

The City Buzz

Let's make some Noyes! – *Asm. Speaker elected*



Above: Assembly Member H. Breeding questions the Speaker nominees

In a statement released this afternoon, the Patriot Party announced that Asm. Jacob Noyes (P) was elected Speaker of the COTH Assembly. He defeated Asm. Thomas (C), an immensely popular candidate who perhaps lost due to him calling himself “the next Abel Maldonado,” who served as Speaker last year before being ousted by both Constitutionalist and Patriots who briefly united in a rare show of bipartisanship to remove him from the Speakership. Thomas noted that he was surprised that the Patriots

were able to present a unified front, but feels there is still division in the party that he hopes will be exploited.

SCANDAL

Speaker Noyes makes history as the first member to hold the position after being indicted for embezzlement. The incident, which happened last year when he sat on the Executive Board, came as an unpleasant surprise to current Patriot Board members.

The Buzz interviewed the Speaker along with Majority Leader Petrikas. (Petrikas did most of the talking – indeed, one almost wonders if Noyes

SPOTLIGHT

Governor England

What is your favorite color?

Purple!

What is your pet peeve?

Gum smacking.

What is your favorite quote?

“Choose your battles.”

Who is your favorite historical character?

George Washington

Who is your favorite Disney Character?

Mulan

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Romans 8:28

Who is your favorite villain?

Cruella de Ville

If you had a one-way ticket to anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Turks and Caicos Islands

What is one characteristic that will make one successful at COTH?

Courage!

– AT



Above: Gov. England prepares for session

Opinion

Lauren Prichard

Calm before the storm?

Thus far, the COTH 2016 legislative session has been relatively tame. The Majority and Minority Leaders, elected Tuesday, and the Speaker, elected Wednesday, continue to hold their positions. Everything seems stable, especially considering that by this time last year there had already been some major upsets. However, it's clear that trouble is brewing. Some curious remarks overheard throughout the day (see below) coupled with the Governor's comments in last night's *COTH Report* suggest that Noyes may not be long for the speakership. Speculation runs wild that Members Petrikas or Isenhower might step up as challengers. - LP

is incapable of speaking for himself, or, conversely, why Petrikas did not throw her hat in the ring for the Speakership given her obvious leadership skills.) When asked about his questionable past, Petrikas interrupted to explain, "What he's trying to say is people from last year knew about it, maybe not the details, but they knew what had happened." Noyes clarified that yes, he knew it was wrong, but it was a "joke," a "little thing." The *Buzz* is not sure when embezzlement can ever be considered either "little" or a "joke." It seems that Noyes did not take seriously his previous role, and the *Buzz* wonders if he will continue with the same flippant attitude this year. A NOYES-Y SPEAKERSHIP



Above: Asm. Zoe Breeding looks on as the nominees take questions from colleagues

Noyes expressed that he intends to leave a legacy of bipartisanship. Indeed, as Petrikas noted, the Speaker appointed Constitutional colleagues to the available vice chair positions. She stressed their party's emphasis on inclusivity and desire to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to serve in some capacity. - LP

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On the record



The *Buzz* offers the above pictures of Asm. Pascua (l) and a Bantam chicken (r) without further comment

Anonymous freshman legislator: "Tomorrow night the establishment (collective group of returning legislators) is going down."

Overheard in the cafeteria: "I mean, I'd vote for Veronica."