

QUICK FACTS

83RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IOWA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- Session begins on Monday, January 12 at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to end on May 1, 2009 (110 days)
- Democrats picked up three seats last November to expand their majority in the House, 56-44
- 18 new state representatives will be sworn in on Monday

Democrats	Republicans
John Beard of Decorah	Peter Cownie of West Des Moines
Kerry Burt of Waterloo	Chris Hagenow of Windsor Heights
Gene Ficken of Independence	Erik Helland of Johnston
Chuck Isenhart of Dubuque	Kevin Koester of Ankeny
Jerry Kearns of Keokuk	Jason Schultz of Schleswig
Larry Marek of Riverside	Renee Schulte of Cedar Rapids
Sharon Steckman of Mason City	Kent Sorensen of Indianola
Phyllis Thede of Davenport	Annette Sweeney of Alden
Nate Willems of Lisbon	Nick Wagner of Marion

- Record number of African-Americans in the Iowa House this year with six (two new):
 - * Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad, D-Des Moines
 - * Rep. Deborah Berry, D-Waterloo
 - * Representative-elect Kerry Burt, D-Waterloo
 - * Rep. Wayne Ford, D-Des Moines
 - * Rep. Helen Miller, D-Fort Dodge
 - * Representative-elect Phyllis Thede, D-Davenport
- There are 25 female representatives (18 are Democrats)
- Rep. Royd Chambers, R-Sheldon, is currently on active-duty and will miss the 2009 legislative session
- Full more information, photos, or biographies of House Democrats go to:
www.iowahouse.org

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