williamson County  
Chamber Seat No. 46  

Address: 4893 Bethesda-Duplex Road, College Grove 37046; Date of Birth: 08/02/59; Marital Status: Married—spouse Jill; Children: 4; Occupation: Sales; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist—member of the Brentwood Baptist Church; Education: B.S., Agriculture and Education, Western Kentucky University; Organizations and Affiliations: Community Housing Partnership for Williamson County; Williamson County Republican Party; Member of the Williamson County/Franklin, Brentwood, Nolensville, and Spring Hill Chambers of Commerce; Franklin Noon Rotary; Williamson County Commission- 1994-2001; Honors and Awards: Chairman of House Republican Caucus- 105th & 106th General Assembly; 107th General Assembly Committees: Children and Family Affairs, Consumer and Employee Affairs, Calendar and Rules, Chairman of Health and Human Resources; Previous Service: Member of Williamson County Commission, 1994-2001; Member: 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Williamson County—63rd Representative District

Jim Cobb  
Of Rhea County  
Chamber Seat No. 77  

Address: 169 East Ridge Road, Spring City 37381; Marital Status: Married—spouse Suzanne; Occupation: Retired TVA Manager - Watts Bar Nuclear Plant; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Public Administration from Memphis State University; Organizations and Affiliations: Member of the Wolf Creek Baptist Church; Licensed in Real Estate; Chairman of the Rhea County Republican Headquarters Committee; Past Treasurer of the Rhea County Republican Party; Dayton, Spring City, and Hamilton County Chambers of Commerce; Hamilton County Pachyderm Club; Member of the House Republican Caucus Efficiency in Government Task Force; Member of American Legion Post 203; Honors and Awards: 2007 Mental Health Consumer Association Legislator of the Year; Previous Service: Member, House Government Operation; Member, House Health and Human Resources Committee; Member, Subcommittee of Health, 105th General Assembly; Secretary, House Government Operations; Member, House Health and Human Resources Committee; Member of House Republican Caucus Efficiency in Government Operations Committee; Member, Sub Committee of Children and Family Affairs, 106th General Assembly; Chairman, House Government Operations; Member, House State and Local Government Committee; Member, Sub Committee of State and Local Government; Member, House Calendar and Rules Committee, 107th General Assembly; Veteran of the United States Army; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton and Rhea Counties—31st Representative District
Jim Coley  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 86

Address: 2498 Kenwood Lane, Bartlett 38134;  
Date of Birth: 02/11/51; Marital Status: Married—spouse Paula;  
Children: 2—Erin and Evan; Occupation: Teacher—Bolton High School;  
Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Church of Christ;  
Education: B.A. with Honors, Memphis State University;  
Organizations and Affiliations: Co-founder, Friends of the Orpheum; Co-founder, Bartlett/ Northeast Republican Club; Sponsor, Memphis Bridges; Shelby County Education Association; Omicron Delta Kappa; Pi Sigma Alpha; Phi Alpha Theta;  
Honors and Awards: Lincoln Award, Shelby County Republican Party; Grassroots Award, Shelby County Republican Party; Rotarian Nominee Teacher of the Year; Fulbright - Hayes Study Group, Central China Normal University;  
Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—97th Representative District

Barbara W. Cooper  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 66

Address: 99 N. Main Street, No. 2105, Memphis 38103;  
Date of Birth: 08/04/29; Marital Status: Widowed; Children: 3;  
Occupation: Retired Educator; Political Preference: Democrat;  
Religious Preference: Catholic;  
Education: Ph.D., Religious Philosophy and Christian Psychology, Jacksonville Theological Seminary; M.Ed., Tennessee State University; 45 hours post Graduate, Curriculum and Instruction, University of Tennessee; B.S., Tennessee State University; Graduate of Manassas High School, Memphis, Tennessee;  
Organizations and Affiliations: Tennessee State University Alumni; Shelby County Democratic Women; WAND/WILL Social Action (St. Augustine Church); NAACP; Women In Government; Past President, Tennessee Community Education Association (TCEA); Les Belle Charmant; Former Member, Shelby County Democratic Executive Committee; National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL); District 86 Advisory Council; Southwest Community Education Advisory Committee; Education Leadership Council;  
Honors and Awards: Cooper/Jones Initiative; Citizens for Better Service; Outstanding Service, St. Augustine School;  
Member: 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—86th Representative District

Charles Curtiss  
Of White County  
Chamber Seat No. 38

Address: 120 General Jones Road, Sparta 38583;  
Date of Birth: 02/09/47; Marital Status: Married—spouse Peggy; Children: 1—Nichole;  
Occupation: Manufacturing; Political Preference: Democrat;  
Religious Preference: Freewill Baptist;  
Education: Graduate of Glencliff High School;  
Organizations and Affiliations: American Legion; Shriner; York Rite Mason; 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason; Past Master Sparta Lodge #99; Member, White County Farm Bureau; Lion’s Club;  
Previous Service: Veteran of the United States Marine Corps; Former White County Commissioner; Former White County Executive;  
Member: 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
Counties Represented: White and parts of Putnam and Warren Counties—43rd Representative District
Vince Dean  
Of Hamilton County  
Chamber Seat No. 13

Address: 1633 John Ross Road, East Ridge 37412; Date of Birth: 01/07/59; Marital Status: Married—spouse Debbie; Children: 3—Justin, Olivia and Sallie Kate; Occupation: Retired Police Officer/Retired Mayor; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Graduate of the Baylor School in Chattanooga; Attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Cleveland State; Organizations and Affiliations: East Ridge Masonic Lodge #755; Alhambra Shrine; East Ridge Education Committee; Former Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Board Member; Former Chair of the TML Public Safety Policy Committee; Former Member of National League of Cities (NLC) Public Safety Advisory Committee; Previous Service: Former Mayor of East Ridge; Former three-term council member in East Ridge; Republican House Floor Leader Member: 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton County—30th Representative District

John J. Deberry, Jr.  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 37

Address: 1207 Sledge Street, Memphis 38104; Date of Birth: 02/05/51; Marital Status: Married; Children: 2—Chevida and Victoria; Occupation: Marketing/Advertising/Public Relations Executive; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Church of Christ; Education: Graduate of Freed-Hardeman University and the University of Memphis; Organizations and Affiliations: Board of Trustees, Freed-Hardeman University; Chairman, DMC Taskforce; Select Oversight Committee on Children and Youth; NAACP; Boy Scouts of America; Juvenile Court Advisory Council; Chairman, Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators; NCSL Human Services and Welfare Committee; Honors and Awards: Appointed Chairman of the House Children and Family Affairs Committee, 103rd through 106th General Assemblies; 2005 Legislator of the Year, Junior Leagues of Tennessee; 2006 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police; Chairman of Black Caucus for 106th General Assembly; Member: 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—90th Representative District
Lois M. DeBerry  
**Of Shelby County**  
**Chamber Seat No. 93**  

**Address:** 2429 Verdun Street, Memphis 38114;  
**Marital Status:** Married;  
**Children:** 1;  
**Occupation:** Educator;  
**Political Preference:** Democrat;  
**Religious Preference:** Baptist;  
**Education:** B.A., LeMoyne-Owen College, 1971; LL.D., LeMoyne-Owen College, 1997;  
**Honors and Awards:** 2006 Pfizer Visionary Leadership Award; 2002 Los Angeles African-American Women PAC Committee Women's Hall of Fame; 2001 NBCL Labor Roundtable Appreciation Award; Seconded the Nomination for Vice-President Al Gore at the 2000 Democratic National Convention; 2000 Tennessee Association of Family and Consumer Science Vision Award; 2000 William M. Bulger Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award; 1999 Inductee of the Memphis City Schools Alumni Hall of Fame; 1999 Dr. Henry Logan Starks Distinguished Service Award; 1998 Arthur S. Holmmon Lifetime Achievement Award; 1997 The Kansas City Globe 100 Most Influential African-Americans; 1997 The Harold Bradley Legislative Leadership Award; 1996 Recipient of the Pioneer Award-National Political Congress of Black Women Inc.; 1994 NBCL Legislative of the Year Award; Honored for assistance during the Tennessee State University Student Protest Negotiations in 1990; 1990 Martin Luther King Drum Major Award; 1979 Shelby State Community College Outstanding Woman in Corrections Award; The Lois DeBerry Correctional Institute for Special Need Offenders was named in her honor in 1977; Outstanding Women in Community Service Award, Epsilon Eilon Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Social Service Award Memphis Chapter of LINKS; Glorification of the Image of Black Womanhood Award; Outstanding Woman of the Year, Radio Station KWAM Gospel; Tri-State Woman of the Year; 2009 NBCL Humanitarian of the Year Award; 2010 TSU Women of Legend and Merit Award Recipient;  
**Previous Service:** Member, Finance Ways and Means Committee; General Subcommittee of Finance, Education Committee; General Subcommittee of Education;  
**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby County—91st Representative District

Vance W. Dennis  
**Of Hardin County**  
**Chamber Seat No. 51**  

**Address:** 545 Cedar Cove Lane, Savannah 38372;  
**Date of Birth:** 12/09/75;  
**Marital Status:** Married—spouse Ashley;  
**Children:** 2;  
**Occupation:** Attorney;  
**Political Preference:** Republican;  
**Religious Preference:** Baptist;  
**Education:** B.S. in Agriculture, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law;  
**Organizations and Affiliations:** Savannah Lions Club Member and Past President; Hardin County Skills, Inc. Board Member and Past Chairman; Hardin County Chamber of Commerce Past Board Member; Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Kappa Chapter Past President;  
**Previous Service:** Secretary of the Judiciary Committee, 107th; Vice Chairman of the Judiciary General Subcommittee, 107th;  
**Member:** 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
**Counties Represented:** Hardin, McNairy and Part of Decatur Counties—71st Representative District
Bill Dunn
Of Knox County
Chamber Seat No. 48

Address: 5309 LaVesta Road, Knoxville 37918; Date of Birth: 07/03/61; Marital Status: Married—spouse Stacy; Children: 5—Daniel, Katie, Elizabeth, Rachel and Michael; Occupation: Qual Pro; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Catholic; Education: B.S. in Animal Science, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; M.S. in Extension Education, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Organizations and Affiliations: Tennessee Right to Life; Fountain City Business and Professional Association; Halls Business and Professional Association; Karns Business and Professional Association; Powell Business and Professional Association; Honors and Awards: Elected to Fiscal Review Committee, 104th General Assembly; 2008 Conservative of the Year; Previous Service: Freshman Republican Caucus Chairman, 99th General Assembly; Republican Caucus Parliamentarian, 100th General Assembly Fiscal Review Committee, 103rd General Assembly; Republican Leader 104th General Assembly; 106th House Calendar and Rules Committee, Chairman; 107th House Calendar and Rules Committee, Chairman; Member: 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Knox County—16th Representative District

Linda Elam
Of Wilson County
Chamber Seat No. 11

Address: 3005 South Waterford Court, Mt. Juliet 37122; Date of Birth: 6/23/59; Marital Status: Single; Occupation: Attorney; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Tennessee (1992); B.S. in Business Administration, University of Tennessee (1981); Organizations and Affiliations: Chair, Eastern Corridor Committee; Regional Transportation Authority; Metropolitan Planning Organization; Board of Directors, Summit Medical Center; Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Mt. Juliet Senior Citizens’ Activity Center; Wilson County Republican Party; Wilson County Republican Women; NRA; Previous Service: Mayor, City of Mt. Juliet; Vice Mayor, City of Mt. Juliet; District Commissioner, Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners; Chair, Mt. Juliet Regional Planning Commission; Vice Chair, Local Government Planning Advisory Committee; Wilson County Joint Economic Community Development Board; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Wilson and Parts of Sumner Counties—57th Representative District
Jimmy A. Eldridge  
Of Madison County  
Chamber Seat No. 71

