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The first session of the 106th Tennessee General Assembly will convene at noon today. First on the calendar is the election of the speaker of each chamber. Republicans appear poised to elect a Republican to each chair. (<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20090113/NEWS0201/901130351>)

Tomorrow at a 10:30 a.m. joint convention, the General Assembly appears ready to elect Republicans to the three constitutional offices - treasurer, comptroller of the treasury and secretary of state.

After committee appointments on Thursday, the General Assembly will recess until February 9, if current information remains good.

Bass, Berry & Sims' Government Advocacy Group is going even more high tech. You may follow developments in the General Assembly from our point of view on Twitter. Please follow our reports at <http://twitter.com/TNGovNow>. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions (or criticisms).

Of course, all sessions of each house of the Tennessee General Assembly, all committee meetings, and all joint committee meetings can be watched live on streaming video at <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/livevideo/>.

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