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House Speaker Kleckley Announces Committee Assignment Changes

November 2, 2012 – *Baton Rouge, Louisiana* – On today, House Speaker Chuck Kleckley announced recent changes to the House committee membership. “After going through the first regular session of this term, I have a better understanding of the best use of the legislator's individual talents,” said Kleckley. These recent changes reflect the members’ increased knowledge and understanding of the committee's subject matter as well as their leadership skills.

Kleckley added, “These bipartisan decisions were made after in-depth discussions with members from both sides of the aisle. I have stated repeatedly that I will do whatever is necessary to keep members informed and to listen to their suggestions.”

The state of Louisiana needs House committees to work efficiently, collegially, and respectfully to find savings and conservatively appropriate funds for the continued operation of state government. Kleckley said he believes all of the recent changes will help to accomplish that goal. These changes also ensure representation of all segments of the population and all areas of the state. “In obtaining this balance, I have put together committees of talented, dedicated, and visionary public servants who will work together to move our state forward for the benefit of all its citizens,” expressed Kleckley.

The list of changes is as follows:

- Bryan Adams, Moved from Ways and Means to Appropriations
- Stuart Bishop, Appointed Vice Chairman of Natural Resources and Environment

- Simone Champagne, Appointed Vice Chairwoman of Appropriations
- Ray Garofalo, Moved from Health and Welfare to Natural Resources and Environment
- Lance Harris, Appointed as interim Appropriations member
- Joe Harrison, Moved from Appropriations to Commerce
- Cameron Henry, Moved from Appropriations to Civil Law and Procedure
- Marcus Hunter, Moved from Civil Law and Procedure to Commerce
- Katrina Jackson, Appointed as interim Appropriations member and interim House and Governmental Affairs member
- Nancy Landry, Appointed Vice Chairwoman of Civil Law and Procedure
- Jim Morris, Resigned from Labor and Industrial Relations
- Clif Richardson, Resigned from Transportation, Highways and Public Works; Natural Resources and Environment; and Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs
- Alan Seabaugh, Moved from Vice Chairman of Civil Law and Procedure to member of Appropriations
- Jeff Thompson, Moved from Commerce to Ways and Means

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