Address: 29 Emerald Lake Drive, Jackson 38305; Date of Birth: 04/01/48; Marital Status: Married—spouse Carolyn; Children: 2—Steph and Michael; Occupation: Insurance Agent/Businessman/Farmer; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Evangelical Christian; Education: B.S., Chemistry and Biology, Lumbath University; Organizations and Affiliations: Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; Jackson Rotary Club; (Paul Harris Fellow); Pinson Ruritan Club; Former Chairman, Madison County Republican Party (1998-2000); Jackson Symphony Board of Directors; Board of Directors (Advisory), Bancorp South; Member, The Chamber, Jackson; Member, Madison County Farm Bureau; Member, National Rifle Association; Former Chairman of the Board, Fellowship of Christian Athletics; Partner in Education, Jackson-Madison County School System; Former Board Member, West Tennessee Boy Scouts of America; Member, National Association of Sportsmen Legislators; Member, American Legislative Exchange Council; Member, National Council of State Legislators; Executive Board - Southwest Tennessee Development District; Charter Member of the Tennessee Arts Caucus; Honors and Awards: 2004 Southwest Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year; Paul Harris Fellow; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association, 2005; Jackson Affordable Housing, Jo Helen Imani Award, 2007; 2009 United Way Legislator of the Year; Previous Service: 103rd General Assembly, Elected Assistant Republican Floor Leader; 104th and 105th General Assemblies, Republican Caucus Vice Chairman; 106th General Assembly, Chairman of Consumer Affairs Subcommittee, Member of Calander and Rules Committee, Finance Ways and Means Committee, House Ethics Committee, and General Subcommittee of Consumer and Employee Affairs; Member: 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Madison County—73rd Representative District

Joshua G. Evans  
Of Robertson County  
Chamber Seat No. 50

Address: P.O. Box 743, Greenbrier 37073; Date of Birth: 06/27/83; Occupation: Small Business Owner; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Honors Diploma, Greenbrier High School, 2001; B.S. in Mass Communication, Middle Tennessee State University, 2005; Organizations and Affiliations: Springfield Rotary Club, Board Member; Greenridge Civitan Club; Robertson County Historical Society; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Greenbrier; Robertson County and White House Chambers of Commerce; Executive Committee Member and Past Chairman, Robertson County Republican Party; Executive Committee, Robertson County Baptist Association; Tennessee Firearms Association, Life Member; NRA, Life Member; Firefighter/First Responder, Greenbrier Fire Department; Haz-Mat Technician, Robertson County EMA Special Response Team; Leadership Robertson County, Graduate; Leadership Middle Tennessee, Graduate; Previous Service: Alderman, City of Greenbrier, 2004-present Graduate, UT-MTAS Elected Officials Academy, Level 2; Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Robertson County—66th Representative District
Jeremy Faison  
Of Cocke County  
Chamber Seat No. 55

Address: 1009 Country Mountain Road, Cosby 37722; Date of Birth: 9/14/76; Marital Status: Married; Children: 4; Occupation: Small Business Owner; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Christian; Education: Attended Clearwater Christian College and Northland Baptist Bible College; Organizations and Affiliations: Past President, Cocke County Republicans; Board Member, Douglas Cooper Inc., Cocke County Chamber of Commerce; Worship Leader, Crossroads Community Church; NRA; Brushy Mountain Bear Club; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Cocke and Part of Greene Counties—11th Representative District

JoAnne Favors  
Of Hamilton County  
Chamber Seat No. 6

Address: 2441 Meade Circle, Chattanooga 37406; Date of Birth: 08/27/42; Marital Status: Widowed; Children: 4; Marva, Kimberly, Randal, and Karen; 6 grandchildren; Occupation: Health Administration Consultant and Motivational Speaker; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: A.S. in Nursing; B.S. in Nursing; M.S. in Nursing Administration and Adult Health; Organizations and Affiliations: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; Women's Leadership Council; Tennessee and American Nurses Association; ELKS; Springmeade Neighborhood Association; Unity Group Women in Government; National Association of State Legislatures; Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses; Annual Southside Family Reunion Organizer; Hamilton County Democratic Party; Hamilton County Democratic Women’s Club; Howard High School Alumni Association; Hamilton County Commission, 1998-2005; President of Civil Liberties League; Former Administrator of Southside and Dodson Avenue Community Health Centers; Honors and Awards: Mary Walker Historical Association Award; Tennessee Primary Care Association; Southside Reunion Distinguished Service Award; Southside and Dodson Avenue Community Health Centers’ Distinguished Service Award; Tennessee Primary Care Network Award for Leadership; Nurse of the Year-District Four-Tennessee Nurses Association; Previous Service: Elected to the Hamilton County Commission in 1998 and 2002; Citizen of the Year – Excelsior Grand Chapter O.E.S.; Sounds of Unity Heritage Distinguished Service Award; Unbought, Unbossed Award – Girls, Inc.; Member: 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton County—29th Representative District

Richard L. Floyd  
Of Hamilton County  
Chamber Seat No. 16

Address: 306 Altoona Drive, Chattanooga 37415; Date of Birth: 04/17/44; Marital Status: Married; Children: 3 children; 4 grandchildren; Occupation: Retired/Chattanooga Coca-Cola; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Stuart Heights Baptist Church; Education: Attended Hamilton County Public Schools; Organizations and Affiliations: Stuart Heights Baptist Church; Bethel Bible Village; Chattanooga Resource Foundation; Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hamilton County; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; P.T.A.; Christian Businessmen Committee; Pachyderm Club; National Rifle Association; Honors and Awards: Chattanooga Times-Free Press, “Best of Preps” Award for Outstanding Service to the Youth of Hamilton County; 2007 Red Bank Chamber Council Citizen of the Year; 2008 Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association Community Service Award; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton County—27th Representative District
Dale Ford
Of Washington County
Chamber Seat No. 53
Address: 678 Brethren Church Road, Jonesborough 37659; Date of Birth: 07/06/42; Marital Status: Married; Children: 5; Occupation: Farmer and Retired Baseball Umpire; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Protestant; Education: Attended East Tennessee State University; Organizations and Affiliations: Gray Masonic Lodge #575; Ford Gospel Quartet; Deacon of Hawthorne Brethren Church; Shriner; Board of Directors, Kiwanis; Rutlan Club of Bowmantown; Honors and Awards: East Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; Numerous Big League Baseball Special Events; World Series, All Star Baseball and Playoffs; Officiated Major College Basketball 25 Years; Major League Baseball Umpire for 27 years; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Washington and Hawkins Counties—6th Representative District

John Forgety
Of McMinn County
Chamber Seat No. 90
Address: 120 County Road 447, Athens 37303; Date of Birth: 3/28/46; Marital Status: Married; Children: 2; Occupation: Retired; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S., M.H., Ed.S., Ed.D.; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: McMinn and Part of Monroe Counties; Tellico Plains, Rural Vale, Coker Creek—23rd Representative District

Brenda Gilmore
Of Davidson County
Chamber Seat No. 63
Address: 3009 Vista Valley Court, Nashville 37218; Date of Birth: 12/09/52; Marital Status: Married; Children: 1—Erica; Occupation: Retired Director at Vanderbilt University; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Education: B.S. Business, Tennessee State University; Master of Human Resource Development, Vanderbilt University; Graduate, Tennessee Government Executive Institute; Leadership Vanderbilt; Leadership Nashville; Organizations and Affiliations: President, CABLE; Member, League of Women Voters, Nashville Women Political Caucus; Women in the Nineties (WIN); NAACP (Lifetime Member); Tennessee State University Alumni Association; National Hook-Up of Black Women; Music City Chapter of Links; Top Ladies of Distinction; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Former Chair, Senior Expo 2003-04; Former Advisory Board Member, Junior League Former President and Current Board Member and Chair of Strategic Planning and Leadership Committees, Senior Citizens Inc.; Honors and Awards: Inducted into the YWCA Women of Achievement Academy; Spirit of Leadership Presented by CABLE; Public Service Award presented by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Tennessee Masons, and Tennessee State University Alumni Association; Nominated for the Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer of the Year Award in 2003 and 2006; Nominee for the Athena Award in 2003 and 2004; 2004 Advocacy Award by Metro Human Relations Commission; 2004 Harriet Foley Award presented by Senior Citizens, Inc.; 2003 Citizens Award presented by Pentecostal Tabernacle; Excellent Public Services presented by Tennessee Economic Council on Women, 2005; Previous Service: Member of the Nashville-Davidson County Metro Council, 1999-present; Current Chair of the Hospital and Social Services Committee on the Nashville-Davidson County Metro Council; Also served as former Chair of the Budget and Finance, Planning and Zoning, Parks, Library and Recreation, and Tourism and Commerce Committees on the Nashville-Davidson County Metro Council; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—54th Representative District
Jim Gotto
Of Davidson County
Chamber Seat No. 60

Address: 5108 John Hagar Road, Hermitage 37076; Date of Birth: 9/25/49; Marital Status: Married; Children: 2; Occupation: Retired from BellSouth; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Church of Christ; Education: Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, Vanderbilt University (1971); Antioch High School (1967); Una Elementary School; Organizations and Affiliations: Donelson Hermitage Exchange Club; Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Pregnancy Care Center; Board of Directors, Valley View Camp; Previous Service: Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County (2003-Present); Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—60th Representative District

Curtis Halford
Of Gibson County
Chamber Seat No. 31

Address: 127 Old Dyer Trenton Road, Dyer 38330; Marital Status: Married—spouse Charlotte; Children: 2—Lori and Bradley; 3 grandchildren—Kate, Charlotte, Noah, and Jeremiah; Occupation: Retired/Dyer Fiberglass; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Cumberland Presbyterian; Organizations and Affiliations: Casey Counseling Center's Peer Support Group Board of Directors; Dyersburg State Community College; Dyer Station Planning Committee; Gibson County Republican Party; Leadership Gibson County; Previous Service: Veteran of the United States Air Force; Gibson County Commissioner (Chairman of the Emergency Medical Service and Public Safety Committee); Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Gibson and Part of Carroll Counties—79th Representative District

Steve Hall
Of Knox County
Chamber Seat No. 79

Address: 5748 Alcapulco Avenue, Knoxville 37921; Date of Birth: 03/12/56; Marital Status: Married, Janet Hall; Children: 5 Occupation: President and Owner of Interior Finishr Corp., Contracting Business; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Associate of Engineering; Organizations and Affiliations: Served two four year terms on Knoxville City Council; Chairman of Knoxville Beer Board for eight years; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Knox County—18th Representative District
G.A. Hardaway, Sr.
Of Shelby County
Chamber Seat No. 8

Address: 1243 Worthington Street, Memphis 38114; Date of Birth: 06/18/54; Marital Status: Divorced; Children: 3; Occupation: Real Estate Investor; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S. in Finance, DePaul University; Organizations and Affiliations: Member of New Sardis Baptist Church; Board of Directors, Africa in April Festival; Al-Kadosh Shrine Temple; Black Business Association; Board of Directors, Black Family Channel; CBU Black Alumni Association; CBU Oliver Thornton Scholarship Fund; Herendon #10 Masonic Lodge; Served as Founder/Visionary, Chairman, Board of Advisors, Vice-Chairman, and Board of Governors at the Memphis Academy of Health Sciences; NAACP; Rosa Parks Academy; Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church; Rainbow PUSH Coalition - Political Director; Save Liberty.Land Organization; Shelby County Juvenile Court Advisory Council; Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC); Shelby County Democratic Women; Shelby County Debt Collaborative; Dads Against Discrimination (DADS); Previous Service: Member of House Commerce Committee and House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee for the 107th General Assembly Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—92nd Representative District

Bill W. Harmon
Of Sequatchie County
Chamber Seat No. 40

Address: 107 Harmon Drive North, Dunlap 37327; Date of Birth: 08/08/43; Marital Status: Married—spouse Diane; Children: 3; 2 grandchildren; Occupation: Director of Business Development; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Graduate of Deer Park High School, Cincinnati, Ohio; Attended the University of Cincinnati; Organizations and Affiliations: Sequatchie County-Dunlap Chamber of Commerce; Sequatchie County Adult Literacy Council; Sequatchie County Health Council; Past President: Tennessee Short Line Railroad Alliance, Tennessee Association for Special Transportation, Association of Tennessee Valley Counties, Tennessee Human Resource Agency Association; Past Chairman: Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency, Sequatchie Valley Emergency Medical Service, Sequatchie County Democratic Party, Sequatchie Valley Planning and Development Agency, Southeast Community Health Agency; Past Board Member: Tennessee County Executive Association and Tennessee County Services Association; Honors and Awards: Recipient of the prestigious Sequoyah Award; Previous Service: Served 12 Years as Sequatchie County Executive; Served 12 Years as Chairman of the Sequatchie County Commission; Member: 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Sequatchie, Van Buren, Grundy, and Marion Counties—37th Representative District

