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Senate Democratic Caucus elects Jim Arnold to serve as Caucus Chair

Sen. Arnold of LaPorte to assume leadership responsibilities immediately

INDIANAPOLIS – Members of the Indiana Senate Democratic Caucus have voted to elect State Senator Jim Arnold (D-LaPorte) to serve as the Caucus Chair for the upcoming 117th General Assembly. Sen. Arnold assumed the responsibilities of Caucus Chair immediately.

During a Statehouse caucus held Wednesday, the Senate Democrats also voted to re-elect State Senator Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville) as Democratic Floor Leader and State Senator Tim Lanane (D-Anderson) as Assistant Democratic Floor Leader.

“It is indeed an honor to have been selected by my fellow Democratic senators to serve as their Caucus Chair. I am grateful for their confidence and trust, and I look forward to working closely with my caucus members as well as the Republican senators in making sure that we have the smoothest operation of senate business possible for the people of Indiana,” Arnold said.

Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson said Sen. Arnold’s leadership will be critical as the Senate Democrats continue to provide an alternative voice with a fresh perspective in the Indiana Senate.

“We are very pleased to have Jim Arnold join our leadership team,” Sen. Simpson added. “He is an experienced public servant, and his leadership will help the Senate Democrats organize a strong effort to protect the interests of our constituents and all residents of Indiana.”

First elected in 2007 to fulfill an unexpired term, Sen. Jim Arnold was re-elected in 2008. He represents Senate District 8, which encompasses a majority of LaPorte County including LaPorte and Michigan City, and the western portions of St. Joseph County. Arnold retired as the LaPorte County Sheriff having served 36 years in law enforcement before joining the Senate.

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