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### SANSOM ANNOUNCES HOUSE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE LEADERS

TALLAHASSEE—Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Ray Sansom, R-Destin, today announced the representatives who will chair councils and committees during the 2009 legislative session.

In addition, Sansom announced the representatives who will serve as vice-chairs and ranking members on the councils and committees. Earlier, Sansom named Rep. Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, to chair the Rules and Calendar Council.

Sansom also announced today the creation of the Select Committee on Seminole Indian Compact Review, to be chaired by Speaker pro tempore Larry Cretul, R-Ocala.

Sansom said, "The purpose of the select committee is to thoroughly review and provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed gambling compact between the State of Florida and the Seminole Tribe of Florida." He said the select committee shall produce a written report no later than the opening day of regular session, that includes both recommendations for proposed action and discussion and analysis of the issues related to the compact.

"These individuals named today have demonstrated leadership, public service, and a commitment to make Florida an even better place to live," said Speaker Sansom. "During these very difficult economic times, it is especially important that our members have a thorough knowledge of the issues—especially in regard to the state budget. I have great confidence that these leaders will help steer Florida on the best possible course."

(A complete list of council and committee appointments will be posted on the House website later today at [www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov).)

**The council chairs, vice chairs, and ranking members announced today are:**

<b><u>Council / Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Member</u></b>
<b><u>Finance and Tax Council</u></b>	Chair	Cannon, D.
	Vice Chair	Lopez-Cantera, C.
	Democratic Ranking	Thurston, P.
	Member	
<b><u>Full Appropriations Council on Education &amp; Economic Development</u></b>	Chair	Rivera, D.
	Vice Chair	Coley, M.
	Democratic Ranking	Saunders, R.
	Member	
<b>PreK-12 Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Flores, A.
	Vice Chair	Legg, J.
	Democratic Ranking	Kiar, M.
	Member	
<b>State &amp; Community Colleges &amp; Workforce Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Weatherford, W.
	Vice Chair	McKeel, S.
	Democratic Ranking	Brisé, R.
	Member	
<b>State Universities &amp; Private Colleges Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Proctor, W.
	Vice Chair	Precourt, S.
	Democratic Ranking	Heller, B.
	Member	
<b>Transportation &amp; Economic Development Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Glorioso, R.
	Vice Chair	Evers, G.
	Democratic Ranking	Gibbons, J.
	Member	

<b><u>Full Appropriations Council on General Government &amp; Health Care</u></b>	Chair	Llorente, M.
	Vice Chair	Frishe, J.
	Democratic Ranking Member	Skidmore, K.
<b>Criminal &amp; Civil Justice Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Adams, S.
	Vice Chair	Thompson, N.
	Democratic Ranking Member	Rouson, D.
<b>Government Operations Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Hays, D.
	Vice Chair	Hooper, E.
	Democratic Ranking Member	Braynon II, O.
<b>Health Care Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Ambler, K.
	Vice Chair	Patronis, J.
	Democratic Ranking Member	Brandenburg, M.
<b>Healthy Seniors Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Domino, C.
	Vice Chair	Anderson, T.
	Democratic Ranking Member	Schwartz, E.
<b>Human Services Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Zapata, J.
	Vice Chair	Aubuchon, G.
	Democratic Ranking Member	Roberson, Y.
<b>Natural Resources Appropriations Committee</b>	Chair	Poppell, R.
	Vice Chair	Williams, T.
	Democratic Ranking Member	Boyd, D.
<b><u>Criminal &amp; Civil Justice Policy Council</u></b>	Chair	Robaina, J.
	Vice Chair	Snyder, W.
	Democratic Ranking Member	Thurston, P.

