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Local reps take oath, vote for impeachment

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Darlene Senger's and Mike Connelly's first action as state representatives was to impeach the governor who had just sworn the Illinois Senate into office.

Along with 116 other newly and re-elected representatives, they took the oath of office and then voted to re-impeach Gov. Rod Blagojevich less than two hours later. The re-vote was necessary so that the impeachment decision reflected the results of the November election.

The ceremony was held at noon Wednesday at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Senger replaces former 96th District Rep. Joe Dunn, who decided not to run again so he could spend more time with his family. Senger has already set up a district office at 125 Water Street in downtown Naperville, just feet away from the municipal center where she served on the City Council.

"Whether it was serving on the Naperville City Council or taking part in my children's activities, I have loved every minute serving my community," Senger said in a written statement. "I look forward to serving the residents of the 96th District and I hope that residents will come by my office or call me with any questions or concerns they might have."

Connelly replaces retiring Rep. Jim Meyer in the 48th District, and is still in the process of setting up a district office. He leaves behind the last half of his four-year term on the DuPage County Board.

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