

## Raúl Castro Attends Inauguration of the Cuban Parliament

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Havana, Apr 18 (Prensa Latina) Cuban President Raul Castro is heading the inauguration session of the 9th Legislature of the National Assembly of the People's Power (Parliament) at Havana's Convention Center.

This day, the 605 lawmakers elected last March 11 by more than seven million Cubans are being sworn in for a period of five years, as established by the Cuban Constitution.

After the Assembly's inauguration, the legislators will choose by secret and direct vote to the Speaker of Parliament and the 31 members of the Council of State, including the President, the First Vice President and five Vice Presidents. The inauguration of the Ninth Legislature of the National Assembly takes place in the context of the 57th anniversary of the Cuban victory in Bay Pigs over a US-backed and led mercenary force.