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Bullfrog Calls on House Speaker: “Come on Back!”

The state Bullfrog ventured away from the Ohio Statehouse today to the Cleveland law office of Ohio House Speaker Armond Budish. The purpose of the visit was two-fold: to thank the House for passage of important bills that have since lain dormant in the Senate; and to call on the House and the Senate to return before August 4th to pass important redistricting legislation.

The Bullfrog has become an icon used by advocates to highlight misplaced legislative priorities. One June 3rd, the day before both chambers left for a five-month vacation, they passed a bill making the Bullfrog the state frog of Ohio. A queue of unfinished business was left hanging, including redistricting, foreclosure and payday lending reform.

“The Bullfrog is now the state frog, the spotted salamander the state amphibian. But what about the Gerrymander?” said Catherine Turcer, director of the Money and Politics Project for Ohio Citizen Action. “It takes two to Tango and we need both chambers to come back.”

“The House passed comprehensive foreclosure prevention and payday lending reform. Now it’s the Senate’s turn to work,” said Bill Faith, executive director of the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). “We’re calling on the House to come back to session to force the Senate to come back as well.”

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View the Bullfrog videos here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2xDckdeyS0>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jz6FhDMZ4g>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fF3Z1MNgbM>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhZMlr57jsY>