<b>Civil Justice &amp; Courts Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Thompson, N. Weinstein, M. Scionti, M.
<b>Public Safety &amp; Domestic Security Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Planas, J. Adams, S. Garcia, L.
<b><u>General Government Policy Council</u></b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Troutman, B. Hooper, E. Waldman, J.
<b>Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Williams, T. Poppell, R. Brandenburg, M.
<b>Energy &amp; Utilities Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Kreegel, P. Ford, C. Kriseman, R.
<b>Insurance, Business, &amp; Financial Affairs Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Patterson, P. Hays, D. Taylor, P.
<b><u>Education Policy Council</u></b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Culp, F. Coley, M. Heller, B.
<b>PreK-12 Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Legg, J. Flores, A. Kiar, M.

<b>State &amp; Community Colleges &amp; Workforce Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	McKeel, S. Weatherford, W. Reed, B.
<b>State Universities &amp; Private Colleges Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Precourt, S. Proctor, W. Chestnut IV, C.
<b><u>Health &amp; Family Services Policy Council</u></b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Homan, E. Holder, D. Garcia, L.
<b>Elder &amp; Family Services Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Anderson, T. Domino, C. Schwartz, E.
<b>Health Care Regulation Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Patronis, J. Ambler, K. Porth, A.
<b>Health Care Services Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Aubuchon, G. Zapata, J. Soto, D.
<b><u>Economic Development &amp; Community Affairs Policy Council</u></b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Murzin, D. Gonzalez, E. Gibson, A.
<b>Economic Development Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Carroll, J. Nelson, B. Thompson, G.

<b>Governmental Affairs Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Lopez-Cantera, C. McBurney, C. Braynon II, O.
<b>Military &amp; Local Affairs Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Hukill, D. Dorworth, C. Long, J.
<b>Roads, Bridges, &amp; Ports Policy Committee</b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Evers, G. Glorioso, R. Sachs, M.
<b><u>Government Accountability Act Council</u></b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Grimsley, D. Nehr, P. Randolph, S.
<b><u>Policy Council</u></b>	Chair Vice Chair Democratic Ranking Member	Bogdanoff, E. Schenk, R. Fitzgerald, K.
<b>Joint Administrative Procedures Committee</b>	Chair	Schenk, R.
<b>Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight</b>	Chair	Holder, D.
<b>Joint Committee on Everglades Oversight</b>	Chair	Snyder, W.
<b>Joint Legislative Auditing Committee</b>	Chair	Coley, M.
<b>Joint Legislative Budget Commission</b>	Chair (Dec. 2008-Oct. 2009) Chair (Nov. 2009- Oct. 2010)	Rivera, D. Llorente, M.
<b>Joint Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations</b>	Chair	Frishe, J.
<b>Joint Legislative Sunset Committee</b>	Chair	Grimsley, D.

**Rules and Calendar Council**

Chair	Galvano, B.
Vice Chair	Bogdanoff, E.
Democratic Ranking Member	Sands, F.

**Select Committee on Seminole Indian Compact Review**

Chair	Cretul, L.
Vice Chair	Galvano, B.

**Office of Reapportionment**

Cannon, D.

**A brief biography of each council chair follows:**

**Representative Sandy Adams (R- Oviedo)** – Representative Sandy Adams was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Adams most recently served as the Chair of the Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety. Representative Adams is a former law enforcement officer for Orange County and was a member of the United State Air Force. Representative Adams has won numerous awards including the Orange County Sheriff's Office Seton Award and the Secret Service Recognition Award. She was President of the Central Florida Chapter Concerns of Police Survivors Inc. from 1992-2001.

**Representative Kevin Ambler (R- Lutz)** – Representative Kevin Ambler was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Ambler most recently served as the Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee. Representative Ambler is the creator of the award-winning civics program called the "Ought to be a Law" Student Legislation Competition, in which Florida high students research, draft and lobby a bill idea of their own in the Florida Legislature. Representative Ambler has a B.A. from Cornell University, a J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law and is a Major in the United States Air Force Reserve. Representative Ambler is a recipient of numerous awards including the Consumer Rights Legislative Award of 2004, the Hillsborough County "Have A Heart" Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney of the Year 2002 and a National Defense Medal.

