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In the second week of a three-week recess, the Tennessee House of Representatives turned its attention to ethics. On Wednesday, the House Ethics Committee considered a complaint filed against Speaker Kent Williams by Memphis Republican Brian Kelsey, who complained that Speaker Williams had sexually harassed Representative Susan Lynn two years ago. The twelve-person committee, six Republicans and six Democrats, voted unanimously not to take up the complaint.

On Thursday, Kelsey admitted that he had offered a truce with Williams in exchange for chairmanship of a standing committee, calling it a “peace offering.”

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20090130/NEWS0201/901300398>

On Monday, February 9, the General Assembly reconvenes to take up its legislative tasks. As mentioned before, and as a reminder, the first bill filing deadline is expected to be Thursday, February 12.

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