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House Speaker Pro Tempore Jay Lucas issued the following statement:

"As is common occurrence, major change often happens quickly. A sudden shift in direction can truly test the resolve of an institution and its membership, but it also provides an opportunity to show how an institution as a whole is greater than any single member or occurrence.

"Maintaining the continuity of leadership in the House, to enable this Body to remain focused on the issues and priorities important to all South Carolinians, has been and continues to be my top priority.

"We have many issues that need to be addressed as the House prepares for its organizational session and the 2015 General Assembly. The Members of the House have displayed the kind of leadership this body needs right now, putting politics aside and focusing on the issues that matter most - issues like improving our roads, protecting our citizens from domestic abuse, reforming how the House operates and continuing our leadership on Ethics Reform."

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