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## **Rep.** Wesley Bishop wins seat on Appropriations Committee

**BATON ROUGE** – Representative Wesley Bishop (D-New Orleans) has won election to the House Appropriations Committee to represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District.

Bishop, who serves as First Vice Chair of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, takes the seat vacated by former Rep. Jared Brossett (D-New Orleans), who resigned his seat in the House following his election to the New Orleans city council.

According to House rules, the Appropriations committee is filled by a combination of appointments of the Speaker of the House and elections by House members. Elections are based on Congressional districts. Any vacancies that occur during a term are to be filled in the manner as they were filled originally. Brossett was elected to the committee, so an election was held to fill his seat.

"This is a proud moment for House District 99," Bishop said, "and I'll continue to serve my city and my state as we face the challenge to provide services our citizens want and need with budgets that always seem too tight. I also aim to serve with heart on a committee that has the future of every one of our citizens in its hands. I appreciate the vote of confidence of my fellow House members have shown." Bishop was also recently voted Legislator of the year by the Louisiana School Based Health Alliance.