Michael Harrison
Of Hawkins County
Chamber Seat No. 96

Address: 115 Green Acres Drive, Rogersville 37857; Date of Birth: 09/09; Marital Status: Married—spouse Nikki; Children: 3; 1 grandchild Occupation: Health Care; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Attended Walter State Community College and East Tennessee State University; Organizations and Affiliations: Northeast Community Services, Sneadville/Hancock Community Partners; Rural Health Associates of Tennessee; Northeast Regional Health Council; Previous Service: Former Hancock County Executive; Sessions Judge Hancock County; Member: 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Hancock and part of Hawkins Counties—9th Representative District
David B. Hawk
Of Greene County
Chamber Seat No. 58

Address: 407 Crockett Avenue, Greeneville 37775; Date of Birth: 06/21/68; Marital Status: Married; Children: 1—Lily;
Occupation: Businessman; Political Preference: Republican;
Religious Preference: Lutheran; Education: Attended Tusculum College; Graduated from East Tennessee State University with an Honors Degree in Marketing; Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Program for State and Local Government, July 2006; Organizations and Affiliations: Kiwanis Clubs of Erwin and Greeneville; Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce; Greene County Partnership; Little Theatre of Greeneville, Inc; Main Street: Greeneville; Greeneville Parks and Recreation Department Youth Baseball Coach; Honors and Awards: 2008 First Tennessee Development District legislator of the year; 2008 George Clem Multi-Cultural Association Award; 2008 American council of Young Political Leaders Delegate to China; 2007 Greene County Heritage Trust Award of Merit; Counties Represented: Unicoi and part of Greene Counties—5th Representative District

Ryan A. Haynes
Of Knox County
Chamber Seat No. 80

Address: 8614 Ashbourne Way, Knoxville 37923; Date of Birth: 05/08/1985; Marital Status: Single; Occupation: Insurance; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.A., Magna Cum Laude; University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Organizations and Affiliations: Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee, Board of Directors; UT Political Science Advisory Board; The American Council of Young Political Leaders; East Tennessee Development District, Board of Executive Directors; Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee; East Tennessee Historical Society; Knox Achieves; NRA; Read With Me; Tennessee Alumni Association; West Knox Republican Club; Red Cross Development Council; Knoxville Civitan Club; East Tennessee Development District; Introduction Knoxville; Previous Service: Education Committee, 106th; Higher Education Subcommittee, 106th; State and Local Government Committee, 106th; State Government Subcommittee, 106th; Chairman of the Knox County Delegation; Secretary of the State and Local Government Committee, 107th; Vice Chairman of the State and Local Government Subcommittee, 107th; Calendar and Rule Committee, 107th; Commerce Committee, 107th; Commerce General Subcommittee, 107th; Corrections Oversight Committee; Ad Hoc Lottery Stabilization Committee; Vice Chair House Republican Caucus; Counties Represented: Part of Knox County—14th Representative District
Joey Hensley, M.D.  
Of Lewis County  
Chamber Seat No. 12

Address: 855 Summertown Highway, Hohenwald 38462; Date of Birth: 07/28/55; Marital Status: Married; Children: 3; Occupation: Physician; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Pentecostal; Education: Graduate of Lewis County High School; A.S., Columbia State Community College; B.S., University of Memphis; M.D., University of Tennessee Memphis; Organizations and Affiliations: Fellow, American Academy of Family Physicians; Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians; Tennessee Medical Association; American Medical Association; Former Member and Chairman, Lewis County School Board; Former Lewis County Commissioner; Lewis County Chamber of Commerce; Lewis County Medical Examiner; Founding Member, Lewis County Education Foundation; Honors and Awards: 2003 National Republican Legislators Association President's Award, Leader/Freshman Category; 2004 Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year; Elected Treasurer for the Republican Caucus, 104th and 105th General Assemblies; 2006 Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association Legislator of the Year Award; Previous Service: Assistant Floor Leader of the Republican Caucus for the 103rd General Assembly; Republican Caucus Treasurer for the 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Member: 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Lewis, Lawrence, and part of Wayne Counties—70th Representative District

Matthew J. Hill  
Of Washington County  
Chamber Seat No. 45

Address: P.O. Box 322, Jonesborough 37659; Date of Birth: December 4th; Marital Status: Married; Children: 1; Occupation: Broadcaster; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Christian; Education: A.S. Northeast State Community College; B.S. East Tennessee State University; Organizations and Affiliations: National Rifle Association; Washington County Republican Party; National Federation of Independent Business; Member: 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Washington County—7th Representative District

Andy Holt  
Of Weakley County  
Chamber Seat No. 57

Address: 461 Jewell Store Road, Dresden 38225; Date of Birth: 12/22/81; Marital Status: Married, Ellie; Children: 2, Josie and Andrew; Occupation: Farmer/Businessman; Political Preference: Conservative; Religious Preference: Baptist, Member/Deacon at Long Heights Baptist, McKenzie, TN; Education: MBA, University of Tennessee-Martin (2007); B.S. Agricultural Economics and business/Minor in Animal Science, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2004); Graduate of South-Doyle High School, Knoxville (2000); Organizations and Affiliations: Carroll and Weakley County Chambers of Commerce; Carroll and Weakley County Republican Parties; Member of Tennessee Farm Bureau and Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers; Tennessee Farm FRESH; Tennessee Agritourism Association; Tennessee Pork Producers Association; Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; Past Treasurer of Dresden Rotary Club; The Heritage Foundation; National FFA Alumni Association; Tennessee Right-to-Life; NRA; Tennessee Firearms Association; Beta Gamma Sigma, International Business Studies Society; Previous Service: Weakley County Commissioner; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Weakley and Part of Carroll Counties—76th Representative District
Julia C. Hurley  
**Of Loudon County**  
**Chamber Seat No. 32**

**Address:** 119 Lee Drive, Lenoir City 37771;  
**Marital Status:** Single;  
**Children:** 1, Julia Z. Hurley;  
**Occupation:** Self Employed;  
**Political Preference:** Republican;  
**Religious Preference:** Southern Baptist;  
**Education:** B.A. in Business and Organizational Management/Minor in Economics, Maryville College;  
**Organizations and Affiliations:** Daughters of the American Revolution; Roane County Women’s Republicans; Loudon County Women’s Republicans; Gun Owners of America; NRA; ALEC; National Association of Professional Women; Roane County Chamber; Loudon County Chamber of Commerce; Secretary to the Women’s Caucus; Nashville Republican Women; Secretary, Energy Task Force  
**Member:** 107th General Assembly;  
**Counties Represented:** Roane and part of Loudon Counties—32nd Representative District

Curtis G. Johnson  
**Of Montgomery County**  
**Chamber Seat No. 26**

**Address:** 2599 Memorial Drive Ext, Clarksville 37043;  
**Date of Birth:** 09/29/52;  
**Marital Status:** Married;  
**Children:** 3;  
**Occupation:** Small Business Owner;  
**Political Preference:** Republican;  
**Religious Preference:** Presbyterian;  
**Education:** Attended Clarksville High School; B.B.A., Austin Peay State University; Tennessee School of Banking;  
**Organizations and Affiliations:** Past President Association of the United States Army TN/KY Chapter; Past President Austin Peay Alumni Association (Montgomery County Chapter); Past President Clarksville Shrine Club; Past President Austin Peay Governors Club; Graduate of Leadership Clarksville;  
**Honors and Awards:** Clarksville Jaycees Boss of the Year;  
**Previous Service:** Veteran of the U.S. Navy; Clarksville City Council, 1994-2002; Mayor Pro-Tem, 1996-1997;  
**Member:** 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
**Counties Represented:** Part of Montgomery County—68th Representative District

Phillip Johnson  
**Of Cheatham County**  
**Chamber Seat No. 83**

**Address:** 4050 Beverly Hills Drive, Pegram 37143;  
**Date of Birth:** 03/26/61;  
**Marital Status:** Married—spouse Allison;  
**Children:** 2—Beau and Cannon;  
**Occupation:** Self-Employed—Home Inspector;  
**Political Preference:** Republican;  
**Religious Preference:** Member of Bellevue Community Church;  
**Education:** B.S., Business Administration, University of Arkansas;  
**Organizations and Affiliations:** Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce; Fairview Chamber of Commerce; Member American Society of Home Inspectors; Leadership Cheatham County Alumni; Cheatham County Foster Care Review Board; Harpeth Middle School PTO; Cheatham County Republican Party; Williamson County Republican Party;  
**Previous Service:** Member of the House Conservation and Environment Committee, 103rd and 104th General Assemblies; Member of the House Transportation Committee, 103rd, 104th, and 105th General Assemblies; Member of House Education Committee, 105th General Assembly; Member of House Transportation Committee, 106th; Chairman of House Rural Roads Subcommittee, 106th; Member of House Commerce Committee, 106th; Member of House Utilities and Banking Sub Committee, 106th; Chairman of the Transportation Committee, 107th;  
**Member:** 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
**Counties Represented:** Cheatham and parts of Montgomery and Williamson Counties—78th Representative District
Sherry Jones  
Of Davidson County  
Chamber Seat No. 43

**Address:** 4947 Sherman Oaks Drive, Nashville 37211; **Marital Status:** Single; **Children:** 3—Ricky, Summer, and Carrie; 4 grandchildren—Bailey, Aidan, Isabella, and Parker; **Occupation:** Membership Director; **Political Preference:** Democrat; **Religious Preference:** Methodist; **Organizations and Affiliations:** Board Member, Tennessee Women’s Economic Council; Tennessee Rescue and Restore Human Trafficking Committee; Nashville Women’s Political Caucus; Davidson County Democratic Women; Volunteer for CASA; Board Member, Committee on Housing Solutions for Mental Health; Board Member, Vice Chair, Tennessee Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council; Advisor and Board Member, Exchange Club; Member, Vanderbilt Kennedy Committee, Advisory Council; United Way 211 Board; Metro Nashville Council, 30th District, 1987 to 1995; Member, Metro Nashville Planning Commission, 1991-1994; **Honors and Awards:** Athena Nominee; Legislator of the Year Namesake Award- Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hope Award, Tennessee Youth Advisory Council; United Way Legislator of the Year; Kinship Companion Award; Senior Citizens Leadership Award; Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence Representative of the Year Award; AARP Legislative Leadership Award; Mid Cumberland Council on Children & Youth Leadership Award; Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence Outstanding Legislator; Tennessee Commission on Children & Youth Leadership Award; Kinship Champion Award by the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services; Tennessee State Employees Leadership Award; Tennessee Conservation Voters Award; Tennessee Association of Social Workers Leadership Award; Family & Children Services Leadership Award; ARC Outstanding Leadership Award; Nashville Mental Health Cour Advocacy Award; **Previous Service:** Chair of the Davidson County Delegation, 1996-2000; Member of the Metro Nashville Council for the 30th District, 1987-1995; Member of the Metro Nashville Planning Commission, 1991-1994; **Member:** 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; **Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson County—59th Representative District

Kelly Keisling  
Of Pickett County  
Chamber Seat No. 78

**Address:** 1042 Cordell Hull Memorial Drive, Byrdstown 38549; **Date of Birth:** 3/16/51; **Marital Status:** Married; **Children:** 2; **Occupation:** Insurance; **Political Preference:** Republican; **Religious Preference:** Baptist; **Education:** 2.5 Years at Belmont University, Nashville; **Previous Service:** Pickett County Executive (1994-1998); **Member:** 107th General Assembly; **Counties Represented:** Clay, Jackson, Pickett, Scott and Parts of Anderson Counties—38th Representative District

Michael L. Kernell  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 92

**Address:** 3583 Allandale Lane, Memphis 38111; **Date of Birth:** 12/20/51; **Marital Status:** Married; **Children:** 2; **Occupation:** Legislator; **Political Preference:** Democrat; **Organizations and Affiliations:** Former Member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Member of Tennessee State Employees Association; **Previous Service:** Chair, House Government Operations Committee, Member, 1977-present; Member, Conservation and Environment Committee, 1986-present; Member Environment Subcommittee and Parks and Tourism Subcommittee; Member Calendar and Rules Committee; Labor and Consumer Affairs Committee- 1975-1985; Commerce Committee- 1975-1977; Fiscal Review Committee- 1981-1989; **Member:** 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; **Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby County—93rd Representative District
Ronald W. Lollar  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 91