**Representative Tom Anderson (R- Dunedin)** – Representative Tom Anderson was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Anderson most recently served as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Healthy Seniors. Representative Anderson's prior public service includes serving as Mayor of the City of Dunedin from 1994-2002, Chairman of the Pinellas Planning Council in 1995 and membership on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in 1998. Representative Anderson has a B.A. from the City College of New York, an M.B.A. from George Washington University and was a member of the United States Navy. Representative Anderson has received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Schiller International

University, the Republican of the Year Award from North Pinellas County Republican Club and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Florida Association of School Administrators.

**Representative Ellyn Setnor Bogdanoff (R- Fort Lauderdale)** - Representative Ellyn Setnor Bogdanoff was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in a special election in January 2004 and serves on the House leadership team, most recently as Majority Whip during the 2006-2008 Legislative Sessions. She earned a B.S. in Risk Management from the University of Florida and a J.D. from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law School. Since being elected, Representative Bogdanoff has been recognized by the Broward Partnership for the Homeless for her legislative advocacy and was also honored by Florida's Children First, Covenant House Florida, and the Florida Association of School Administrators for her commitment to education and children's issues.

**Representative Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park)** – Representative Dean Cannon was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2004. Representative Cannon most recently served as the Chair of the Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council. Representative Cannon previously served as General Counsel of the Orange County 2000 Charter Review Commission. Representative Cannon is a member of Leadership Florida's Class XIX, a member of the Orlando Science Center's Board of Trustees, a Council Member of the ABA Section of State and Local Government and honorary Chairman of the Board for the Life for Kids Adoption Agency.

**Representative Larry Cretul (R-Ocala)** – Representative Larry Cretul was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Cretul most recently served as Deputy Majority Leader and chaired the Tourism and Trade Committee in 2006-2007. Representative Cretul's prior public service includes serving for eight years as a Marion County Commissioner, two years as Chair.

**Representative Faye Culp (R-Tampa)** – Representative Faye Culp was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1994-1998 and was reelected in 2002. Representative Culp most recently served as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Conservation & State Lands and Alternating Chair of the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations. Representative Culp received her Doctorate in Education from Argosy University in 2008. Representative Culp's prior public service includes serving as a School Board Member for Hillsborough County. Representative Culp has received numerous awards including the Tampa Civic Association's "Woman of the Century," the Condo and Homeowner Association's Legislator of the Year 2003 and South Tampa Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year 1999.

**Representative Carl Domino (R-Jupiter)** – Representative Carl Domino was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Domino most recently served as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Audit & Performance and Alternating Chair of the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, and was Majority Whip from 2004-2006. Representative Domino has a B.A. from Florida State University, an M.B.A from the Harvard Business School and retired as a Commander in the United States Naval Reserve. Representative Domino is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, the Florida State University Foundation and the Kiwanis Club and is a Board member of the American Cancer Society and Easter Seals.

**Representative Greg Evers (R-Baker)** – Representative Greg Evers was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in a special election in October 2001. Representative Evers most recently served as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and Alternating Chair of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. Representative Evers has received numerous awards including the Florida Forestry

Association's Legislator of the Year 2006, the Florida Association of Ag Educators' Legislator of the Year 2005 and the Florida Farm Bureau's Outstanding Legislator Award 2004.

**Representative Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton)** – Representative Bill Galvano was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Galvano most recently served as the Chair of the Committee on Healthy Families and Vice Chair of the Select Committee on Autism & Developmental Disorders. Representative Galvano is a member of the Manatee County Public Schools Foundation Honorary Advisory Council, the Manatee County Sheriff's Advisory Council and the Mote Scientific Foundation Board of Trustees. Representative Galvano is the immediate past-chair of the eight-county Bay Area Legislative Delegation and has had the distinct honor to be awarded the Chair's Cup for Excellence in Regionalism for his creation of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority. Other more recent awards include the Florida Children's Services Council Award, Healthy Families Florida Leadership Award, the Florida Association of School Social Workers Legislator of the Year, and Outstanding Legislator of the Year for the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council.

