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Lanane appointed to gaming study committee

Committee to focus on state's regulation of the horse racing industry

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne), upon recommendation by Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville), has appointed State Senator Tim Lanane (D-Anderson) to serve on the Interim Study Committee on Gaming and as a member of several other interim committees and commissions. As a member of the Interim Study Committee on Gaming, Lanane will be involved in a review of a number of issues relating to the horse racing industry in Indiana.

Lanane was also reappointed to the Census Data Advisory Committee, the group that will be preparing for the 2011 legislative redistricting process. The federal census data obtained in 2010 will be used to make a variety of decisions at the state and local levels, including where state legislative and congressional district lines are drawn for the next 10 years.

Additionally, Lanane has been reappointed to serve on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Indiana Public Defender Commission and Commission on Courts.

Other topics assigned for review this year by the General Assembly include the following:

Economic development: The newly formed Committee on Economic Development will study available economic development tools and how Indiana's tax laws can encourage business development.

Statewide smoking ban: A statewide smoking ban and its economic impact on the state and local businesses will be studied by the Health Finance Commission.

Renter safety: Crime victims' ability to terminate leases under certain circumstances will be reviewed by the Commission on Courts.

"Sexting": The Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee will study concerns about "sexting," or the sending of sexually suggestive or explicit cell phone and internet messages by minors. The study committee will review how school corporations' policies could address this topic.

The General Assembly annually convenes interim study committees and permanent commissions to conduct in-depth research and analysis of issues affecting the state. Recommendations from these committees are often the basis for future legislation. More information about committee topics, schedules and agendas is available online at www.in.gov/legislative/interim.

For more information on Sen. Lanane, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.IN.gov.

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