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DAVY CARTER, SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives of the 89th General Assembly
FROM: Representative Davy Carter, Speaker of the House
DATE: March 12, 2014
SUBJECT: House Caucus for the Election of Speaker-designate 2013-2014

Pursuant to House Rule 10, copy enclosed, the entire House will caucus fifteen (15) minutes following sine die adjournment of the 2014 Fiscal Session, in the House Chamber. Sine die adjournment is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. Each candidate will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes to address the House before the secret ballot is taken. All members are required to be present for the addresses and for the election.

Due to the election being held upon sine die adjournment of the Fiscal Session, it is expected all members will be present. However, in the event of an extraordinary circumstance that would cause an absence, that member may request from the Speaker's Office an ABSENTEE ballot for himself/herself, beginning Thursday, March 13, 2014, and must return the absentee ballot NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m., the day before the scheduled election. In order to accommodate any and all members for Speaker-designate voting, should a member have an emergency arise, the Speaker may direct staff to allow for absentee voting up to two (2) hours prior to the scheduled election in order to be counted.

Requests for ABSENTEE ballots should be made ONLY by Member's who will be absent and unable to attend the Caucus. There are no provisions for early voting.

Lunch for the entire membership will be served, prior to reconvening, 12:00 Noon, in the Capitol Hill Building.

cc: Media

THE SPEAKER

10. Selection.

10.(a) As used in this rule, the term "Speaker-designate" shall mean the member of the House of Representatives selected by the House of Representatives of each General Assembly held preceding the convening of the next-following regular session of the General Assembly, in the following manner:

10.(a)(1) A caucus of the entire House of Representatives shall be held fifteen (15) minutes following sine die adjournment of the fiscal session held in each even-numbered year, at which time the members of the House shall select by secret ballot a member of the House to be known as the Speaker-designate. Each candidate for Speaker-designate shall be allowed fifteen (15) minutes to address the House before the ballot is taken. All members are required to be present for the addresses and for the election. In the event a member is unable to attend, absentee ballots may be requested by a member for himself/herself from the Speaker's Office no sooner than twenty (20) calendar days prior to the scheduled election and must be completed and returned to the Speaker's Office no later than four p.m. (4:00 p.m.) the day before the scheduled election. It is the intent of the Speaker's office to accommodate any and all members for Speaker-designate voting, should a member have a documented emergency arise, the Speaker may direct staff to allow for absentee voting up to two (2) hours prior to the scheduled election. Leave for absence shall be requested immediately before the time of the election. The Speaker shall announce the name and number of votes received by the candidate who received at least a majority of the votes of the membership of the House. Each candidate shall be entitled to verify the number of votes he or she received.