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New Era of Government Begins in Wisconsin

Madison...Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) helped usher in the 104th Wisconsin State Legislature at the inaugural ceremony this afternoon at the state Capitol. As the new legislative session begins so does a new era of divided government in the state.

"Today we celebrate Wisconsin and our representative democracy," said Speaker Vos. "These next two years will bring new challenges and opportunities."

The Racine County representative is entering his eighth term in office and fourth session as Speaker of the Assembly. Representative Vos is the longest serving Republican speaker in Wisconsin state history.

"I'm honored to once again serve Racine County and Wisconsin in this capacity," said Speaker Vos. "I'm excited to get to work."

For the past eight years, the pro-growth reforms by Republicans have helped create the best economy in decades. The unemployment rate has been at or below 3 percent for 10 straight months. The last fiscal year ended with yet another budget surplus and the rainy day fund is at its largest level in state history. In addition, the tax burden is the lowest it's been in nearly 50 years.

"We can't allow the state to reverse course and undo the progress that we have made over the last eight years," said Speaker Vos. "We have reduced the size of government, invested in education, created a welcoming business climate and we were still able to cut taxes by more than \$8 billion."

The inauguration ceremony took place in the Assembly chambers. Assembly Republicans hold a 63-36 seat majority and welcomed eight new members to their caucus.

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The 63rd Assembly District includes the communities of Rochester, Burlington, Town of Burlington, Yorkville, Dover, Union Grove, Mount Pleasant, Sturtevant.