**Representative Ed Homan(R-Tampa)** – Representative Ed Homan was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Homan most recently served as the Chair of the Committee on Audit & Performance. Representative Homan is an Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida Medical School and was in the United States Navy. Representative Homan is a member of the Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce and was President of the Hillsborough County Medical Association from 1999-2000.

**Representative Marcelo Llorente (R-Miami)** – Representative Marcelo Llorente was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. He most recently served as the Chair of the Committee on Constitution & Civil Law. Representative Llorente graduated from Tulane University, where he was on the varsity baseball team, and earned his J.D. from the Florida State University College of Law.

**Representative Dave Murzin (R- Pensacola)** – Representative Dave Murzin was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Murzin most recently served as the Chair of the Committee on Utilities & Telecommunications. He graduated from the University of West Florida, and once served as a legislative assistant to former State Representatives Jerry Maygarden and Jeff Miller.

**Representative Pat Patterson (R- DeLand)** – Representative Pat Patterson was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1998, when he served one term. He was reelected and has subsequently served in the House since 2002. Most recently, he served as the Chair of the Committee on Ethics & Elections. Representative Patterson is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and is an insurance agent. Before his election to the Florida House, he served on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the Volusia County Council.

**Representative Juan-Carlos "J.C." Planas (R-Miami)** – Representative Juan-Carlos "J.C." Planas was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Representative Planas earned his bachelor's degree from Florida State University and his J.D. from the St. Thomas School of Law. From 1998-2002, Representative Planas served as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County. He serves on the Board of Advisors for the St. Thomas Law School and is a board member of Baypoint Schools and Wings for Life. Representative Planas is the Chairman of the Florida Hispanic Legislative Caucus.

**Representative Ralph Poppell (R- Vero Beach)** – Representative Ralph Poppell was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. He recently served as the Alternating Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight and the Vice Chair of the Committee on Insurance. Representative Poppell is the past Chairman of Giving Rewarding Opportunities for Work (G.R.O.W) and is active with the Indian River Citrus League.

**Representative Ron Reagan (R- Bradenton)** – Representative Ron Reagan was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. He most recently served as the Chair of the Committee on Insurance and the Jobs & Entrepreneurship Council. Representative Reagan is a graduate of the University of South Florida and is an insurance agent. He was chosen as Majority Whip by the Speaker for the 2008-2010 Legislative term.

**Representative David Rivera (R-Miami)** - Representative David Rivera was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. He most recently served as the Chair of the Rules & Calendar Council and as a member of the Policy & Budget Council. Representative Rivera also serves as National Committeeman for the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, State Committeeman for the Republican Party of Florida and State Committeeman and Executive Director of the Republican Party of Miami-Dade County. Representative David Rivera has a B.A. in Political Science and a Masters in Public Administration from Florida International University.

**Representative Julio Robaina (R- Miami)** - Representative Julio Robaina was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. He most recently served as the Chair of the Committee on Urban & Local Affairs and the Select Committee on Condominium & Homeowners Association Governance. Representative Robaina has previously held the positions of Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioner of the City of South Miami.

**Representative Baxter Troutman (R- Winter Haven)** – Representative Baxter Troutman was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. He recently served as the Vice Chair of the Environment & Natural Resources Council and the Committee on Environmental Protection. Representative Troutman is a graduate of Florida Southern College. Representative Troutman is a board member of the Polk County Farm Bureau and is a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association and Highlands County Citrus Growers Association.

**Representative Will Weatherford (R- Wesley Chapel)** - Representative Will Weatherford was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2006. He most recently served as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Economic Development. Representative Weatherford is a graduate of Jacksonville University and previously served on the Student Athletic Recruiting Task Force.

**Representative Juan C. Zapata (R- Miami)** – Representative Juan C. Zapata was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2002. Most recently, Representative Zapata served as Vice Chair of the Healthcare Council. Representative Zapata is a graduate of Florida International University and is the first Colombian American to be elected to the Florida Legislature. He serves as Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and was former Chair for the Florida Hispanic Legislative Caucus.