

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT *Update*

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The Tennessee General Assembly continues to gear up for the 105th session, which officially begins tomorrow. Both Houses will meet later today for orders of the day and then attend a mandatory ethics training course that the legislature required of itself. Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey's announcement of leadership posts and committee chairs is expected this afternoon (and will be forwarded soon after). There are also strong rumors running the legislative halls that a shake-up in the Senate Democratic Caucus is afoot.

Outside the Capitol, preparation for Governor Bredesen's second inauguration is in full swing. The popular governor will address the state tomorrow, Saturday, January 20 at 11 a.m. CST from the War Memorial Building. He will likely highlight his intentions to build on the administration's achievements in education and healthcare. Watch for an overarching message of working in a bi-partisan manner for a stronger Tennessee. The ceremony can be viewed via live streaming video by visiting <http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/inauguration.html>.

A more detailed report will be sent on Monday and will include the weekend's ceremonial events and thoughts on the new committee composition and leadership of the state Senate.

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