

Hayes Named Acting Secretary Of Legislative Affairs

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tration needs as we focus on the work ahead of us in the coming months," Schweiker said. "We expect a productive fall session when the General Assembly returns. Sam will make sure this administration's legislative agenda will continue to move forward successfully."

Hayes will also continue to serve as agriculture secretary in the meantime.

"As a gesture of goodwill to-

ward the Legislature, plus hopes for a spirited and engaged fall legislative session, Governor Schweiker asked me to be the secretary for legislative affairs in addition to being the secretary of agriculture," Hayes noted. "We are approaching the last two months of this session of the General Assembly, which ends Nov. 30. Governor Schweiker wants there to be a good working relationship with senators and representatives."

Hayes calls the legislative ses-

sions a "sprint, a dash, and the equivalent of a two-minute drill in professional football," he noted. "They are intense and they are white hot and there are tremendous pressures. There are constitutional differences between the executive branch and legislative branch, and there is a whole host of other considerations coming into play at this time in the legislative session. And, you have the private sector interacting with this whole public policy process. It is a very clut-

tered landscape. What is done and what isn't done are both very important.

"There needs to be a helmsman helping with the relationships and the process. I have been a lawmaker and legislative leader in the legislative branch. Now I serve in the executive branch as the secretary of agriculture. And I interact with citizens and their organizations on a daily basis. So, I have been asked to help.

"For this critical period, until the legislative session ends on

Nov. 30, I will be both the secretary of agriculture and secretary of legislative affairs. This is a 'first-time-ever situation,' with one person doing both. I have the Department of Agriculture organized for a very productive fall season."

Hayes noted that he loves "my agriculture team. We are ready. For sure, we will get it done. And I'm looking forward to being once again engaged in the legislative process."

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