



**Ohio House Speaker
Armond Budish**

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Speaker Budish Makes New Committee Assignments in Ohio House
New Chairs for Three Committees Announced

COLUMBUS – Ohio House Speaker Armond Budish made several new committee assignments, including three new chairs and assignments for the latest member of House, Rep. Alicia Reece (D-Cincinnati).

The three new chairs are Rep. Tracy Maxwell Heard (D-Columbus) for Public Safety and Homeland Security, Allan R. Sayre (D-Dover) for Public Utilities and Rep. Timothy J. DeGeeter (D-Parma) for Criminal Justice. Rep. Reece (D-Cincinnati) has been assigned to the Veterans Affairs and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees.

“We have a tremendous amount of talent in the Ohio House, and these new assignments reflect our members’ strengths and interests,” said Speaker Budish. “I am extremely happy with the work being done in our House committees now and I’m certain that with these new assignments our members will continue to work diligently on behalf of the interests of the people of Ohio.”

New Public Safety Chair Rep. Heard replaces Rep. Linda Bolon (D-Columbiana), who now becomes a member of the Criminal Justice Committee. Rep. Sayre replaces Rep. Timothy J. DeGeeter (D-Parma) as chair of Public Utilities. Rep. DeGeeter will fill the vacant chairmanship of the Criminal Justice Committee. Rep. Reece replaces Rep. Bolon as a member of the Transportation Committee, and Rep. Jay P. Goyal (D-Mansfield) on Veterans Affairs. Additionally, Rep. Clayton Luckie (D-Dayton) has been appointed to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

“I do appreciate the leadership of our members, particularly Rep. Tim DeGeeter who graciously agreed to fill the vacant chairmanship of the Criminal Justice Committee,” said Budish. His background as a lawyer and former ranking member of this committee will serve this position and the state of Ohio very well.”

All assignments are effective immediately.