Address: 7559 Olivia Hill Drive, Bartlett 38133;  
Date of Birth: 08/13/48;  
Marital Status: Married—spouse Brenda;  
Children: 3—Kelly, Shelby, and Matthew;  
Occupation: Manager;  
Political Preference: Republican;  
Religious Preference: Baptist;  
Education: 1967 Graduate of North Side High School in Jackson, Tennessee;  
Associate's Degree in History, Jackson State Community College, 1973;  
B.S. in Political Science, Austin Peay State University, 1975;  
Organizations and Affiliations: Member of the Shelby County School Board, 1998-present;  
Lifetime P.T.A. Member;  
Charter Member of the Arlington Kiwanis Club;  
Former President of Future Farmers of America;  
Former Student Body President at Jackson State Community College;  
Former President of the Student Government Association at Austin Peay;  
F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge, Park Avenue 362;  
Memphis Jaycees;  
Pi Kappa Alpha;  
Austin Peay State University Alumni Association;  
St. Jude Memorial Hunt Member;  
V.F.W. & American Legion;  
D.A.V;  
Memphis Ag Club;  
A.L.E.C;  
Honors and Awards: 1987 Jaycees Outstanding Young Men of America;  
1975 Clarksville Civic Award;  
Outstanding Student Legislator, Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, 1974-1975;  
Who's Who Among Jr. Colleges;  
Carlisle Award;  
Numerous Military Awards, Including the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry,  
Navy Commendation Medal W/V,  
Combat Action Ribbon,  
Navy Unit Citation,  
Meritorious Unit Citation,  
Good Conduct Medal,  
Vietnamese Service Medal,  
and Vietnamese Campaign Medal;  
S/Sgt. Ceremonial White House Guard;  
Army National Guard (E-7), 1980-1982;  
Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—99th Representative District

Jon Lundberg  
Of Sullivan County  
Chamber Seat No. 36

Address: 212 Skyline Drive, Bristol 37620;  
Date of Birth: 06/26/61;  
Marital Status: Married;  
Children: 2—Samantha and Nelson;  
Occupation: Public Relations;  
Political Preference: Republican;  
Religious Preference: Presbyterian;  
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the University of Southern Colorado;  
Attended Graduate School at Wichita State University;  
Organizations and Affiliations: Captain, U.S. Navy Reserve;  
Bristol Morning Rotary Club;  
Kingsport Chamber of Commerce;  
Bristol Chamber of Commerce;  
Tusculum College President's Advisory Board;  
King College President's Roundtable;  
Virginia Intermont Board of Fellows;  
Thomas Green Lecture Series;  
Advisory Board, Neff Center for Science & Technology;  
Vice-President Rocky Mount Living History Museum;  
Past President Tri-Cities Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America;  
National Federation of Independent Business Owners ;  
Sullivan County Republican Party;  
American Legislative Exchange Council;  
United States Naval Institute:  
Naval Reserve Association;  
Reserve Officer's Association;  
32nd Degree Mason;  
NCSL;  
National Rifle Association Lifetime Member;  
Blumingdale Ruitan;  
National Network of Legislators in the Military;  
Honors and Awards: Multiple Awards from the Public Relations Society of America;  
AAA Legislator of the Year;  
AMVETS Legislative Silver Bayonet Award;  
Previous Service: Vice Chair of Commerce Committee;  
Chairman of General Subcommittee of Commerce;  
Member of Judiciary Committee;  
Member of General Subcommittee of Judiciary;  
Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
Counties Represented: Part of Sullivan County—1st Representative District
Pat Marsh
Of Bedford County
Chamber Seat No. 28
Address: 2105 Hwy 130 East, Shelbyville, 37160; Date of Birth: 1/6/49; Marital Status: Married; Children: 2; Occupation: Trucking; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Presbyterian; Education: Graduated University of Tennessee with a B.S. in Transportation; Organizations and Affiliations: Chairman of Board, Big G Express; Board of Directors- Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration; Former President Shelbyville Breakfast Rotary Club; Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce; Board Member- Tennessee Trucking Association; Previous Service: Secretary of the Commerce Committee, 107th; Vice Chairman of the Commerce General Subcommittee, 107th; Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies

Counties Represented: Bedford and parts of Rutherford and Lincoln Counties—62nd Representative District

Jimmy Matlock
Of Loudon County
Chamber Seat No. 52
Address: 190 Matlock Road, Lenoir City 37771; Date of Birth: 02/05/59; Marital Status: Married; Children: 3; Occupation: Business Owner; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Church of the Nazarene; Education: Attended Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Organizations and Affiliations: Board Member of Tellico Reservoir Development Agency; Board Member of Eaton Crossroads Ruritan Club; Board Member of BB&T Bank -Tennessee Region; Board Member of Loudon County United Way; Past President of TN/KY Tire Dealers Association; Board member of East Tennessee Church of the Nazarene Advisory Board; Former Chair of the Loudon County Republican Party; Member of the Loudon, McMinn, Monroe, & Blount County Chambers of Commerce; Previous Service: Secretary of the Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee, 107th; Vice Chairman of the Consumer and Employee Affairs General Subcommittee, 107th; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Parts of Loudon and Monroe Counties—21st Representative District

Michael R. “Mike” McDonald
Of Sumner County
Chamber Seat No. 4
Address: 1695 A.B. Wade Road, Portland 37148; Date of Birth: 02/21/49; Marital Status: Married—spouse Mila; Children: 2—Amy and Lance; Occupation: Farmer; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Church of Christ; Education: B.A., David Lipscomb College; M.A. and Ph.D., University of Illinois; Organizations and Affiliations: Gallatin, Portland, Westmoreland, and White House Chambers of Commerce; Historic Cragfont, Inc.; Bledsoe’s Lick Historical Association; Sumner County Historical Society; Sumner County Museum Association; Tennessee Farm Bureau; Summer County Democratic Party; Honors and Awards: 2009 Legislator of the Year Award, Greater Nashville Regional Council; 2008 Conservation Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Wildlife Federation; 2008 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee AFL-CIO; 2008 Genesis Award, Lindquist Environmental Appalachian Fellowship; 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 Legislative Hero, Tennessee Conservation Voters; 2007 Legislative Excellence Award, Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association; 2002 Appreciation Award, Sierra Club of Tennessee; 2001 City of White House Award in Recognition of Outstanding Public Service, Leadership and Devotion to Office; 2001 Outstanding Representative Award, County Officials Association of Tennessee; 1996 Legislative Award, Tennessee School Board Association; 1997 Legislative Award, Tennessee Sheriff’s Association; 1990-91 Outstanding Faculty Award, Volunteer State Community College; Previous Service: Majority Whip, 100th through 102nd General Assemblies; Chairman of Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee, 105th General Assembly; Member: 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Sumner County—44th Representative District
Steve McManus  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 35

Address: 405 Riveredge Drive, Cordova 38018; Date of Birth: 10/16/51; Marital Status: Married; Children: 2; Occupation: Investment Adviser; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Roman Catholic; Education: Bachelor of Arts, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts; Organizations and Affiliations: Finance Chairman Shelby County Republican Party; Executive Committee, Shelby County Republican Party; Co-Chairman, Cordova Leadership Council; Chairman of the Board, Germantown Community Theatre; Leadership Memphis Graduate, Class of 2005; Regional Business Commentator, Fox News; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—96th Representative District

Don Miller  
Of Hamblen County  
Chamber Seat No. 15

Address: 987 Mountain Laurel Road, Morristown 37814; Date of Birth: 8/19/56; Marital Status: Married, Traci; Children: Matthew and Meagan; Occupation: Business Administration; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S. in Government and Business, Auburn University; M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Organizations and Affiliations: Manley Baptist Church; National Rifle Association; Hamblen County Republican Party; East Tennessee Church Business Administrators Association; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Hamblen County—10th Representative District

Larry J. Miller  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 61

Address: P.O. Box 1673, Memphis 38101; Date of Birth: 03/11/54; Marital Status: Single; Children: 1—Nekayla; Occupation: Professional Fireman; Political Preference: Democrat; Education: Graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Memphis, Tennessee; B.A., Social Science, LeMoyne Owen College; Organizations and Affiliations: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; NAACP; Memphis-Shelby County Center City Commission; Memphis-Shelby County New Arena Public Building Authority (PBA); Previous Service: Former member of the Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee; Member: 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—88th Representative District
Richard Montgomery
Of Sevier County
Chamber Seat No. 82
Address: 1582 Broad River Lane, Sevierville 37876; Date of Birth: 10/24/46; Marital Status: Married—spouse Ann; Children: 1—Megan; Occupation: Retired as Operations Manager with UT-Battelle in Oak Ridge after 27 Years; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist—Valley Grove Baptist Church; Education: Graduate of Seymour High School and Hiawassee Junior College; B.S., University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1972; Organizations and Affiliations: National Rifle Association; Tennessee Farm Bureau; National Association of Sportsmen Legislators; The Sons of the Revolution; Board Member of the Sevier County Library Foundation; Former Member, Tennessee School Board Association; Honors and Awards: 2010 Hospitality Association Legislator of the Year; Previous Service: Member of the Sevier County School Board for 16 Years, 8 Years as Chairman; Member: 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Sevier County—12th Representative District

Gary W. Moore, Sr.
Of Davidson County
Chamber Seat No. 64
Address: 2946 Morgan Road, Joelton 37080; Date of Birth: 12/31/48; Marital Status: Married—spouse Gloria; Children: 2—Kimberly and Gary; 4 grandchildren—Savannah, Jackson, Courtney, and Pierce; Occupation: Fire Fighter/EMT; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist—Joelton First Baptist Church; Education: Attended Volunteer State Community College and National Labor College; Organizations and Affiliations: Nashville Fire Fighters Union IAFF Local 140; Tennessee AFL-CIO; Nashville and Middle Tennessee Labor Council; Tennessee State Employees Association (TSEA); Goodlettsville, Madison, and Bellevue Chambers of Commerce; Joelton Civitan Club; Whites Creek Community Club; RURAL; Past Recording Secretary, Vice-President, and President of Nashville Fire Fighters IAFF Local 140; Past Member of the Davidson County Democratic Executive Committee District One; Past President of the Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters Association (TPFFA); Past President of the Southern Federation of Professional Fire Fighters (SFPPF); Member: 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—50th Representative District

Frank S. Niceley
Of Jefferson County
Chamber Seat No. 25
Address: 1023 Creek Road, Strawberry Plains 37871; Date of Birth: 03/03/47; Marital Status: Married; Children: 4; Occupation: Farmer; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Methodist; Education: B.S., University of Tennessee, 1969; Organizations and Affiliations: Farm Bureau; National Rifle Association; Member: 96th, 97th, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Parts of Jefferson and Knox Counties—17th Representative District
Gary Odom  
Of Davidson County  
Chamber Seat No. 42  
Address: 119 Dunham Springs Lane, Nashville 37205; Date of Birth: 11/01/51; Marital Status: Married; Children: 2; Occupation: Association Executive Director; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S., East Tennessee State University, 1975; Master's Degree, Eastern Kentucky University, 1975; Organizations and Affiliations: Former Member, Metro Council 23rd District; Past President, Tennessee Society of Association Executives; Honors and Awards: 1998 Outstanding Conservation Advocate; 1998 Award for Meritorious Service in Environmental Protection; 1998 Legislator of the Year by the Rural Health Association of Tennessee; 1995 Tennessee Academy of Physicians Association’s Legislator of the Year; 1993 Environment Action Fund Outstanding Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Physical Therapy Association 1993 Legislator of the Year; 1991 Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Nurses Association Legislator of the Year, 1993 and 1995; Honorary Registered Nurse, 1994; Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence Legislator of the Year, 1994 and 1995; 1995 William V. Corr Award; The 1993 Martha Wyatt Legacy Award for the Advancement of Victims Rights; 1988 ARC/TN Legislator of the Year; 1993 Tennessee Conservation League Legislator of the Year; 1996 National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health Legislator of the Year; Previous Service: Chairman, Davidson County Delegation, 98th General Assembly; Vice-Chairman, Conservation and Environment Committee, 99th through 102nd General Assemblies; Member, Fiscal Committee, 99th and 100th General Assemblies, Majority Leader 105th and 106th General Assemblies; Members: 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—55th Representative District  

