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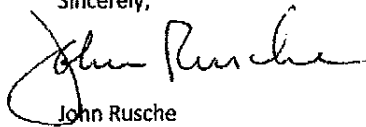
Mr. Speaker,

Based on recent news accounts, our caucus believes that it is important to investigate potential misconduct in performance of legislative duties by Representative Phil Hart. This formal complaint and request for investigation is as allowed by Rule 76 of the Idaho House of Representatives.

Based on recently disclosed information, it appears that Representative Hart has attempted to use his position as a Member of the Idaho House to obtain special treatment from the Idaho Tax Commission. In addition, as Representative Hart serves on the tax policy committee while at the same time appearing to attempt to set aside tax law and obtain personal financial benefit, there is at the least a perception of a conflict of interest which has not been acknowledged as required by House Rule 38.

I believe it is in all of our best interests--the House, fellow legislators and the citizens of the State--to resolve this issue expeditiously.

Sincerely,



John Rusche

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