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In late 2006 and early 2007, elections for provincial Party committees will occur in the run up to the 17th National Party Congress in 2007. Each provincial unit will have a new provincial Party Secretary and provincial governor. These people will likely enter the 17th Central Committee of the CCP as full members. For those provincial units with a seat in the Politburo, the Party Secretary of the provincial unit will likely enter the 17th Politburo.

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