



**SAMUEL H. SMITH  
THE SPEAKER**

**House of Representatives**  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All House Members  
FROM: Sam Smith  
The Speaker *Sam*  
DATE: February 11, 2011  
SUBJECT: Introduction of Legislation

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In the near future, I will be introducing a joint resolution which will amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 203 members to 153 members.

Over the past few years there has been a great deal of debate regarding the size of the legislature. Many have argued that a reduction in the size of the legislature would yield great savings for the Commonwealth. Others have argued that such a reduction would actually increase the costs to the Commonwealth.

So why am I introducing this legislation? Because, very simply, I believe a smaller House of Representatives is a more effective body. And I think effectiveness is most desirable to the people of this Commonwealth.

If you would care to co-sponsor this legislation please contact Debbie Parobek in my office 7-3845 or email at [dparobek@pahousegop.com](mailto:dparobek@pahousegop.com).

SHS:djp