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Barnhart to Chair House Revenue Committee

Salem- Oregon House Speaker-designee Dave Hunt has announced that Representative Phil Barnhart will serve again as Chair of the House Revenue Committee.

This will be Barnhart's second Legislative term as chair of the influential committee. In 2007 and 2008, Barnhart worked with the Oregon business community to create the state's first Rainy Day Fund, a package of renewable energy tax credits, and credits to help family farmers, foresters, and fishermen in 2007 and 2008. Among other responsibilities, Barnhart will work to help Oregon weather its current economic crisis.

"We're in the midst of one of the most severe budget crunches Oregon has experienced. Our approach to key revenue issues will make or break us as we're working to properly fund vital services and rebound from this economic downturn," said Barnhart. "The legislature needs bold solutions in 2009."

Barnhart has earned a reputation in the Capitol and throughout the state as one of the most respected leaders on tax and budget policy. "Now more than ever, Oregon needs smart, thoughtful leaders like Phil to help us weather this crisis. He has a very big and important job ahead of him, but Phil has the experience and wisdom that this position requires" said Speaker-designee Hunt.

Barnhart will also serve on the Environment and Water Committee, and has once again been tapped to serve as Assistant Majority Leader, helping the Legislature craft and pass key policies.

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