Antonio ‘2 Shay’ Parkinson  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 7  
Date of Birth: 07/17 Occupation: Firefighter, Lt. West Shelby County Fire Department; Retired US Marine; Desert Storm Veteran; Organizations and Affiliations: Founder, A Better Memphis.Com; Founder/Organizer, The Block Party for Peace; Memphis and Shelby County Music Commission; Former President, Frayser Exchange Club; 2007 Board Member, Frayser Community Development Corporation; Former Vice President, Raleigh Community Council; President, The Voice of Raleigh and Frayser Community Action Network; Fresh Starts Community Baby Shower Initiative to Lower the Infant Mortality Rate in Shelby County; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—98th Representative District  

Joe Pitts  
Of Montgomery County  
Chamber Seat No. 1  
Address: 544 Hay Market Road, Clarksville 37043; Date of Birth: 08/15/58; Marital Status: Married—spouse Cynthia; Children: 5; Occupation: Banker; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Inter-Denominational; Education: B.S. from Austin Peay State University; Organizations and Affiliations: Member of Faith Outreach Church; Austin Peay State University Foundation Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce; 1999 Graduate of Leadership Clarksville; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Member; Tennessee Bankers Association, Member; Clarksville-Montgomery County Education Foundation, President of Board of Directors; APSU School of Nursing Advisory Board, Member; APSU STEM Center Advisory Board, Member; Honors and Awards: 2009 William V. Corr Award, Tennessee Primary Care Association; 2009 Public Official of the Year, Tennessee Chapter of National Association of Social Workers; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Montgomery County—67th Representative District
Mark Pody  
Of Wilson County  
Chamber Seat No. 69

Address: 505 Windham Trail, Lebanon 37090;  
Date of Birth: 4/23/56;  
Marital Status: Married;  
Children: 2;  
Occupation: Insurance;  
Political Preference: Republican;  
Religious Preference: Christian;  
Education: CLU-CHFC; LUTCF-FICF;  
Organizations and Affiliations: NAIFA; Tennessee Firearms Association; Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Trousdale Chamber of Commerce;  
Member: 107th General Assembly;  
Counties Represented: Cannon, Trousdale and Part of Wilson Counties—46th Representative District

Dennis Powers  
Of Campbell County  
Chamber Seat No. 81

Address: 139 Preston Circle, Jacksboro 37757;  
Date of Birth: 9/14/53;  
Marital Status: Married, Tracy;  
Occupation: Insurance Agent;  
Political Preference: Republican;  
Religious Preference: Baptist;  
Education: B.S. in Business Administration, University of Tennessee; LaFollette High School;  
Organizations and Affiliations: South Campbell County Rotary Club, President; Chamber of Commerce; Campbell County Young Republicans, President; Goodwill Industries, Committee Chair (1992); Golf Coach and Adopter, Jacksboro Middle School, Senior League Baseball Coach, Volunteer; LaFollette Medical Center; Boy Scouts of America, Committee Chair; Mentor Program at West LaFollette Elementary School; Friends of Cove Lake State Park; National Right to Life; National Rifle Association; Campbell County Habitat for Humanity Board; American Cancer Society, Relay for Life; Adopt-A-School Program, Committee Chair; First Baptist Church of Jacksboro; Campbell County Jaycees;  
Member: 107th General Assembly;  
Counties Represented: Campbell and Union County—36th Representative District

Mary Pruitt  
Of Davidson County  
Chamber Seat No. 41

Address: 1813 Hillside Avenue, Nashville 37203;  
Date of Birth: 02/03/34;  
Marital Status: Widowed—spouse Charles;  
Children: 2—Renaldo and Marilyn;  
4 grandchildren;  
Occupation: Retired Educator;  
Political Preference: Democrat;  
Religious Preference: United Methodist;  
Education: B.S. and M.Ed., Tennessee State University; Additional Studies at the University of Northern Colorado;  
Organizations and Affiliations: Honorary Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; Member of the Adah Chapter/Order of Eastern Star; Former Member of 100 Black Women of Nashville; Former Member of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women; Member of Commissioners for the State Fair Board; Former Member of the [Nashville] Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council; Trustee, Meharry Medical College; Ex Officio, South Central Neighborhood Developmental Corporation; Past Delegate, Jesse Jackson for President, 1988; Past President, Nashville Club of the Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. and Tennessee Middle District Civil Liberties League; Former Board Member of the Rochelle Center, the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville, the Matthew Walker Health Center, the Nashville Urban League, and TRAC; Davidson County Democratic Women; Former Member, Daughter of Elks;  
Honors and Awards: The Metro Nashville Pruitt Branch Library is named in honor of her and her late husband's contributions to the community;  
Previous Service: Chairperson of the Public Health Subcommittee; Vice-Chairman of the Health and Human Resources Committee; Member of the State and Local Government and Fiscal Review Committees;  
Member: 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies;  
Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—58th Representative District
John Ragan  
Of Anderson County  
Chamber Seat No. 74

Address: 119 Morningside Drive, Oak Ridge 37830; Date of Birth: 12/16/48; Marital Status: Married—spouse Liz; Children: 2—Amanda and Patrick; Occupation: Business Consultant; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: South Baptist; Education: Air Force Academy; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; University of Oklahoma; University of Southern California; and University of Tennessee; Organizations and Affiliations: Retired Air Force Fighter Pilot; Grace Baptist Church, video ministry Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Anderson County—33rd Representative District

Bob Ramsey  
Of Blount County  
Chamber Seat No. 88

Address: 2120 Middlewood Drive, Maryville 37803; Date of Birth: 03/13/47; Marital Status: Married—spouse Margaret; Children: 2—Heather and Haley; 1 granddaughter, Greer; Occupation: Dentist; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S. in Biology, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; D.D.S., University of Tennessee at Memphis; Organizations and Affiliations: Blount County Board of Health; Regional Solid Waste Authority; Agricultural Extension Committee; Community Action Agency; Regional Planning Commission; Kiwanis Club of Maryville; Previous Service: Chairman of the Blount County Board of Commissioners; Interim County Executive of Blount County; Acting County Mayor of Blount County; Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Blount County—20th Representative District

Barrett Rich  
Of Fayette County  
Chamber Seat No. 56

Address: P.O. Box 505, Somerville 38068; Date of Birth: 06/14/77; Marital Status: Married; Children: 1, Alexis Occupation: Business; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Methodist; Education: B.S. in Management, Bethel College; Graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy; Graduate of the Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper School; Nashville School of Law Organizations and Affiliations: Somerville Rotary Club; Young Republicans; 32nd Degree Mason; Tennessee Right To Life; Fraternal Order of Police; Farm Bureau; Board Member, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce; Oakland Chamber of Commerce; South Tipton Chamber of Commerce; Honors and Awards: Elected Assistant Majority Floor Leader for the 106th General Assembly; Eagle Scout; Farm Bureau President's Award; Member: 106th and 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Fayette and Parts of Hardeman and Tipton Counties—94th Representative District
Jeanne Richardson
Of Shelby County
Chamber Seat No. 67
Address: 797 North Evergreen, Memphis 38107; Marital Status: Single; Children: 3, 1 grandchild; Occupation: Health and Human Resources Development; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Catholic; Education: B.A. Cum Laude, Social Work, Memphis State University, 1971; University of Tennessee School of Social Work, 1977; Masters of Public Administration, Health Services Administration, Memphis State University, 1980; Completed coursework of Ph.D. in Health Services Research-Outcomes, St. Louis University; Organizations and Affiliations: Board Member, Friends for Life; Memphis International Visitors Council Board of Directors; NAACP Lifetime Member; Democratic Executive Committee, 1995-1997; Former Treasurer, Shelby County Democratic Party; Delegate, Democratic National Convention, 2004; Honors and Awards: Dorothea Dix Award – “Tennessee Mental Health Professional of the Year;” Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations, 1997 – Cited for Leading the Opposition to Negative Impacts of TennCare on Mental Health; YWCA Leadership Award; 1990 – Honored for Being an “Outstanding Role Model” for Young Women; Pi Alpha Public Administrators Honorary Membership for Outstanding Alumni; Previous Service: Member, House Children and Family Affairs Committee, House Health and Human Resources Committee, and House Children and Family Affairs Subcommittee, 107th General Assembly; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County – District 89

Dennis E. “Coach” Roach
Of Grainger County
Chamber Seat No. 54
Address: 4519 Highway 92, Rutledge 37861; Marital Status: Married—spouse Glenda; Children: 3—Willie, Candace, and Julia; Occupation: Teacher/Coach; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Organizations and Affiliations: Gideon's International; Tennessee Coaches Association; Previous Service: Vice Chairman of the Calendar and Rules Committee, 107th; Member: 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Claiborne, Grainger, and Part of Jefferson Counties—35th Representative District

Bill Sanderson
Of Obion County
Chamber Seat No. 84
Address: 3804 Concord Road, Kenton 38233; Date of Birth: 9/26/59; Marital Status: Married, Valerie; Children: 3, Cerissa, Will and Garrett; Occupation: Retailer, Farmer-Viticulturist; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Methodist; Education: B.S. in Business Administration, Lambuth University (1981); Kenton High School; Organizations and Affiliations: Kenton Special School District Trustee; Obion County Chamber of Commerce; Kappa Alpha Order Alumni; First State Bank Advisory Board; Obion County Republican Party; National Rifle Association; Tennessee Firearms Association; Tennessee Farm Bureau; Tennessee Viticulture Association; Previous Service: Kenton Merchants Association, Chairman; Kenton City Zoning and appeal Board, Member; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Obion, Lake and Part of Dyer County—77th Representative District
Charles Michael Sargent, Jr.
Of Williamson County
Chamber Seat No. 34
Address: 117 Ashton Park Blvd., Franklin 37067; Date of Birth: 02/03/45; Marital Status: Married—spouse Nancy; Children: 3—Margaret, David, and Shawn; Occupation: Insurance Agent; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Presbyterian; Education: Attended Pace University in New York City; Organizations and Affiliations: Member of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Brentwood and Williamson County Chambers of Commerce; Williamson County Republican Party; Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Board Member; Co-founder and Past President of the Grassland Athletic Association; Williamson Medical Foundation Board Member; Honors and Awards: Outstanding Representative 2001, County Officials Association of Tennessee; 2002 and 2003 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; Chairman FWM Committee for 107th General Assembly; Member of Commerce Committee of 107th General Assembly; Previous Service: Williamson County Commissioner, 1990-1996; Williamson County Planning Commission, 1989-1997; Veteran, United States Navy, 1965-1967; House Republican Whip, 101st and 102nd General Assemblies; Elected House Republican Caucus Chairman, 103rd and 104th General Assemblies; Vice Chairman House Finance Ways and Means Committee 106th General Assembly; Vice Chairman House Budget Subcommittee 106th General Assembly; Member of the House Commerce and Finance, Ways and Means Committees, 103rd, 104th, 105th, and 106th General Assemblies; Member: 106th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Williamson County—61st Representative District

Cameron Allan Sexton
Of Cumberland County
Chamber Seat No. 27
Address: 186 Homestead Drive, Crossville 38555; Date of Birth: 11/11/70; Marital Status: Divorced; Children: 2; Occupation: Sales and Marketing; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.A., University of Tennessee (1994); Oak Ridge High School (1989); Organizations and Affiliations: Crossville Noon Rotary Club; Friends of Cumberland Mountain State Park; Relay for Life; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Cumberland and Bledsoe Counties—25th Representative District

Johnny W. Shaw
Of Hardeman County
Chamber Seat No. 44
Address: 123 West Market Street, Bolivar 38008; Date of Birth: 01/05; Marital Status: Married; Children: 6; Occupation: Businessman/Minister; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Degree in Theology, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Jackson, TN- Campus; Organizations and Affiliations: 1992-2000 Rotary Club of Bolivar; West Tennessee River Basin Authority Board Member; Board Member: West Tennessee Mental Health Facility; Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce; Lifetime Member of the NAACP; Mayor's Character First Program, Brownsville; Founding Member of the Shaw Singers; Rural West Tennessee Caucus; Honors and Awards: 2008 Big Brothers, Big Sisters Appreciation & Service Award; 2005 West Tennessee African American Entrepreneurs, C.A. Rawls Bridge Builder Award; 2004 William Henry Miles Outstanding Community Service Award; 2003 Jackson Affordable Housing's Jo Helen Imani Award; 2002 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; 2000 West Tennessee Black Business Association Chairman's Award; Previous Service: Past-Chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus; Member of House Agriculture Committee; Member of House Finance Ways and Means Committee; Member: 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Hardeman and Part of Madison Counties—80th Representative District
David A. Shepard
Of Dickson County
Chamber Seat No. 85

