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Reps D'Amelio, Noujaim Receive Leadership; Committee Assignments Restoring Economy; Creating, Preserving Jobs are Top Priority for 2009-2010



State Representatives Anthony J. D'Amelio and Selim Noujaim have been re-appointed as Assistant House Republican Leaders for the 2009-2010 legislative sessions by House Republican Leader Lawrence F. Cafero Jr.

Representative D'Amelio also was appointed to the legislature's General Law, Insurance and Real Estate, and Public Safety and Security committees. He also will serve as the House Ranking Member (Republican Leader) on the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Representative Noujaim was appointed to the General Assembly's Commerce, Higher Education and Employment Advancement, and Labor and Public Employees committees. He also was appointed as House Ranking Member on the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

"Tony D'Amelio and Selim Noujaim have been effective leaders who have played key roles in gaining support for legislation that benefits Connecticut taxpayers and encourages economic growth and job creation. Their commitment to lowering the tax burden on citizens and the business community has served our state well in the past and is especially important as we work to pull our state out of the current recession and restore economic growth and full employment," said Representative Cafero, R-Norwalk. "They are recognized leaders within our caucus and in their districts. I was pleased to reappoint Selim and Tony as Assistant Republican Leaders and look forward to working closely with them over the next two years."

"I'd like to thank Larry Cafero for reappointing me as one of his assistant leaders," said Representative D'Amelio, R-71st District. "As one of our caucus' leaders, I can more effectively pursue legislation that will ensure a better economic future for the people of Middlebury and Waterbury and elsewhere in our state. As a businessman and an employer, I know from first-hand experience that Connecticut's economy is in serious trouble. As a legislator and a leader of our caucus, I will be pressing for decisive action to restore our state's economy and get our people back to work as soon as the General Assembly convenes in January. There is no more important priority for me and for the folks I represent."

"In addition to assisting Larry Cafero, I am honored to serve as the House Ranking Member on the Labor and Public Employees Committee," said Representative Noujaim,

R-Waterbury. “In these difficult economic times, legislators must be prepared to make the tough decisions that will be necessary to stimulate our economy and provide more employment opportunities. That means reducing state spending and operating state government more efficiently. My experience as a businessman and a manufacturing professional in both good and bad times has made it clear to me that reducing taxes and lowering state spending are essential to a healthy economy and job growth and employment security.”

As assistant leaders, representatives Noujaim and D’Amelio help organize members of the House Republican Caucus; help ensure good communication between the House Republican leadership and rank and file members; help keep the leadership abreast of the concerns and legislative goals of individual caucus members; and help familiarize new members with House rules and procedures.