



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

RICHMOND

William J. Howell
SPEAKER

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:
RULES (CHAIRMAN)

For Immediate Release:
July 27, 2010

Contact: G. Paul Nardo
(804) 698-1228 or gpnardo@house.virginia.gov
williamjhowell.org

Speaker Howell Announces Additional Appointments to Standing Committees, Boards & Commissions

RICHMOND, VA – Following several special elections this year, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates [William J. Howell](#) (R-Stafford) today announced his decisions on additional 2010 appointments of delegates to legislative committees and statewide boards and commissions. As presiding officer of the 100-member House, Speaker Howell's duties include appointing all delegates to at least two of the House's 14 standing committees, selecting chairs and vice-chairs of House standing committees and assigning bills to committees, among others.

"Now that Delegates Eileen Filler-Corn (D-Fairfax), Roxann Robinson (R-Chesterfield) and Tony Wilt (R-Rockingham) have been elected and are the newest members of 'the people's House,' I am pleased to announce their committee assignments as well as several additional changes to a number of House standing committees following the departures of former delegates Marsden, Nixon and Lohr," said Speaker Howell.

There are 59 Republicans, plus two Independents who caucus with Republicans, making for a 61-member majority in the House of Delegates. The House minority has 39 Democrats. Based on proportional seating that is included in the Rules of the House of Delegates, the standard 22-member House committees presently have 14 members from the majority and 8 members from the minority following a net +6 gain by Republicans following the 2009 general election and several special elections this year.

The following changes to House standing committees and statewide boards are effective immediately:

[Del. Eileen Filler-Corn](#) (D-Fairfax) – Militia, Police & Public Safety, Transportation;

[Del. Roxann L. Robinson](#) (R-Chesterfield) – Health, Welfare & Institutions, Science & Technology;

[Del. Tony O. Wilt](#) (R-Rockingham) – Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources, Counties
Cities & Towns;

[Del. R. Lee Ware, Jr.](#) (R-Powhatan) – Vice Chair, Commerce & Labor (no longer vice chair of
Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources, but remains on that committee);

[Del. Edward T. "Ed" Scott](#) (R-Madison) – Vice Chair, Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources;

-- more --

Del. John A. Cosgrove (R-Chesapeake) – Commerce & Labor, off General Laws;

Del. Thomas A. “Tag” Greason (R-Loudoun) – General Laws, off Science & Technology;

Del. James W. “Will” Morefield (R-Tazewell) – Science & Technology, also now serving on the **Virginia Commission on Coal and Energy** (replacing Delegate Hugo, who volunteered to come off the panel);

Del. James M. “Jim” Scott (D-Fairfax) – off Militia, Police & Public Safety (Note: Since each delegate must have at least two committees, one member of the minority had to come off of a panel to accommodate Delegate Filler-Corn. Speaker Howell spoke with Delegate Scott last week);

Del. Ronald A. “Ron” Villanueva (R-Virginia Beach) – Finance

William J. Howell is the 54th Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates. First elected a delegate in 1987, he represents the 28th House District which includes parts of Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg. For more information about Speaker Howell, please visit his website - www.williamjhowell.org.

###