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REPS. FLOREN, GIBBONS AND CAMILLO: NAMED TO KEY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES



GREENWICH- State Representatives Livvy R. Floren, R-149th District, Lile R. Gibbons, R-150th District, and Fred Camillo, R- 151st District, have been selected to serve on key committee positions in the House Republican caucus for the 2009 – 2010 legislative sessions by House Republican Leader Lawrence F. Cafero Jr., R-142nd District.

Representative Lile Gibbons was re-appointed as the House Republican Ranking Member (Republican leader) on the General Assembly's Human Services Committee; and Representative Floren was selected as the House Ranking Member on the Bonding Subcommittee of the General Assembly's Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee. Representatives Floren and Gibbons were also re-appointed for another term as Assistant House Republican leaders.

"I'm privileged to have been chosen as one of our caucus' top leaders," Representative Floren said. "As lead republican on the Bonding Subcommittee, in tough financial times we need to look at our bonded indebtedness. We currently spend 11% of the state budget on debt service payments."

Floren will also continue to serve on the Government Administration and Elections committee, where she has been a long-standing member helping write new ethics and campaign finance laws. Floren will also be on the Select Committee on Aging where it be her job to advocate for the elderly in our state and the challenge of an aging workforce and population as "baby boomers" consider retirement is to recognize what the state can do you ease the transition.

In addition to the Human Services committee, Rep. Gibbons has been asked to continue her service on the Transportation and the Finance, Revenue and Bonding committee, the legislature's tax-writing committee.

Rep. Gibbons added, "Serving another term on the Transportation committee will allow me to continue my work with ongoing initiatives to improve traffic flow and safety on I-95 and to track the progress of the new Rail Cars due in 2009."

Representative-elect Fred Camillo, a newly named member of the Appropriations Committee said, "Budgetary challenges will be the major focus the next two years. To solve this enormous problem, there is no magic bullet or quick fix. State government

needs to change the way it operates fundamentally. That state cannot rely on \$1.4 billion in its Rainy Day Fund, as that would be wiped out in matter of months."

Rep. Camillo also will serve on the Transportation and Environment committees.

"The environment is near and dear to my heart," concluded Camillo, who was a founding member of Greenwich Recycling Company which has become the standard for recycling of plastic, glass, cans and newspaper in Connecticut.