Address: 204 McCreary Heights, Dickson 37055; Date of Birth: 10/06/47;
Marital Status: Married—spouse Martha; Children: 3; Chris, Stacey, and Ben;
Occupation: Pharmacist; Political Preference: Democrat;
Religious Preference: Methodist; Education: B.S., University of Tennessee; Martin;
B.S., Pharmacy, University of Tennessee-Memphis College of Pharmacy;
Pharm D., University of Tennessee-Memphis College of Pharmacy;
Organizations and Affiliations: President and Owner of Community Pharmacy Care, a
Small Chain of Four Independent Retail Pharmacies; Honors and Awards: 1998 Bowl of Hygia Award, Tennessee Pharmacists Association; 2001 Tom Sharp Pharmacist of the Year, Tennessee Pharmacist Association; 2006 Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award; 2008 Hubert H. Humphrey Award by American Pharmaceutical Association; 2008 University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus; Previous Service: Vietnam Veteran, United States Army, 1969-1971; Dickson City Council and Vice-Mayor, 1977-1989; President and Charter Member, High Noon Rotary Club; Member: 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Dickson and part of Hickman Counties—69th Representative District

Tony Shipley
Of Sullivan County
Chamber Seat No. 30

Address: P.O. Box 6173, Kingsport 37663; Date of Birth: 08/23/53;
Marital Status: Married—spouse Susan; Children: 5; Occupation: Retired USAF;
Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Protestant; Education: Graduate of Sullivan Central High School in Blountville; B.A., University of Tennessee in Knoxville; Post Graduate Intelligence Program (PGIP) at Defense Intelligence College in Washington D.C.; U.A.S.F. Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama; U.S.M.C. Command Staff College, Camp Smith, Hawaii; Paramedic, Northeast State Community College, Blountville; Criticile Care Paramedic, Roane State Community College, Knoxville; Organizations and Affiliations: Colonial Heights Optimist Club, Past President 2007, Lt. Governor 2008; Masonic Lodge 688, 32nd Degree Mason; Order of the Eastern Star, Liberty Chapter; York Rites; Mountain Region Speech and Hearing, Board of Directors; Sullivan County Right to Life; NRA; Kingsport Chamber of Commerce; Sullivan County Republican Party; Tennessee Republican Party Capital Club; Honors and Awards: U.S.A.F. Bronze Star; Optimist Citizen of the Year; Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Sullivan County—2nd Representative District
Janis Baird Sontany  
Of Davidson County  
Chamber Seat No. 62  

Address: 188 Chilton Street, Nashville 37211; Date of Birth: 08/09/46; Marital Status: Divorced; Children: 2; Occupation: Retired/DuPont—21 Years of Service; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Protestant; Education: Attended the University of Tennessee, Nashville; Organizations and Affiliations: Past President - Nashville Women's Political Caucus; Chair - Tennessee Economic Council on Women; Chair-Board Member - Boys and Girls Club of Middle Tennessee; Board Member - YMCA Camp Wijjwagan; Board Member - Progress, Inc.; Women in Numbers (WIN); Democratic Women of Davidson County (DWDC); Member- Metro Council 1995-2003; Honors and Awards: 2006 Government Official of the Year, Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence; 2006 Outstanding Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; 2002 and 2006 Athena Award Nominee, 1998 CMRA Public Leader of the Year; 2008 Outstanding Legislator of the Year; Park and Recreation; 2007 Voice on Hill Award; TAA DAS; 2006 Nashville Humane Society Award of Outstanding Legislative Service; 2007 TN Association Alcohol, Drug and Addiction Services (TAADAS) Outstanding Legislator Award; 2008 Legislative Award from TN Recreation and Parks Association; 2008 Humane Society of United States (HSUS) Humane Legislator Award; 2009 Animal Control Association of TN (ACAT) Outstanding Animal Welfare advocate; 2009 Leadership Award from the AFL-CIO; 2010 Nominee for the AWA Women of Achievement Award; 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—53rd Representative District

Mike Sparks  
Of Rutherford County  
Chamber Seat No. 87  

Address: 114 Woodland Drive, Smyrna 37167; Date of Birth: 1/11/67; Marital Status: Married; Children: 2; Occupation: Business Owner, Realtor and Business Consultant; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Attended Middle Tennessee State University, Volunteer State Community College, Nashville School of Real Estate and Dale Carnegie Institute; Organizations and Affiliations: NFIB Member; Chamber of Commerce Members; Farm Bureau Member; NRA Member; Smyrna Rotary Club; Gideon’s International; American Legislative Exchange Council; Motlow College Advisory Board; Former Rutherford County Commissioner (2002-2010); Former Board Member of American Red Cross; Heart of Tennessee Chapter; Honors and Awards: 2008-2009 Ruthies Award Winner; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Rutherford County—49th Representative
Mike Stewart  
Of Davidson County  
Chamber Seat No. 2

Address: 412 North 16th Street, Nashville 37206; Date of Birth: 1/30/65; Marital Status: Married; Children: 3; Occupation: Attorney; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Methodist; Education: J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law; B.A., History, University of Pennsylvania; Organizations and Affiliations: Locheland Springs Neighborhood Association, Past President; Davidson County Emergency Communications District Board, Past Member; American Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Nashville Bar Association; Honors and Awards: Veteran, Operation Desert Storm; U.S. Eighth Army Distinguished Leader Award; Student Materials Editor, Tennessee Law Review; University of Tennessee National Moot Court Team; Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Davidson County—52nd Representative District

Arthur M. Swann  
Of Blount County  
Chamber Seat No. 73

Address: 3652 Wagon Wheel Road, Maryville 37803; Date of Birth: 10/17/52; Marital Status: Married; Occupation: Forest Product Representative; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Episcopal; Education: B.S., University of Tennessee-Martin (1975); Maryville High School (1971); Organizations and Affiliations: Blount County Commissioner (1978-1982); Maryville College Building and Grounds Committee; Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority Directors; Nine Counties One Vision Directors; Maryville Alleva Home Builders Association; Overlook Mental Health Board of Directors; Previous Service: State Representative of the 20th Representative District (1985-1988); Member: 94th, 95th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Parts of Blount and Sevier Counties—8th Representative District

John C. Tidwell  
Of Humphreys County  
Chamber Seat No. 9

Address: 158 Harbor Circle, New Johnsonville 37134; Date of Birth: 08/15/41; Marital Status: Married Spouse Charlotte; Children: 2 Nicole and John; 2 grandchildren Cassie and John Jr.; Occupation: Professional Civil Engineer TN # 7772; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Methodist; Education: Attended High School in Adamsville; Post Graduate, Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon; B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Organizations and Affiliations: Professional Engineering License #7772; Benton County and Humphreys County Chambers of Commerce. Previous Service: City Council, New Johnsonville; Regional Planning Commission, New Johnsonville; Tennessee River Port Authority; Humphreys County Commission; Regional Solid Waste Board, Humphreys County; Vice Chair, House Conservation and Environment Committee; Member, House Transportation Committee; Chair, House Environment Subcommittee; Member, House Rural Roads Subcommittee; Chair Parks and Environment Subcommittee; Member: 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Humphreys, Houston, Perry, and parts of Hickman and Maury Counties—74th Representative District
Harry J. Tindell
Of Knox County
Chamber Seat No. 19

Address: P.O. Box 27325, Knoxville 37927; Date of Birth: 10/30/60; Marital Status: Single; Occupation: Businessman; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: Fulton High School; B.S., Finance, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Member: 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Knox County—13th Representative District

Curry Todd
Of Shelby County
Chamber Seat No. 89

Address: 944 Hand Forth Cove, Collierville 38017; Date of Birth: 12/31/47; Marital Status: Single; Children: 1; Occupation: Administrator/Retired Business Owner; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Organizations and Affiliations: University of Memphis, Society, Inc.; Board of Directors, University of Memphis and M-Club; Collierville Republican Club; Shelby County Republican Party Steering Committee; Fisherville Civic Club; Collierville Rotary Club; Memphis/Shelby County Job Conference Committee; Memphis Zoological Society; Tennessee Correction Volunteer Advisory Board; President’s Roundtable, University of Tennessee, Memphis; State Chairman, Board of Directors, American Legislation Exchange Council; Tennessee Volunteer Correction Advisory Board; Memphis/Shelby County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame; Wolf River Conservancy; Shelby County Conservative Republican Club; East Shelby County Republican Club; Republican Women of Purpose; Shelby County Republican Women; Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; Shelby County Sports Hall of Fame; National Rifle Association; Previous Service: Tennessee Peace Officers and Training Commission; Chairman, Peace Officers Standard Training Commission (POST); Lobbyist, Fraternal Order of the Police, 1982-87; Chairperson, Criminal Justice Committee, Memphis and Shelby County Job Conference; Lobbyist, Memphis Police Department/Memphis Police Association, 1976-88; Former Member of the Corrections Oversight and Fiscal Review Committee; Member: 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—95th Representative District

Joe Towns, Jr.
Of Shelby County
Chamber Seat No. 65

Address: 4528 St. Honore, Memphis 38116; Marital Status: Single; Occupation: Businessman/Promoter; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church; Education: B.A. in Political Science from LeMoyne-Owen College; M.S. in Operational Management from University of Arkansas in Fayetteville; Organizations and Affiliations: Men of Progress; 100 Black Men; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Gardenview Home Owner Association; Former member of Community Service Action Board and Democratic Executive Committee; Co-founder of C.U.T.E.C. Anti Crime Organization; Member: 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby County—84th Representative District
Johnnie Turner  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 3

Address: 752 W. Levi Road, Memphis 38109;  Marital Status: Widow;  Children: 1, 4 grandchildren;  Occupation: Retired Educator and Non-profit Association Executive Director;  Political Preference: Democrat;  Religious Preference: Baptist;  Education: B.S. LeMoyne Owen College, M.Ed., University of Memphis;  Post Graduate studies at the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville;  Organizations and Affiliations: Board of Directors: NAACP Tennessee State Conference, The New Memphis Arena Building Authority (PBA), Secretary, Leadership Memphis;  LeMoyne Owen National Alumni Association, Asst. Secretary, Founding member and past President of the Memphis Alliance of Black School Educators; Member: Shelby County Democratic Women;  Memphis Retired Teachers Association; United Teaching Profession; Memphis/Shelby County Anti-Predatory Lending Coalition; Westwood Neighborhood Association; National Black Caucus of State Legislators; National Organization of Black Elected Legislative (NOBEL) Women; Advisory Board of the Memphis Juvenile Court System; Past Vice Chairman, Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board of Shelby County; Past President, Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Board of Trustees, Greater Middle Baptist Church;  Honors and Awards: Living Legends Award, Northeast Region of the NAACP; Living Legends Award, Memphis Grizzlies and the National Civil Rights Museum; Addie G. Owen Racial Justice Award, YWCA of Greater Memphis;  Legends of Memphis Award for Community Involvement, National Coalition of 100 Black Women - Memphis Chapter; Freedom Award for Community Service, University of Memphis Chapter of the NAACP; Women of Excellence Award, Tri-State Defender;  Friend of Education Award – Memphis Education Association;  Memphis "Freedom Sister" Recognition, Smithsonian Institute/National Civil Rights Museum; Women Making a Difference Award, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Kwanzaa Honoree for Community Service, Mid-South Kwanzaa Inc., Annual listing in "100 Most Influential Movers and Shakers in Memphis (1997-present)," Memphis Magazine;  Previous Service: Member: Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee; Children and Family Affairs Committee; General Subcommittee of Children and Family Affairs;  Counties Represented: Parts of Shelby County—85th Representative District

