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CHARLES PERRY
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SEN. PERRY TO CHAIR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Sen. Perry also named Vice-Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and selected to serve on the Finance Committee, Criminal Justice Committee, and the Transportation Committee

AUSTIN, TX – Today, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick named State Senator Charles Perry to Chair the Senate Committee on Water and Rural Affairs. Additionally, Senator Perry was named Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and a member of the Finance Committee, Criminal Justice Committee and Transportation Committee.

These committee assignments are for the 86th Texas Legislative Session and the interim.

"This is going to be an incredibly important year to address flooding, protecting water resources, unfunded liabilities, and education in Texas," said Sen. Charles Perry. "Texans are looking for lasting solutions this legislative session and I am optimistic that we are going to be successful moving forward."

For the first time, Sen. Perry was appointed to the powerful Senate Committee on Finance. This committee will be writing the State's budget. Chairwoman Jane Nelson has already filed the General Appropriations Act (SB 1) and hearings will begin on this bill next week. SB 1 appropriates an estimated \$112 billion in General Revenue.

"I am honored to be selected to serve on the Finance Committee to help write the State's budget for the next two years. This will be an important session to direct more funds to education, fund flood mitigation efforts, deal with unfunded liabilities, fund deferred maintenance, and help retired teachers while at the same time being fiscally responsible," said Sen. Perry.

Sen. Perry continued, "I am looking forward to fight for West Texas this legislative session. I believe serving on these committees will give West Texas a strong voice as we look to keep Texas the best state in the nation to live, work, and raise a family. I want to thank Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick for trusting me with these important committee assignments."

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