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Truitt's Committee Appointments Increase Clout For District 98 Constituents

Austin, Texas - Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) announced on Wednesday that Representative Vicki Truitt (R-Keller) will continue her leadership position as Chair of the House Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services (PIFS).

"It is humbling and I am honored to be tapped for the third term in a row as chairman of this major committee. I try to take a fair, deliberative approach in managing the committee," Truitt said referring to the PIFS appointment.

PIFS has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the state's banking system, savings and loan associations, credit unions, the regulation of state and local bonded indebtedness, the lending of money, all state and local public retirement systems, the regulation of securities and investments, privacy and identity theft, and oversight of 16 state agencies.

In addition to the chairmanship, Representative Truitt was reappointed to the Public Health committee. The House Committee on Public Health has oversight of a number of large state agencies and is responsible for the state's public health issues, including the regulation of the practice of medicine, dentistry and other health professions. "Public health is a passion for me, and where I can bring the benefit of decades of experience in the field to issues before the committee," Truitt said.

A big gain this session is Truitt's new appointment to the influential House Calendars Committee. Calendars committee members are tasked with the placement of bills on the agenda, or "calendar" for consideration of the full House.

Speaker Straus stated, "I am pleased to reappoint Representative Vicki Truitt as Chair of Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services, which oversees the most important matters to our state retirement systems and securities and investments. I know that Vicki will excel in this role, while also serving as a member of the House Committees on Calendars and Public Health."

Asked if she is pleased with the appointments to the 82nd Legislature, Truitt said, "That I hold a chairmanship under the current Speaker, as well as the last (Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland), is, I hope, indicative of my willingness to work hard, study the issues, demonstrate good judgment and fair treatment toward all with business before the committee."

To review the House committee assignments and other items pertaining to the Texas Legislature visit <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>.

Representative Vicki Truitt is a seven-term legislator from Tarrant County representing the people of Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake, Keller, Westlake, and parts of Trophy Club and far north Fort Worth.

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