

PRESS RELEASE

House Speaker Selects Ethics Committee Members

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Speaker Lawrence Denney today announced the formation and membership of a House Ethics Committee to investigate a complaint filed against Representative Phil Hart of Coeur d'Alene. The Speaker has selected Representative Thomas Loertscher to chair the seven-member committee and Representative Wendy Jaquet as vice-chair. Other members of the committee include Representatives Dell Raybould, Bert Stevenson, Rich Wills, Bill Killen and George Saylor.

The Speaker indicated no immediate action was necessary from him concerning Rep. Hart's committee assignments, since the committees on which Rep. Hart serves are not scheduled to meet during the interim.

The Speaker stated, "I have full confidence in the Idaho House process and in the capable and experienced members I have selected for this committee. It is important for both the House and for Rep. Hart to have this matter resolved quickly and in a fair, even-handed manner."

The House Ethics Committee will be looking at an August timetable, but the Speaker will leave the exact dates up to Chairman Loertscher to determine with his committee members.