

For Katie O'Malley, 'First Lady' Is Just a New Ball to Juggle

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Among Katie O'Malley's first public acts as Maryland's new first lady was nodding off during the State of the Union address.

This would, for some, be an embarrassing moment, six days after her husband was sworn in as governor. Her drooping green eyes were caught on camera. But she's relishing it.

"I told Martin I'm framing the photos," she said. "I love it: Katie O'Malley falls asleep while the president talks about sending more troops to Iraq. Sorry, Mr. President!"

Gov. Martin O'Malley's wife had risen at 5:30 a.m.; awakened, fed and hauled four kids into the family's Chevy Suburban; made three drop-offs at their schools in Baltimore; driven to one of that city's district courthouses, where she is a judge; picked the kids up from her parents' house; rushed back to the governor's mansion in Annapolis; and slipped into a dress for the ride to Washington.

This juggling act will become even more complicated when she tacks on entertaining and other official func-
