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HOUSE SPEAKER MARCO RUBIO ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

TALLAHASSEE – Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Marco Rubio announced today the House’s chairs, vice-chairs and committee members.

“The committee assignments announced today are in keeping with our desire to transform the Florida House into a laboratory of ideas which benefits all Floridians,” said Speaker Rubio. “The men and women chosen to serve on House committees today are knowledgeable, experienced, hardworking and dedicated. But most importantly, they have proven through their service that they are unafraid to pursue big ideas to improve our state.”

“Speaker Rubio deserves credit for his follow-through,” said Minority Leader Dan Gelber. “Just as he promised, for the first time the minority party will have ranking members playing meaningful roles on committees. Those Democratic members will also be placed in council suites so that they can participate fully in the committee process. He also accepted our recommendations for committee appointments without a single objection. These are not token gestures but real reform. I believe Speaker Rubio's respect of the voice of the minority party will benefit this process and ultimately the citizens of our state.”

The new House structure includes 9 councils containing 28 committees. There are also five joint committees to which both the House and Senate appoint members. In general, the membership of each House committee is proportional to the party representation within the House.

“Speaker Rubio has put governing and the pursuit of good ideas above all else,” said Majority Leader Marty Bowen. “During my time in the House, no Speaker has involved his leadership team to a greater degree than Speaker Rubio.”

“Council chairs worked closely with one another to determine who best could serve as chair and vice-chair on each committee, and each one put forward their recommendations for consideration. Every member of the House leadership, including the minority’s leadership, was involved and their input valued throughout the decision-making process. It was a very democratic selection process,” added Leader Bowen.

The attached document contains a full listing of council and committee appointments. The list will also be available via www.MyFloridaHouse.gov after 5 p.m. today.

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