Eric Watson  
Of Bradley County  
Chamber Seat No. 59

Address: 605 Ocoee Hills Circle N.E., Cleveland 37323;  Date of Birth: 09/14/73;  Marital Status: Married;  Children: 1;  Occupation: Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff;  Political Preference: Republican;  Religious Preference: Baptist;  Education: Graduate of Tennessee Public School System;  Graduate of Andersonville Seminary-Bachelors in Christian Education;  Graduate of the University of Tennessee Martin;  Organizations and Affiliations: National Rifle Association; Fraternal Order of Police; Southern Gospel Music Association; Cleveland/Bradley County Economic Development Council; Keep America Beautiful Council;  Honors and Awards: 1998 Tennessee Governor’s Award of Excellence; 2001 Bradley County Life Saving Award-Saved the Life of James Garrett, Senior Citizen; 1998-2005 Eric Watson and Tennessee Harmony Charted Six Top 80 Songs Across America in the Christian Music Charts; 2003 Bradley County Public Service Award-“Coats for the Cold”; 2004 Bradley County Sheriff’s Office Career Deputy One Strips; 2005 United States Marshals Service- For Dedication and Service During “Operation Falcon”; 2006 Bradley County Sheriff’s Office-Promoted to Lieutenant; 2008 Tennessee At-Large Delegate for 2008 Republican National Convention; 2008 Tennessee Realtors Association-“Realtor of the Year”; 2010 Outstanding Representative Award, County Officials Association of Tennessee;  Previous Service: Member of the Judiciary Committee; Transportation Committee; Public Transportation Subcommittee; Criminal Practice and Procedure Subcommittee;  Task Force on Immigration and Citizenship; Chairman of the Judiciary Committee for the 107th General Assembly;  Counties Represented: Meigs, Polk, and Part of Bradley Counties—22nd Representative District
Terri Lynn Weaver  
Of Smith County  
Chamber Seat No. 49

Address: 100 Seabowisha Lane, Lancaster 38569; Date of Birth: 09/19/57; Marital Status: Married; Children: 1; 2 grandchildren; Occupation: Singer/Songwriter/Small Business Owner; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Non Denominational; Organizations and Affiliations: Farm Bureau; Previous Chairman; Vice Chairman of the Smith County Republican Party; Chairman of Smith County Republican Women; Member of Smith County Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; NRA; Chairman of Lancaster Independence Day Parade; Host Musician of Annual Christmas Eve Service; Honors and Awards: Female Vocalist of the Year -- Singer/Songwriter with Three Number One Gospel Songs; Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: DeKalb, Smith, and Macon counties—40th Representative District

Mark White  
Of Shelby County  
Chamber Seat No. 76

Address: 6820 Talisman Cv. Memphis, 38119; Date of Birth: 3/11/1950; Marital Status: Married-Kathy; Children: Daughter Bonny; 2 Grandsons Jack and Ty; Occupation: Business Owner; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Church of Christ; Education: B.S. University of Memphis; Organizations and Affiliations: Collierville Chamber of Commerce; Member Collierville Rotary Club; Member National Federation of Independent Business; Board of Directors Collierville Chamber of Commerce; Member Collierville Chamber of Commerce; Member Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce; Member Germantown Kiwanis Club; Board of Directors Germantown Chamber of Commerce; Director/Founder: Global Children’s Educational Foundation; Honors and Awards: 2008 NFIB “Small Business Person of the Year”; 2008 ‘Regional Kiwanis Lay Person of the Year’; 2007 “Statesman of the Year” Tennessee GOP Party; Previous Service: Member of Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee and Public Health Committee for the 106th General Assembly; Member: 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Part of Shelby—83rd Representative District

Kent Williams  
Of Carter County  
Chamber Seat No. 97

Address: 284 Campbell Road, Butler 37640; Date of Birth: 06/23/49; Marital Status: Married—spouse Gayle; Children: 4—David, Mark, Roby, and John; Occupation: Retired Businessman/Farmer; Political Preference: Carter County Republican; Religious Preference: Southern Baptist; Education: 1967 Graduate of Unaka High School; Organizations and Affiliations: Carter County Republican Party; Elizabethton-Carter County Chamber of Commerce; Elizabethton-Carter County Hunting & Fishing Club; National Rifle Association; Previous Service: Speaker of the House for the 106th General Assembly; Member: 105th, 106th and 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Carter County—4th Representative District
Ryan Williams
Of Putnam County
Chamber Seat No. 75

Address: 570 Pleasant Hill Drive, Cookeville 38501; Date of Birth: 6/1; Marital Status: Married, Abby; Children: 2, Tyson and Carson; Occupation: Construction-Bus. Dev; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S. in Biology, Carson-Newman College; Organizations and Affiliations: Cookeville/Putnam County Chamber of Commerce; After Dark Series; Carson-Newman Soccer Alumni; Previous Service: City Council, City of Cookeville; Planning Commission, City of Cookeville; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Putnam County—42nd Representative District

John Mark Windle
Of Overton County
Chamber Seat No. 39

Address: P.O. Box 707, Livingston 38570; Date of Birth: 05/21/62; Marital Status: Single; Occupation: Attorney; Political Preference: Democrat; Religious Preference: Christian; Education: B.S. in Finance, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law; Previous Service: Lt.Col, National Guard; Major, 278th Armored Calvary Regiment Tennessee Army National Guard JAG; Member: 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th and 107th General Assemblies; Counties Represented: Fentress, Morgan, and Overton Counties—41st Representative District

Tim Wirgau
Of Henry County
Chamber Seat No. 72

Address: 245 Savannah Drive, Buchanan 38222; Date of Birth: 9/2/63; Marital Status: Married, Bonnie (28 years); Children: 2, Tonya and Brad; Occupation: Printing Business Owner; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Pentecost; Education: Attended Glen Oaks Community College; Attended Bronson High School; Organizations and Affiliations: Paris/Henry Chamber of Commerce, Former President; Paris Rotary Club, Member and Former President; Henry County Helping Hand, Former Vice President; Henry County Republican Party, Vice Chair; Paris Elks; The Tabernacle of Stewart County; Honors and Awards: 2004 Jaycee Lifetime Membership; 2005 Chamber of Commerce “Person of the Year”; Previous Service: Former Henry County Commissioner; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Henry, Benton and Stewart Counties—75th Representative District
Rick Womick  
Of Rutherford County  
Chamber Seat No. 18

Address: 6015 Highway 99, Rockvale 37153; Date of Birth: 7/10/58; Marital Status: Married, Jan; Children: 4, Joshua, Kayla, Abby and Jonah; Occupation: Airline Pilot, Retired Air Force Fighter Pilot and Public School Teacher; Political Preference: Republican; Religious Preference: Baptist; Education: B.S. in Education, University of Dayton (1980); Graduate of U.S. Air Force Pilot Training; Graduate of DHS Federal Flight Deck Officer Program; Organizations and Affiliations: Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; Air Force Association; World Tae Kwon Do Federation; Boy Scouts of America; Allied Pilots Association; Department of Homeland Security FFDO Program; Tennessee Right to Life; Tennessee Eagle Forum; Focus on the Family; Honors and Awards: Rutherford County Republican Party, Past Chairman; Eagle Scout; Member: 107th General Assembly; Counties Represented: Part of Rutherford County—34th Representative District
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Tennessee House Districts
(Map shows approximate area served)
(District Number) Representative

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**Legislative Session**

The General Assembly convenes on the second Tuesday in January of each odd numbered year for an Organizational Session. The Organizational Session may not last more than 15 consecutive calendar days. No legislation can be enacted during the Organizational Session. The General Assembly then reconvenes no later than the Tuesday following the Organizational Session to commence the Regular Session. The General Assembly may then recess or adjourn from time to time as it may determine. Generally, Legislative Sessions last from mid-January through late April or May of each year.

**House Committee/Session Schedule**

**107th General Assembly**

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House Standing Committee Assignments
107th General Assembly

Agriculture
Chairman— Frank Niceley
Vice-Chairman— Dale Ford
Secretary— Curtis Halford

Eddie Bass  Steve McDaniel
Shelia Butt  Bill Sanderson
Jeremy Faison  Johnny Shaw
John Forgety  Terri Lynn Weaver
Andy Holt  John Mark Windle
Kelly Keisling

Calendar and Rules
Chairman— Bill Dunn
Vice-Chairman— Dennis E. “Coach” Roach
Secretary— Steve McDaniel

Harry Brooks  Gerald McCormick
Glen Casada  Steve McManus
Jim Cobb  Richard Montgomery
Jimmy Eldrige  Jimmy Naifeh
Craig Fitzhugh  Frank Niceley
Beth Harwell  Charles Sargent
David Hawk  Cameron Sexton
Ryan Haynes  Curry Todd
Phillip Johnson  Joe Towns
Debra Maggart  Mike Turner
Judd Matheny  Eric Watson

Children and Family Affairs
Chairman— Harry Brooks
Vice-Chairman— Kevin Brooks
Secretary— Art Swann

David Alexander  Jeanne Richardson
John Deberry  Johnnie Turner
John Forgety  Mark White
Sherry Jones
Antonio Parkinson
Commerce

Chairman— Steve McManus
Vice-Chairman— Jon Lundberg
Secretary— Pat Marsh

Charles Curtiss  Mark Pody
Linda Elam     Dennis Powers
Joanne Favors  John Ragan
Brenda Gilmore Dennis Roach
Ryan Haynes    Charles Sargent
G. A. Hardaway Cameron Sexton
Bill Harmon    David Shepard
Curtis Johnson Janis Sontany
Phillip Johnson Art Swann
Jimmy Matlock  Curry Todd
Don Miller     Joe Towns
Richard Montgomery Kent Williams
Joe Pitts      Tim Wirgau

Conservation and Environment

Chairman— David Hawk
Vice-Chairman— Ron Lollar
Secretary— Richard Floyd

Shelia Butt    Pat Marsh
Charles Curtiss Michael McDonald
Brenda Gilmore Frank Niceley
Andy Holt      Art Swann
Mike Kernell   John C. Tidwell

Consumer and Employee Affairs

Chairman— Jimmy Eldridge
Vice-Chairman— Mark White
Secretary— Jimmy Matlock

Glen Casada    Mark Pody
G. A. Hardaway Joe Towns
Sherry Jones   Johnnie Turner
Steve McManus  Tim Wirgau
Gary Moore     Rick Womick
Education
Chairman— Richard Montgomery
Vice-Chairman— Joey Hensley
Secretary— Joe Carr
Harry Brooks  Debra Maggart
Kevin Brooks  Jimmy Naifeh
John Deberry  Joe Pitts
Lois DeBerry  Dennis Powers
Bill Dunn  John Ragan
Craig Fitzhugh  Ryan Williams
John Forgety  John Mark Windle
Ron Lollar

Finance, Ways and Means
Chairman— Charles Sargent
Vice-Chairman— Mike Harrison
Secretary— Curtis Johnson
David Alexander  Steve Hall
Joe Armstrong  David Hawk
Harry Brooks  Judd Matheny
Kevin Brooks  Gerald McCormick
Tommie Brown  Steve McDaniel
Scotty Campbell  Larry Miller
Joe Carr  Jimmy Naifeh
Jim Coley  Gary Odom
Lois DeBerry  Dennis Roach
Jimmy Eldridge  Johnny Shaw
Craig Fitzhugh  Harry Tindell
Government Operations

Chairman—Jim Cobb
Vice-Chairman—Barrett Rich
Secretary—Tony Shipley

Barbara Cooper  Debra Maggart
Craig Fitzhugh  Judd Matheny
Steve Hall  Gerald McCormick
Julia Hurley  Mike Turner
Mike Kernell

Health and Human Resources

Chairman—Glen Casada
Vice-Chairman—Mathew Hill
Secretary—Joshua Evans

Joe Armstrong  Bob Ramsey
Scotty Campbell  Jeanne Richardson
Vance Dennis  Cameron Sexton
Joanne Favors  David Shepard
Curtis Halford  Mike Sparks
Mike Harrison  Mike Turner
Joey Hensley  Mark White
Gary Odom  Ryan Williams
Mary Pruitt

Judiciary

Chairman—Eric Watson
Vice-Chairman—Jim Coley
Secretary—Vance Dennis

Eddie Bass  Judd Matheny
Karen Camper  Gary Moore
Linda Elam  Barrett Rich
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Vince Dean        Harry Tindell
Bill Dunn         Curry Todd
Joshua Evans      Mike Turner
Jim Gotto         Eric Watson
Gerald McCormick  Kent Williams
Larry Miller      

Transportation

Chairman— Phillip Johnson
Vice-Chairman— Vince Dean
Secretary— Terri Lynn Weaver

Karen Camper      Michael McDonald
Barbara Cooper    Don Miller
Richard Floyd     Bill Sanderson
Dale Ford         Tony Shipley
Bill Harmon       Mike Sparks
Mathew Hill       Mike Stewart
Julia Hurley      John Tidwell
Kelly Keisling    

Officer of the
House of Representatives

Joe McCord
Chief Clerk of the House
The House Chief Clerk’s Office is charged with keeping all official records of the House. This involves: accepting legislation for introduction, keeping appropriate files of all bills and resolutions, providing clerking staff to standing committees, compiling and distributing a weekly agenda of committee meetings and scheduled bills, compiling a daily journal of activities of the House, providing vote information to Members, the press and public, keeping accurate records of all committee proceedings, accepting all amendments filed by Members, data entry of bill introductions and sponsors of legislation, keeping a bill and personal index of all legislation, and other clerical activities. In addition, the Chief Clerk performs other duties assigned to him by the Speaker.

