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**BAUER ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE CHAIRS, VICE-CHAIRS FOR 2009-10
LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana House Speaker B. Patrick Bauer (D-South Bend) today announced the names of those representatives who will be leading House committees during the 116th Indiana General Assembly.

Committee chairs and vice-chairs are:

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Chair: State Rep. Phil Pflum (D-Milton); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Joe Pearson (D-Hartford City).

COMMERCE, ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES – Chair: State Rep. Win Moses (D-Fort Wayne); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Matt Pierce (D-Bloomington).

COURTS AND CRIMINAL CODE – Chair: State Rep. Matt Pierce (D-Bloomington); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Nancy Dembowski (D-Knox).

EDUCATION – Chair: State Rep. Greg Porter (D-Indianapolis); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Dennie Oxley (D-Taswell).

ELECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENT – Chair: State Rep. Kreg Battles (D-Vincennes); Vice-Chair: State Rep. David Niezgodski (D-South Bend).

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS – Chair: State Rep. Ryan Dvorak (D-South Bend); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Dan Stevenson (D-Highland).

FAMILY, CHILDREN AND HUMAN AFFAIRS – Chair: State Rep. Vanessa Summers (D-Indianapolis); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Shelli VanDenburgh (D-Crown Point).

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – Chair: State Rep. Jeb Bardon (D-Indianapolis); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Gail Riecken (D-Evansville).

GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM – Chair: State Rep. John Bartlett (D-Indianapolis); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Dennis Tyler (D-Muncie).

INSURANCE – Chair: State Rep. Craig Fry (D-Mishawaka); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Ron Herrell (D-Kokomo).

JUDICIARY – Chair: State Rep. Linda Lawson (D-Hammond); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Cherrish Pryor (D-Indianapolis).

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – Chair: State Rep. David Niezgodski (D-South Bend); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Chuck Moseley (D-Portage).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – Chair: State Rep. Vernon G. Smith (D-Gary); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Nancy Michael (D-Greencastle).

NATURAL RESOURCES – Chair: State Rep. Bob Bischoff (D-Lawrenceburg); Vice-Chair: State Rep. David Cheatham (D-North Vernon).

PUBLIC HEALTH – Chair: State Rep. Charlie Brown (D-Gary); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Peggy Welch (D-Bloomington).

PUBLIC POLICY – Chair: State Rep. Trent Van Haaften (D-Mount Vernon); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Vanessa Summers (D-Indianapolis).

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION – Chair: State Rep. Terri Austin (D-Anderson); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Sandy Blanton (D-Orleans).

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES – Chair: State Rep. Phil GiaQuinta (D-Fort Wayne); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Russ Stilwell (D-Boonville).

SMALL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Chair: State Rep. Scott Reske (D-Pendleton); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Mary Ann Sullivan (D-Indianapolis).

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Chair: State Rep. Vern Tincher (D-Riley); Vice-Chair: State Rep. John Barnes (D-Indianapolis).

WAYS AND MEANS – Chair: State Rep. William Crawford (D-Indianapolis); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Scott Pelath (D-Michigan City);

Chair, Budget Subcommittee: State Rep. Dennis Avery (D-Evansville);

Vice-Chair, Budget Subcommittee: State Rep. Peggy Welch (D-Bloomington);

Vice-Chair, Finance and K-12: State Rep. Terry Goodin (D-Crothersville);

Vice-Chair, Higher Education: State Rep. Sheila Klinker (D-Lafayette);

Vice-Chair, Medicaid and Health: State Rep. Steve Stemler (D-Jeffersonville).

STATUTORY COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION – Chair: State Rep. Earl Harris (D-East Chicago); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Chet Dobis (D-Merrillville).

STATUTORY COMMITTEE ON ETHICS – Chair: State Rep. Clyde Kersey (D-Terre Haute); Vice-Chair: State Rep. Earl Harris (D-East Chicago).