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### **HOUSE WELCOMES NEW MEMBER, SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE DURING FIRST DAY OF 2014 SESSION**

*BETTY KOMP ELECTED TO NEW LEADERSHIP ROLE;  
ANN LININGER SWORN IN AS NEWEST HOUSE MEMBER*

SALEM- Most of the 2014 session of the Oregon Legislature will have a focus on education, growing the economy, and improving accountability. But for the morning of the opening day, members of the House of Representatives paused to celebrate some new additions to the chamber's membership.

Rep. Betty Komp (D-Woodburn) was elected by house members to serve as the chamber's second highest constitutional officer. Komp replaces Chris Garrett, who left the legislature to take an appointment to the Oregon Court of Appeals. Komp's election makes Oregon the only state in the nation with a house of representatives led by a female speaker of the house, speaker pro tempore, and majority leader.

"Betty Komp is one of the hardest working and most dedicated public servants in Oregon," said House Speaker Tina Kotek (D-Portland). "Betty will bring her experience as an educator to her leadership as speaker pro tempore that will help keep the house focused on the right priorities."

The morning also saw the swearing-in of Rep. Ann Lininger (D-Lake Oswego) who took the oath of office from the Honorable Thomas A. Balmer, chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. Lininger was appointed to fill the house seat vacated by Garrett.

"Ann is strong voice for Oregon small businesses and a champion for middle class families," said Kotek. "I'm excited to welcome her on behalf of the full house of representatives."

The 2014 Session is slated to adjourn by March 9.

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