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LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 65TH LEGISLATURE FINALIZED

CHEYENNE – The members of the Wyoming House of Representatives and the Wyoming Senate have finalized their leadership and committee assignments following party caucuses Saturday and Sunday. Members of leadership and newly elected legislators will be sworn in during opening ceremonies on the first day of the legislative session, which is slated to begin at Noon on Jan. 8.

In the House of Representatives, Representative Steve Harshman, of Casper, was elected Speaker of the House; Representative Eric Barlow, of Gillette, was elected Majority Floor Leader; Representative Albert Sommers, of Pinedale, was elected Speaker Pro Tempore; and Representative Tyler Lindholm, of Sundance, was elected Majority Whip. Representative Cathy Connolly, of Laramie, was elected Minority Floor Leader; Representative Charles Pelkey, of Laramie, was elected Minority Whip; and Representative John Freeman, of Green River, was elected Minority Caucus Chairman.

On the Senate side, Senator Drew Perkins, of Casper, was elected President of the Senate; Senator Dan Dockstader, of Afton, was elected Majority Floor Leader; and Senator Ogden Driskill, of Devils Tower, was elected Vice President. Senator Chris Rothfuss, of Laramie, was elected Minority Floor Leader; Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton, of Rock Springs, was elected Minority Whip; and Senator Mike Gierau, of Jackson, was elected Minority Caucus Chairman.

The following Senate committee assignments have been made for the 65th Wyoming Legislature:

- Judiciary: Tara Nethercott, Chairman; Liisa Anselmi-Dalton; Brian Boner; R.J. Kost; and Michael Von Flatern.
- Appropriations: Eli Bebout, Chairman; Wyatt Agar; Mike Gierau; Larry Hicks; and David Kinskey.
- Revenue: Cale Case, Chairman; Fred Baldwin; Bo Biteman; Ogden Driskill; and Affie Ellis.
- Education: Hank Coe, Chairman; Affie Ellis; Lynn Hutchings; Bill Landen; and Chris Rothfuss.
- Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources: Brian Boner, Chairman; Anthony Bouchard; R.J. Kost; Glenn Moniz; and Cheri Steinmetz.
- Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources: Ogden Driskill, Chairman; Liisa Anselmi-Dalton; Tom James; Glenn Moniz; and Jeff Wasserburger.

- Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions: Bill Landen, Chairman; Cale Case; Tara Nethercott; Wendy Schuler; and Charles Scott.
- Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs: Michael Von Flatern, Chairman; Jim Anderson; Lynn Hutchings; Stephen Pappas; and Cheri Steinmetz.
- Minerals, Business & Economic Development: Jim Anderson, Chairman; Bo Biteman; Hank Coe; Chris Rothfuss; and Jeff Wasserburger.
- Labor, Health & Social Services: Charles Scott, Chairman; Fred Baldwin; Anthony Bouchard; Stephen Pappas; Wendy Schuler.

The following House committee assignments have been made for the 65th Wyoming Legislature:

- Judiciary: Dan Kirkbride, Chairman; Sara Burlingame; Chuck Gray; Mark Jennings; Charles Pelkey; Bill Pownall; Tim Salazar; Clark Stith; and Art Washut.
- Appropriations: Bob Nicholas, Chairman; Mark Kinner; Lloyd Larsen; Jared Olsen; Andy Schwartz; Albert Sommers; and Tom Walters.
- Revenue: Dan Zwonitzer, Chairman; Jim Blackburn; Cathy Connolly; JoAnn Dayton; Tim Hallinan; Dan Laursen; Jim Roscoe; Pat Sweeney; and Cyrus Western.
- Education: David Northrup, Chairman; Landon Brown; Cathy Connolly; Jamie Flitner; John Freeman; Jerry Obermueller; Jerry Paxton; Gary Piiparinen; and Evan Simpson.
- Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources: Hans Hunt, Chairman; Stan Blake; Aaron Clausen; Bill Haley; Bill Henderson; Dan Laursen; Evan Simpson; Richard Tass; and John Winter.
- Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources: David Miller, Chairman; Roy Edwards; Jamie Flitner; John Freeman; Bill Haley; Sandy Newsome; Richard Tass; John Winter; and Mike Yin.
- Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions: Tyler Lindholm, Chairman; Jim Blackburn; Aaron Clausen; Scott Clem; Andrea Clifford; Shelly Duncan; Roy Edwards; Danny Eyre and Dan Furphy.
- Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs: John Eklund, Chairman; Stan Blake; Landon Brown; Tom Crank; Bunky Loucks; Joe MacGuire; Sandy Newsome; Jerry Obermueller; and Cyrus Western.
- Minerals, Business & Economic Development: Mike Greear, Chairman; Donald Burkhart; Tom Crank; Shelly Duncan; Danny Eyre; Dan Furphy; Bill Henderson; Bunky Loucks; and Joe MacGuire.
- Labor, Health & Social Services: Sue Wilson, Chairman; Eric Barlow; Scott Clem; JoAnn Dayton; Tim Hallinan; Jim Roscoe; Clarence Styvar; Pat Sweeney; and Mike Yin.

Assignments for select committees, task forces and other miscellaneous committees will be made available at a later date, likely in March. – **End** –