



# **NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release

Contact: Sheila McCant  
LA House of Representatives  
Office of Public Information  
Phone: (225) 342-9795

DATE: January 11, 2012

## **KLECKLEY ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TEAM/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

House Speaker Chuck Kleckley today announced his leadership team and committee assignments for the 2012-2016 term.

In choosing chairmen and vice chairmen, Kleckley said he, ". . .selected legislators with a knowledge and understanding of the individual committee's subject matter as well as leadership skills. I was fortunate to have a wealth of talent to choose from for these positions."

Kleckley also said one of his goals in making the leadership appointments was to ensure representation of all segments of the population and all areas of the state. In obtaining this balance along geographic, political and racial lines, he said he has put together a team of, ". . . talented , dedicated, and visionary public servants who will work together to move our state forward for the benefit of all."

Of the 32 chairmen and vice chairmen, there are 18 Republicans and 14 Democrats. Geographically, seven members of the leadership team hail from North Louisiana, two from Central Louisiana, 10 from the Greater New Orleans area, four from the Acadiana region, three from Baton Rouge, and six from the Northshore/Florida parishes area of the state.

**(more)**

## **add one - Kleckley Leadership Team**

A list of leadership appointments follows. A complete list of committee assignments is available on the House Web site at <http://house.louisiana.gov>

**PLEASE NOTE:** A runoff election for the Congressional District 3 elected seat on the Appropriations Committee is being conducted between state Reps. Simone Champagne and Dee Richard. Ballots for this election have been mailed and are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2012.

### **House Chairmen & Vice Chairmen**

#### **Appropriations**

Jim Fannin, C  
Cameron Henry, VC

#### **Ways and Means**

Joel Robideaux, C  
Patrick Williams, VC

#### **Civil Law**

Neil Abramson, C  
Alan Seabaugh, VC

#### **Commerce**

Erich Ponti, C  
Kirk Talbot, VC

#### **Transportation**

Karen St.Germain, C  
Austin Badon, VC

#### **Criminal Justice**

Joe Lopinto, C  
Helena Moreno, VC

#### **Education**

Steve Carter, C  
Patrick Jefferson, VC

#### **Health and Welfare**

Scott Simon  
Frank Hoffmann

#### **Agriculture**

Andy Anders, C  
Bob Hensgens, VC

#### **Judiciary**

Jeff Arnold, C  
Franklin Foil, VC

#### **Labor**

Herbert Dixon, C  
Chris Broadwater, VC

#### **Municipal, Parochial & Cultural Affairs**

Girod Jackson, C  
Robert Billiot, VC

#### **Retirement**

Kevin Pearson, C  
Nick Lorusso, VC

#### **Natural Resources**

Gordon Dove, C  
Jim Morris, VC

#### **Insurance**

Greg Cromer, C  
Harold Ritchie, VC

#### **House & Governmental Affairs**

Tim Burns, C  
Michael Danahay, VC