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Important Times

12:30 Joint Session – House

1:30 6th Legislative Session

2:45 – 3:15 Voting

4:30 – 5:00 Voting – Runoff

6:00 Adjourn



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Governor Gilliam Holds Capital Press Conference

At the Press Conference, Governor Gilliam centered on the Focus Act, which allows all public schools of higher education representation in the Tennessee Board of Regents. Currently, six schools are not allowed representation with the state of Tennessee. These schools are the University of Memphis, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, East Tennessee State University, Austin Peay State University, and Tennessee State University. The Governor noted that the setup is currently making it so that students cannot vote because they are not capable of voting. She is very adamant that "students know student issues" and therefore should have representation on the board. Gilliam acknowledged her efforts in lobbying at state legislature meetings in support of this act. It was noted that the Legislators agreed that there should be representation for all public college students; however, not much action has been taken by these legislators.

Regarding the resignation, Governor Gilliam believes that this is the best option given the scenario. She is happy with Nick Lembo's resignation speech and his leaving with dignity. When asked about her nomination for governor, she acknowledged that James Mathew Wyatt of Union University has made her "very impressed and has full support."

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The write-in candidates of Val Hill and Anthony Fruscione made Governor Gilliam somewhat disheartened regarding Anthony's comments about this year's TISL and the fact that they come from the delegation.

Governor Gilliam hopes the last thirty-six hours of TISL make a turnaround from the events that occurred yesterday regarding the resignation, and she hopes to keep executing her job as Governor as best as she can.

-Joseph Paschall, TISL Times Reporter

Meet the Candidates

Governor

James Matthew Wyatt

James Matthew is a junior Political Science major and Theater minor at Union University. This is his second year at TISL and currently serves as the Lobbying Director for the 48th General Assembly. When asked when he is running for Governor, he responded, "I am running for Governor because TISL needs a reliable, experienced leader."

Val Hill

Val is a sophomore Pre-Law major at Chattanooga State Community College and this is her second year at TISL. She is running because she, "Plans to spend the rest of her life serving people."

Secretary of State

Harley Chapman

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Faith Udobong

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