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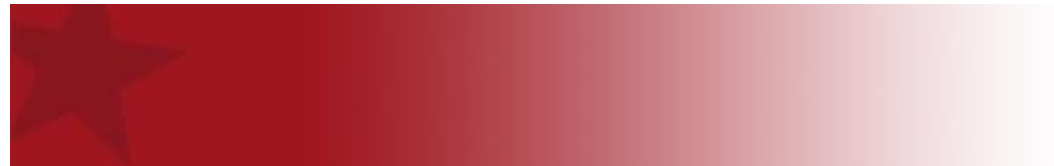
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## **Statement of Governor Bob McDonnell on Selection of Republican Senate Leadership**

Bangalore, India- Governor Bob McDonnell issued the following statement today regarding the selection of Republican leadership in the State Senate.

"I want to congratulate the new Republican leadership team for the Virginia State Senate. This accomplished group of public servants will be led by my good friend, Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment. Tommy will be well-served by his deputies, Senator Ryan McDougle and Senator Steve Newman, and his three caucus whips, Senator Bill Stanley, Senator Jeff McWaters and Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel. I know this team will be tireless in their efforts to advance the common-sense solutions we need to get our economy back on track and Virginians back to work. The election is over. Now it is time to govern. This leadership team has the experience and vision necessary to transfer the energy of the recent elections into real results in the legislature that will improve the lives of all Virginians. I look forward to working with them in the months ahead."

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