

## WELCOME TO THE 2020 SESSION!

We are two weeks underway here in Richmond with the 2020 Session and I wanted to give you all an update on how things are going! I greatly appreciate you all sending me back here for another term as your representative in Virginia's beautiful 54th District.



### CONSTITUENT MEETINGS

I have had the pleasure of meeting with a great number of my constituents over these first two weeks. I am grateful to everyone who has shared their opinions and concerns with me, whether it be in person, over the phone, by email, or by mail.





## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

This session I have been selected to serve on the Committees on Finance; Health, Welfare and Institutions; and Privileges and Elections, where I look forward to enacting meaningful legislation on behalf of the 54th District.

## LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

So far I have filed seven bills and three resolutions, all of which are listed on my website along with brief summaries under the "Your Delegate" tab. To keep up with my legislation and that of my colleagues, check out: http://virginiageneralassembly. gov.

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### AFTER TWO WEEKS, we have yet to see substantive progress...

After a debacle with the House Rules that delayed our session by two full days and a slow start following that, we have still yet to see things get into business as usual. It is evident that House Democratic Leadership was not adequately prepared for this session, despite having two full months to make said preparations.

House Republicans came to Richmond ready to go, as we have every year since I was first elected to this body. However, we have had to wait longer than usual for our colleagues across the aisle to assign committees, form subcommittees, and refer bills to those committees so that we may begin our work on behalf of you all.

I am hoping that this third week will bring about a faster pace as House Democratic Leadership grows into its new roles. In the mean time I have enjoyed the extra time meeting with constituents, stakeholders, and impassioned advocates on issues ranging from finance to animal welfare.

## RULES Matter

Over my tenure in the **General Assembly I have** been known informally as the House Parliamentarian, assisting Leadership with following House Rules and **Parliamentary Procedure** in hopes of keeping things fair and honest. This session has had me on my feet more than usual, as **Democratic Leadership** was unable to produce new rules for the session for nearly two full days, and once the rules were adopted, they had considerable difficulty holding to them. My efforts come not to be a thorn in the Speaker's side, but to ensure civility and keeping with our important, historic traditions.

### PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO MY OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

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