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Representative Crimm Studying Key Issues As 2010 Session Reconvenes

Frankfort – State Representative Ron Crimm (R-Louisville) joined House and Senate members from throughout the Commonwealth to convene the 2010 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly on January 5.

Without question, the single greatest issue facing lawmakers this year is the state's 2010-2012 biennial budget, which promises to present unprecedented challenges. While Kentucky is facing a looming deficit of nearly \$1 billion, House Republican Caucus members will not accept "quick fix" legislation to fill this financial gap, but rather will work for lasting solutions that protect essential state services and provide Kentuckians with the reassurance they need.

"This upcoming session is going to put lawmakers to the test as we will be asked to answer some of the most difficult questions ever placed before our legislature," said Representative Crimm. "While I admit some hard decisions will be made and complex solutions proposed, I know that we must consider every avenue available if we want to lift our state out of the trenches and move towards progress and financial stability."

The budget, however, is only part of what this year's General Assembly will address. Legislators expect to encounter calls attempting to enact state laws relating to restructuring our regressive and outdated tax system, placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot to allow casino gambling in the Commonwealth, amending the drop-out age for students, and increasing state government's financial transparency.

House Bill 115, an act relating to domestic relations has been prefiled by Representative Crimm. This legislation has strong support from judges across the Commonwealth.

Representative Crimm added, “I’m excited to announce the launch of my new website, www.roncrimm.net. I think the update brings my site into the new decade and will allow me to stay better connected with the citizens I serve.”

If you have any questions or comments regarding bills under consideration by the General Assembly, Representative Crimm would like to hear from you. He may be reached at home or through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. For those with internet access, you may contact him at ron.crimm@lrc.ky.gov.

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