

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Hamzy Selected As Deputy House Minority Leader for 2007 – 08 Legislative Sessions**



#### *New Leadership Role Will Enhance His Ability to Represent 78th District*

State Representative William A. Hamzy, R-78<sup>th</sup> District, will serve as a Deputy House Minority Leader during the 2007 -2008 legislative sessions.

Representative Hamzy, who has served as an Assistant House Minority Leader for his last two terms, was named one of two Deputy Minority Leaders by state Representative Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr., R-142<sup>nd</sup> District, who will be the House Minority Leader for the 2007 – 08 legislative sessions. Representative Cafero selected state Representative Themis Klarides, R-114<sup>th</sup> District, as his other deputy leader.

“Representative Hamzy has been a respected and effective Assistant House Minority leader for the past four years. He has played a major role in enacting legislation that has encouraged economic growth and job creation in Connecticut and has been tireless in his efforts to lower the tax burden on Connecticut residents and the companies that employ them,” Representative Cafero said. “He has been a persuasive advocate for legislative initiatives that benefit our state and his district and will be a key member of my leadership team. I look forward to working closely with him during the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions.”

“I’d like to thank Larry Cafero for appointing me as one of his two deputies. As a Deputy Minority Leader, I will be directly involved in crafting major legislation affecting Bristol, Plymouth and other towns and cities throughout Connecticut,” Representative Hamzy said. “I will be in a stronger position than ever to advocate for initiatives important to our communities – such as funding for Bristol’s downtown redevelopment project and for the Plymouth Business Park. I look forward to my new leadership role in our caucus and the challenges the next two years will bring.”

As a deputy house minority leader, Representative Hamzy will work directly with Representative Cafero in developing the House Republican Caucus’ legislative agenda and strategy for enacting specific legislative initiatives during the 2007 – 08 legislative sessions; help ensure other caucus leaders understand and promote the caucus agenda with rank and file members; and participate in negotiations with House majority leaders and the governor on the budget and other major bills.

Representative Hamzy is a 12 year state House veteran, an attorney, and a graduate of the University of Connecticut. Representative Hamzy served as Ranking Member for three terms on three different committees.

He was named by then Speaker of the House Moira Lyons to serve on the Select Committee of Inquiry to investigate allegations of wrongdoing by former Governor John G. Rowland.

Representative Hamzy also served as Republican State Chairman in 2005, and in 1998, was named by Connecticut Magazine as “the best promise for the future” in a poll conducted by the magazine.