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Hart Volunteers to Leave Committee

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(Athol, Idaho) Idaho State Representative Phil Hart has asked the Speaker of the House, Lawrence Denney, to not be reassigned to the House Revenue and Taxation Committee for the 2011 session.

Hart, a three term House member representing Idaho's third district, said in a letter sent to Denney that he was voluntarily stepping aside from his position on the committee and asking to be assigned to another committee. Earlier this summer Hart had been the target of a House Ethics committee investigation looking into his dealings with the Idaho State Tax Commission. Ultimately the Ethics panel could find no wrongdoing on Hart's part but they did ask Speaker Denney to remove Hart from the committee. Hart's move today precludes any action by Denney.

A copy of the correspondence between Representative Hart and Speaker Denney is attached.