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## **SENATOR CHABERT SAYS THAT INFORMATIONAL HEARING IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN FINDING THE SOLUTION TO OIL SPILL PROBLEM**

### **NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEES SCHEDULE MEETING AIMED AT GETTING THE LATEST FACTS ABOUT OIL SPILL**

District 20 State Senator Norby Chabert (D-Houma), is joining forces with Senator Nick Gautreaux (D-Meaux), Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and Senate Environmental Quality Committee Chairman Jody Amedee (D-Gonzales) to get answers for the people of Louisiana. Their main goals include protecting the economic and environmental well-being of Louisiana citizens and communities and to bring about possible policy changes.

The Natural Resources Committee and the Environmental Quality Committee of the Louisiana Senate have scheduled a hearing concerning the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and resulting damages and cleanup to be held Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The hearing will involve presentations and will give legislators the opportunity to directly question attending officials and representatives.

Sen. Chabert and Sen. Gautreaux have requested the presence of officials, or their representatives, from those companies, organizations and agencies that play important roles in counteracting the disaster. Governor Jindal, Tony Hayward, Executive Director of BP America Inc., Steven Newman, President and CEO of Transocean, James W. Ferguson, Sr., Vice President and General Counsel of Halliburton, Col. Alvin B. Lee, New Orleans

**District Commander of the Us Army Corps of Engineers, and Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., commandant of the Coast Guard are among those requested to attend.**

**"I feel that the oil spill is the single most important issue, the most cataclysmic issue that this state may ever face," said Sen. Chabert. "It's time the people of this state get some answers, and it is the responsibility of the Senate to get them. This crisis threatens our very way of life in coastal Louisiana and we must get to the facts of the long term effects of the cause of the disaster, the ongoing response and the inevitable recovery."**

**Sen. Gautreaux added, "Knowing exactly where we stand right now is the only way we can move forward. We need to know what is going to be expected of the state, and what we can expect from the federal government and private parties. Bickering and finger-pointing is no longer an option. I will make sure that it stops and that the job gets done."**

**All parties agree that the situation Louisiana currently faces with the oil spill will be an on going battle with issues for legislators to face for months, even years, to come. Sen. Chabert and Sen. Gautreaux believe that the legislature must stay up to date in every respect.**

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