



## **STATEMENT FROM HOUSE SPEAKER MATTHEW SHEPHERD**

“I have been made aware of the arrest of Rep. Gates this morning.

It is deeply troubling to hear of any member of the House facing criminal charges.

In light of today’s developments, I have suspended Rep. Gates, effective immediately, from all House leadership and select committee positions and responsibilities.

These positions include Chairman of the Aging Subcommittee of the House Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee, Vice-Chair of the Joint Budget Personnel Subcommittee, as well as his membership on the Joint Budget Committee and Joint Performance Review Committee.

I have informed Rep. Gates of my decision.

House leadership will continue to monitor and assess the situation to determine what further action may be necessary.”