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## SEN. SMITH TAKES ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN LOUISIANA SENATE

### NAMED CHAIR OF SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

District 30 State Senator John Smith (D-Leesville) is the new chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs. Senate President Joel Chaisson appointed Sen. Smith to lead the committee which deals with issues relating to commerce and industry, consumer protection, financial regulation, telecommunications and tourism.

"I am honored that President Chaisson would have enough confidence in my experience and abilities to give me the opportunity to serve as chair of the important Senate Commerce Committee," Sen. Smith said. "The work of the committee is particularly important now as we face a growing need to make sure we do everything possible to promote job growth and job development in Louisiana. I look forward to that work and the challenges ahead."

In addition to serving as chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, Sen. Smith will continue to serve as a member of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development Committee. Sen. Smith came to the Louisiana Senate in 2008 after serving 5 terms in the Louisiana House of Representatives.

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