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Election Results Change; Outcome Remains Uncertain

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The race in House District 86 between Rep. Jim Atterholt (R - Indianapolis) and David Orentlicher (D - Indianapolis) seems to have turned. The Marion County Election Board has sorted out the math and found that Orentlicher has won by 37 votes. This was not a recount. After certification of the winners, a recount must be requested for one to occur.

Two other races around the state are getting recount attention. They include House District 81 in Fort Wayne, where incumbent Rep. Win Moses (D - Fort Wayne) leads Matt Kelty (R - Fort Wayne) by 64 votes, and the open seat for House District 45 in southwest Indiana, where Alan Chowning (D - Sullivan) defeated Bruce Borders (R - Jasonville) by 271 votes. Officials, however, are looking into rumors of fraudulent votes in the latter race.

In addition, Rep. Russ Stilwell (D - Boonville), a United Mine Worker's Union official, has been selected as the Majority Leader in the House.

As this is written, we have received word that the House Democratic Caucus has elected Rep. B. Patrick Bauer (D - South Bend) to be Speaker of the House. This, of course, assumes that Democrats hold what is now a 51-49 majority after any recounts are completed.

We will keep you advised as information becomes available.