

State Senate  
State of Tennessee



**Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey re-elected as State  
Senate convenes business of 107<sup>th</sup> General  
Assembly**

**NEWS RELEASE**

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(NASHVILLE, TN), January 11, 2011 -- The State Senate has re-elected Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey as Tennessee's 33 senators met at noon on Tuesday to organize the business of the 107<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Ramsey will begin his third term as Tennessee's Lt. Governor, which also includes being the Speaker of the Senate.

"I want to thank you for the faith you have again put in me to be Speaker," Ramsey told State Senators after being elected. "It is an honor and I am grateful for your support."

"This is an exciting and challenging time for our state and our nation," he continued. "We stand at the beginning of a new decade and a new era in Tennessee. There is a new Governor and new leadership in the House of Representatives. It is the individuals in this chamber who will provide the experienced, successful leadership to guide our state."

Ramsey cited a mandate from voters to reduce the size of state government; control spending; ease burdens on taxpayers; a renewed focus on job creation; more education choices for parents; and collaboration with sister states to make the federal government protect state jobs and borders. He also noted the difficult budget challenges which lawmakers face during the 107<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, as well as the task of reapportionment which comes every ten years after the federal census.

"Tennessee has a bright future ahead of her as long as we remain dedicated to job creation and Tennessee's traditions of faith and family. Together we can make that future a reality," he concluded.

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