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CAPITOL REPORT

Legislative committees are officially set as both Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann and Speaker of the House Jason White named committee chairs, vice chairs and members this week. Hosemann announced committee assignments Thursday morning, while White announced assignments earlier today. The makeup of the Senate committees did not change too drastically, but the House is quite different from the previous legislative session. A full list of committee chairs and vice chairs can be found on the next pages.

The House of Representatives also added a few new committees to its roster. To help aid Speaker White's



goal to finish the state budget by April 15, four additional Appropriation committees were created in a resolution adopted by the House last Friday. A brand new committee, State Affairs, which aims to tackle the state pension system, was also outlined in Friday's resolution.

With chairmen appointed, bills will soon be referred to their respective

committees. Both the House and Senate gavel in Monday at 4 p.m., and we will surely begin to see the first committee meetings of the session next week.

Governor Tate Reeves has officially been sworn in for a second term to lead Mississippi. Reeves held his Inauguration on Tuesday with festivities happening the entire day— an inauguration swearing-in and speech, a parade throughout Downtown Jackson and a gala to finish out the night.

LT. GOV., SPEAKER OUTLINE 2024 PRIORITIES

During their swearing-in speeches last week, both Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann and Speaker of the House Jason White highlighted what they would like to see accomplished during the 2024 Legislative Session.

For Hosemann, labor force participation, and free

community college are at the forefront of his priority list. White said he wants legislators to reform both the educational funding formula and the accountability model for K-12 education.

Both leaders said health care and the viability of Mississippi's Public Employ-

ee's Retirement System are pressing issues that the legislature must address during this session. Increased funding for infrastructure was also a topic both agreed would continue during their tenures.



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