Betty Kay Francis
Chief Engrossing Clerk of the House
The Chief Engrossing Clerk of the House of Representatives is appointed by the Speaker of the House. The Chief Engrossing Clerk’s primary function is to combine original bill text and adopted amendment text: if passed by one house only, it is referred to as “engrossing”—if passed by both houses it is referred to as “enrolling.” Engrossing readies a bill for transmission to the second house; enrolling prepares a bill for transmission to the Speakers and/or Governor for their signatures. This office also prepares photo-ready letterhead and newsletters, as well as other documents (such as certificates of recognition, proclamations, etc.), and prepares presentation copies of resolutions and proclamations.

Victor Thompson
Chief Sergeant-at-Arms of the House
All Sergeants-at-Arms are responsible through the Chief Sergeant-at-Arms to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Chief Sergeant-at-Arms is appointed by the Speaker as one of the first orders of business during the Organizational Session of a General Assembly. It is their responsibility to keep order in the Chamber, to secure the doors and admit only appropriate people to the floor while the legislature is in session, and to perform other functions at the direction of the Speaker.
The Speaker’s Staff must handle all of the normal duties which are handled by the offices of individual Members; as well as, the additional administrative and legislative duties which are unique to the Speaker’s Office. The Speaker’s Staff assists the Speaker in addressing constituent questions and concerns, in addition to tracking approximately 3,000 pieces of legislation, which are filed during each term of the General Assembly. They coordinate the Speaker’s signing of legislation which is enacted into law and all resolutions which are adopted. They advise the Speaker on important legislative matters, which are being reviewed by legislative committees, and review all bills and resolutions, which are scheduled for committee and floor action.

The Speaker’s Office coordinates the Speaker’s schedule of meetings both with constituents and with public officials. The Speaker’s Office must handle requests from Members for office assignments, office staff and furniture, per diem requests and excuses from Members who are unable to attend legislative sessions.
The Legislative Branch

Under the Tennessee Constitution, legislative authority of the State is vested in the General Assembly, which consists of a Senate and a House of Representatives, both dependent on the people (that is, popularly elected). The name of the legislative authority may vary from state to state, but typically it is called the Legislature or the General Assembly. The official title in our state is the “General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,” but it is entirely proper to use the term “Legislature.”

The House of Representatives is composed of 99 members who are elected to two-year terms of office by the voters of their House legislative district. A representative must be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years old, a citizen of Tennessee for at least three years and a resident of the county he represents for at least one year before the election.

The Senate is composed of 33 members who are elected to four-year terms of office by the voters of their Senate legislative district. A senator must be a citizen of the United States, at least 30 years old, a citizen of Tennessee for at least three years and a resident of the county or district they represent for at least one year before the election. While Senate terms are for four years, approximately half of the senators run for office every two years. This is generally referred to as “staggered terms.”

The General Assembly convenes on the second Tuesday in January of each odd-numbered year for an Organizational Session of not more than 15 calendar days. When the Legislature initially convenes, the first order of business is the swearing in of the members-elect. The two bodies meet in their respective chambers and the members take an oath of office swearing to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Tennessee, to perform their official duties impartially without favor or prejudice and to always protect the rights of the people. Each body adopts its Rules of Order.

The membership of each body then elects a presiding officer or Speaker. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is elected by the entire membership of the House for a two-year term (the lifetime of each separate General Assembly) and holds that office until a successor is chosen at the initial convening of the next General Assembly. No limit is placed on the number of times a member may retain the office of Speaker. Under current rules, the House also elects a Speaker Pro Tempore.

The Speaker appoints the officers of the House including the Chief Clerk, Chief Engrossing Clerk and Chief Sergeant-at-Arms. The Speaker also appoints the officers of each standing committee and the membership of the standing committees. Once all organizational business is completed, the General Assembly then convenes in Regular Session and begins to act on legislation.
In general, the functions of the Legislature are to enact, amend, and repeal the laws of Tennessee. Some of the specific powers granted to the General Assembly by the State Constitution include: the appropriation of all money to be paid out of the state treasury, the levy and collection of taxes, and the right to authorize counties and incorporated towns to levy taxes.

A quorum of two-thirds of all the members to which a house is entitled is required to transact any business; a smaller number can only adjourn from day to day and may compel the attendance of absent members.

For a new law to be made, it must be considered and passed on three separate days by both the House and Senate. A constitutional majority is required for a new law to pass. This means it must receive at least 50 favorable votes in the House and 17 favorable votes in the Senate.

An idea for a new law is put into a form that is referred to as a “bill.” That “bill” is then passed by each the House and Senate twice. At that time, general bills (ones with state application) are referred to committee for review. That is where most of the work is done in determining if the bill should be modified, amended, or not reported out of the committee. Bills which the committees do approve are sent on through the system so that eventually they may be voted on by the full House for the third and final time. Once a new law has been acted on favorably by the House and Senate, it is then sent to the Governor who can approve it by signing it, vetoing it, or letting it become a law without his signature.
The Executive Branch

“The Supreme Executive power of this State shall be vested in a Governor,” according to Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee. The Governor is the highest state official. He heads the Executive Branch of the state government, and in this capacity as Chief Executive, he is generally held accountable for overall administration during his term of office. He must see that the laws are enforced, that the taxes are collected, and that public money is wisely spent.

He is the recognized leader of all the citizens in the State and, in addition, is the state leader of his political party. As such, the Governor has a strong voice in shaping the policies of the national party of which he is a member. The Governor is the spokesman for all the people of Tennessee in national matters, and their representative where a single voice is needed in matters of concern outside the boundaries of the State.

The Governor is Commander-in-Chief of the “Army and Navy of this state” and of the Tennessee National Guard. The Governor has the power to grant reprieves and pardons, except in cases of impeachment.

The Governor is elected by the people of the state, specifically by the electors of the members of the General Assembly. He must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a citizen of Tennessee seven years preceding his election. The Governor’s term is four years, and he holds office until a successor is elected and qualified. Tennessee governors can now serve for additional four-year terms, but are limited to no more than two consecutive terms.

While the General Assembly has the sole power to pass bills, the Governor must receive every bill before it can become law. He then has the right to approve a bill by signing it into law; he can refuse to sign a bill, returning it with his objections in writing to the house in which the bill originated (that is, he can veto the bill); or he can fail to return a bill with his objections during the ten-day period he has to consider a bill after it is presented to him and the bill will become law without his signature. Every joint resolution, except those dealing with adjournment of the General Assembly and those proposing specific amendments to the Constitution, must also be presented to the Governor for his consideration.

He has veto powers on joint resolutions as well as on bills. In addition, the Governor may reduce or disapprove sums of money appropriated in bills, while approving other portions of such bills. The portions approved become law, while the portions reduced or disapproved are void unless both houses of the General Assembly “override” the “item vetoes” by re-passing the bill or specific item, the Governor’s objections to the contrary notwithstanding. A majority of the members to which each body is entitled to override a veto (50 of the 99 members of the House and 17 of the 33 members of the Senate).
The Governor also has the right to call a Special Session of the Legislature, and to appoint judges and chancellors to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation.

To assist him in the operation of the government, the Governor appoints commissioners to head the various departments. These commissioners, plus some of the highest ranking members of the Governor’s own staff, constitute the “Governor’s Cabinet.” Commissioners do not receive legislative confirmation. They report directly to him or to him through one of his staff members. While most commissioners are located in offices near Capitol Hill, the Governor and his staff are located on the ground and first floors of the Capitol.
Constitutional Officers

There are three Constitutional Officers: the Secretary of State, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer. The Constitution provides that each shall be elected by the Members of the General Assembly; the Secretary of State for four years and the Comptroller and Treasurer for two years each.

Tre Hargett Secretary of State

The Secretary of State is mandated by the Constitution to keep a register of all official acts and proceedings of the Governor. His office also keeps all acts and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. Other duties include: supervising and overseeing all Tennessee elections, licensing charitable organizations, receipt and recording of all corporate charters and annual reports, the receipt of all trademarks, the execution of notary commission, and receipt of all state administrative rules and regulations. He serves on the State Funding Board, Board of Equalization, Board of Claims, State Building Commission, Library and Archives Management Board, School Bond Authority, Publications Committee, Public Records Commission, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Board of Trustees of Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, State Capitol Commission, Tennessee Competitive Export Corporation and others. The Election Commission and State Library and Archives are in this department. The Secretary of State has offices in the State Capitol as well as the James K. Polk State Office Building.

David Lillard State Treasurer

The State Treasurer is charged with various duties including accounting for the receipt and disbursement of public funds, investing available cash balances, administering the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System and investing the pension fund. His office is responsible for operating the State's Unclaimed Property and Escheat Program, the Division of Claims Administration, Deferred Compensation and Flexible Benefits. The Treasurer is a member of the Bank Collateral Pool Board, Board of Claims, Board of Equalization, Board of Trustees of the TCRS, Commodity Producer Indemnity Corp., Council on Pensions and Insurance, Defense Counsel Commission, Funding Board, Investment Advisory Council, Public Records Commission, Savings Institution Collateral Pool Board, Security for Public Deposits Task Force, Sick Leave Bank Board, State Building Commission, State Capitol Commission, State Insurance Committee, State Library and Archives Management Board, State School Bond Authority, State Teacher Insurance Committee, State Trust of Tennessee, Tennessee Child Care Loan Guarantee Board, Tennessee Competitive Export Corp., Tennessee Higher Education Commission, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Tennessee Local Development Authority, Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, Tuition Guaranty Fund Board and the Workers Compensation Fund Board. The Treasurer has an office in the State Capitol; staff offices are in the Andrew Jackson State Office Building.
The most detailed representation of the original gilt curtain cornices is seen in this photograph taken in 1954 for Walt Disney. Courtesy, Tennessee State Museum
The House Chamber*

The House of Representatives is the most monumental space created by William Strickland for the Capitol and the one significant design most fully realized before his death in 1854. The Chamber was first occupied in October 1853 in an incomplete state by the General Assembly. The Hall encompasses the whole south end of the second floor, is two stories high and is flanked by galleries situated above eight small offices. These offices originally served as committee rooms with direct access from the floor of the House. The galleries are separated from the Hall at each side by eight monolithic limestone columns. The fluted stone shafts are topped by composite ionic capitals of the same stone. The Hall was finished almost entirely in limestone with the exception of the oak window sash and doors and a coffered plaster ceiling.

The original furnishings included 45 large double white oak desks supplied by the South Nashville Manufacturing Company and 127 large white oak chairs with cushions supplied by McComb and Cornelius. The utilitarian character of the desks is apparent in early photographs of the Hall. The earliest representation of the Hall was a steel engraving illustrating an 1858 Methodist convention. That view shows upholstered barrel back chairs in the stylish Rococo mode. All other early representation of the Hall illustrate simple three-rung ladder back and spindleback “captain” style chairs. Both are more in keeping with the sturdy unadorned nature of the oak desks although the spindle back chair may be the original one used.

Another object originally in the House Chamber was a large white marble-faced eight-day wall clock manufactured by Howard & Davis, of Boston. This clock was placed on the north wall and is visible in a photograph taken in 1954. Also seen in this photograph is a small wood “school house” pendulum clock manufactured by Seth Thomas and still in use today.

There were fifty recessed down lights installed in the ceiling in 1957. Four ornate bronze incandescent chandeliers are suspended from the ceiling. Each fixture features two tiers of lights with a total of twenty-four bulbs. The spherical frosted glass globes have an engraved star motif. These fixtures can be lowered for re-lamping from individual electrical winches in the attic.

The 1969 renovation included the installation of the draperies featuring fabric incorporating the state seal and metallic painted wood cornices with an egg-and-dart molding. New mahogany members desks with enclosed and paneled bases replaced a second generation of similar desks which in turn replaced the original oak double desks.

Four electronic voting and information boards were recently installed on the ledge in front of the east and west galleries in 1985.

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