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Let me begin by offering my sincere thanks to those at the Legislative Studies Section who have entrusted me with the editorship of *Extension of Remarks*. I have great respect for the editors who have held the position previously, and hope to continue successfully on the path they have forged by bringing thought-provoking and insightful perspectives on the study of legislatures to our section's membership.

Based on discussions with former *EOR* editors and others involved in the newsletter, I will continue the practice of producing sets of short essays touching on a selected theme. Of course, thematic topics will most frequently focus on research and analysis of all types of legislative institutions and elections (congressional, state-level, and comparative), with occasional attention to recent developments in relevant data and methods. Since *EOR* provides a unique forum for thinking about how our theories play out in practice (as well as for thinking about how political developments fit into our theories), I hope to produce several issues that connect political science insights and findings to current political events and legislative trends. From my current vantage point (a political scientist who now conducts research on congressional procedure at the Congressional Research Service), I straddle the worlds of academic research on Congress and the operation of the institution on-the-ground, so I am particularly sympathetic to efforts to bridge gaps between theory and practice. My past work on comparative parliaments also underscores my keen interest in using *EOR* as a forum for work on legislatures around the world. Finally, I am excited about the increased attention that the subfield is devoting to historical research, as well as data collection efforts in recent years that promise to allow more longitudinal analysis; I want *EOR* to help with dissemination of these ideas and developments to the LSS membership.

I anticipate that *EOR* will see its first essays under my editorship in the January 2009 edition of the *LSS Newsletter*. I encourage readers with ideas for themes (or even with a set of proposed interrelated essays) to contact me with any suggestions.

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