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**REPUBLICAN DELEGATION WELCOMES STATE SENATOR ROBERT  
ADLEY TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**—State Senator Robert Adley, Benton, switched to the Republican Party on December 10, 2007. The north Louisiana senator joins 15 other Republican state senators which make up the Senate Republican Delegation for the 2008-2012 legislative term.

Senator Tom Schedler, Delegation Chairman remarked, “We welcome Senator Adley to the Republican Delegation. Most importantly we look forward to having his seniority and leadership within our Delegation. He is just the latest member of the Legislature to continue the trend towards a more conservative philosophy.”

Senator Adley has held several key leadership positions during his tenure in the Louisiana Senate. Currently, he serves as the vice-chairman on the Revenue and Fiscal Committee and the Transportation Committee of the State Senate.

The addition of Senator Robert Adley brings the total membership of the Republican Legislative Delegation to 66 members, the largest ever in the history of the Delegation.

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### **ADLEY JOINS REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**Benton, Louisiana - December 10, 2007** - This morning the senior State Senator from north Louisiana, Senator Robert Adley, District 36, changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican.

“The focus of my efforts in Baton Rouge has always been conservative reform. I’m excited we have a new governor with the same philosophy, and I want to be as effective as possible in working with him. Adding another Republican to the Senate will create a more bi-partisan and balanced Senate.”

Adley said “For years, I have either passed or tried to pass legislation that would reform Louisiana’s spending and tax policies, along with tougher ethics laws and workforce development.” Adley added. “I am excited that the new administration is considering some of my proposals as part of its agenda,” Adley said.

Governor-elect Bobby Jindal is also an enthusiastic supporter of the Cyber Command Center at Barksdale Air Force Base. During the 2007 legislative session, Adley’s efforts resulted in \$50 million from the state for the Cyber Command Center. “Cyber command is the most significant economic opportunity of this century and will do more to change the State of Louisiana than anything else in recent memory”, Adley said.

Adley pointed to his SB 365 that would reform the Capital Outlay Budget process by creating a priority system for state expenditures. The current method creates a list of projects, which appear to be funded, but most of them are never actually funded. Adley’s bill would set up a system for funding projects based upon real needs. That bill passed the Senate during the 2007 legislative session but was killed in the Louisiana House of Representatives. During the 2007 legislative session, the Louisiana Legislature adopted provisions of Adley’s SB 131. It created reform within the Ethics Commission by prohibiting the director from earning outside income through contract work for parties with political interests, creating possible conflicts of interest. Adley also worked closely with the “Ethics 1” interests to develop income disclosure legislation and has endorsed the Blueprint for Louisiana.

Adley’s proposal to create permanent funding for road construction by dedicating existing gasoline taxes to building roads has been embraced by Jindal. Adley’s plan would prohibit the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) from raiding the Highway Trust Funds to pay for some of DOTD’s operational expenses.

During the 2007 legislative session, Adley sponsored a bill (SB 337 that became Act 391) that provided for capital improvements and enhancements for Louisiana’s Technical and Community Colleges. A strong system of community and technical colleges is essential to creating a skilled workforce.

In the area of tax reform, Adley pointed to his SB 66 that provided the language used to reinstate excess itemized deductions from state income tax that were removed with the passage of the so-called Stelly Tax.

An Adley-sponsored amendment to the state budget returned \$50 million to home owners for insurance premium assessments made because of the failure of the state's insurance program.

Prior to making the change Adley contacted area legislators and the head of the Louisiana Republican Party to make them aware of his intentions. Adley said their response was very positive.

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