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The following article announcing Senate committee assignments appeared in the Friday, December 22, 2006 edition of Gongwer News Service. The House has not yet announced their committee assignments. We will inform you of those assignments once an announcement has been made.

BISHOP SPLITS T&E, EXPANDS APPROPS., ADDS ELECTIONS PANEL

The Senate Technology and Energy Committee will be split into two separate committees with emerging technologies being paired with homeland security under a series of committee assignments announced by Senate Majority Leader-elect Sen. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester).

The renamed Energy Policy Committee will be chaired by Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), who had chaired the former Technology and Energy Committee. The new Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies Committee will be chaired by Sen. Cameron Brown (R-Sturgis).

In his selections, Mr. Bishop also created a new committee on Campaign and Election Oversight, chaired by Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) while eliminating the Senate Gaming and Casino Oversight panel.

The announcements also confirm assignments first reported by Gongwer News Service on Monday that Senate Majority Floor Leader Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt) will serve on the Appropriations Committee instead of chairing the Judiciary Committee and that Sen. Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland) will chair both the Judiciary and Education Committees. Mr. Cropsey will chair the Judiciary and Corrections Subcommittee of Appropriations.

The Appropriations Committee is growing, adding one member from each party to make it an 11-7 Republican edge. Most other committees retain the same one-member edge for the majority party.

The Appropriations Committee has four members newly-elected to the Senate, but who all had served in the House: John Pappageorge (R-Troy) who will be vice chair, Roger Kahn (R-Saginaw Township), Mark Jansen (R-Gaines Township), and Glenn Anderson (D-Westland).

The Families and Human Services Committee shrunk by two members, and now stands at three members. Sen. Bill Hardiman (R-Kentwood), who had chaired that committee as well as the relevant Appropriations subcommittee, will instead serve as vice chair of the standing committee and chair of the Human Services subcommittee of Appropriations. Mr. Jansen will serve as chair.

Sen.-elect Randy Richardville (R-Frenchtown Township), another former House member new to the Senate, will take over the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee that had been headed by Mr. Bishop.

Below is how things will stand when the Senate returns for the 94th Legislature; numbers next

to the committee names indicate the Republican/Democratic split.

AGRICULTURE (3/2): VanWoerkom (C), Gilbert (VC), Birkholz, Gleason (MVC) and Whitmer.

APPROPRIATIONS (11/7): Jelinek (C), Pappageorge (VC), George, Hardiman, Jansen, Kahn, Cropsey, Garcia, Brown, McManus, Stamas, Switalski (MVC),

Anderson, Barcia, Brater, Cherry, Clark-Coleman and Scott.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (4/3): Richardville (C), Sanborn (VC), Cassis, Stamas, Hunter (MVC), Clarke and Olshove.

CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION OVERSIGHT (3/2): McManus (C), Brown (VC), Jansen, Jacobs (MVC) and Schauer.

COMMERCE AND TOURISM (3/2): Allen (C), Gilbert (VC), Stamas, Clarke (MVC) and Hunter.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM (4/3): Sanborn (C), Richardville (VC), Allen, Gilbert, Thomas (MVC, Hunter and Jacobs.

ENERGY POLICY (5/3): Patterson (C), Brown (VC), Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville, Olshove (MVC), Prusi and Thomas.

EDUCATION (3/2): Kuipers (C), VanWoerkom (VC), Cassis, Whitmer (MVC) and Gleason.

FAMILIES AND HUMAN SERVICES (2/1): Jansen (C), Hardiman (VC) and Jacobs (MVC).

FINANCE (4/3): Cassis (C), Gilbert (VC), McManus, Jansen, Prusi (MVC), Jacobs and Whitmer.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND REFORM (4/3): Bishop (C), Patterson (VC), Cassis, Kuipers, Schauer (MVC), Clarke and Olshove.

HEALTH POLICY (4/3): George (C), Patterson (VC), Sanborn, Allen, Clarke (MVC), Gleason and Jacobs.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (4/3): Brown (C), Garcia (VC), Richardville, Pappageorge, Hunter (MVC), Olshove and Thomas.

JUDICIARY (4/3): Kuipers (C), Cropsey (VC), Sanborn, Patterson, Whitmer (MVC), Clarke and Prusi.

LOCAL, URBAN & STATE AFFAIRS (3/2): VanWoerkom (C), Birkholz (VC), Allen, Gleason (MVC) and Basham.

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (3/2): Birkholz (C), VanWoerkom (VC), Patterson, Basham (MVC) and Prusi.

SENIOR CITIZENS & VETERANS AFFAIRS (3/2): Allen (C), Pappageorge (VC), Garcia, Olshove (MVC) and Basham.

TRANSPORTATION (3/2): Gilbert (C), Kahn (VC), VanWoerkom, Basham (MVC) and Gleason.

APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEES:

AGRICULTURE (2/1): Brown (C), Jelinek (VC) and Scott (MVC).

CAPITAL OUTLAY (6/4): McManus (C), Jelinek (VC), Brown, Cropsey, Hardiman, Pappageorge, Switalski (MVC), Cherry, Clark-Coleman and Scott.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (3/2): Jansen (C), George (VC), Stamas, Scott (MVC) and Anderson.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES (2/1): Hardiman (C), McManus (VC) and Clark-Coleman (MVC).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH (4/3): Kahn (C), Pappageorge (VC), George, Stamas, Cherry (MVC), Barcia and Switalski.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (2/1): Garcia (C), Cropsey (VC) and Brater (MVC).

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (3/2): Hardiman (C), Kahn (VC), Jansen, Scott (MVC) and Barcia.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (2/1): Pappageorge (C), Garcia (VC) and Anderson (MVC).

HIGHER EDUCATION (4/3): Stamas (C), George (VC), Hardiman, McManus, Barcia (MVC), Anderson and Brater.

HISTORY, ARTS AND LIBRARIES (2/1): George (C), Brown (VC) and Clark-Coleman (MVC).

JUDICIARY AND CORRECTIONS (2/1): Cropsey (C), Kahn (VC) and Brater (MVC).

K-12, SCHOOL AID, EDUCATION (3/2): Jelinek (C), Brown (VC), Garcia, Switalski (MVC) and Clark-Coleman.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (2/1): McManus (C), Jelinek (VC) and Brater (MVC).

RETIREMENT (2/1): Jansen (C), Kahn (VC) and Cherry (MVC).

STATE POLICE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (2/1): Garcia (C), Cropsey (VC) and Barcia (MVC).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (2/1): Hardiman (C), Cropsey (VC) and

Anderson (MVC).

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (3/2): Pappageorge (C), VanWoerkom, Kuipers, Barcia and Clarke.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (2/1): Bishop, Patterson and Allen. Alternatives: Brown, Sanborn, Schauer and Thomas. Alternate: Hunter.

LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2/1): Bishop, McManus and Clarke.

MICHIGAN CAPITOL COMMITTEE (3/1): George (C), Garcia, Brown and Brater.

SENATE FISCAL AGENCY BOARD OF GOVERNORS (3/2): Bishop, Jelinek, Pappageorge, Schauer and Switalski.