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REP. FONTANA APPOINTED HOUSE CHAIRMAN OF INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

State Representative Steve Fontana (D-North Haven) has been appointed by incoming **House Speaker Christopher Donovan (D-Meriden)** to serve as House Chairman of the Connecticut General Assembly's Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

"I am honored that Speaker-elect Donovan has appointed me Co-Chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee," Fontana said. "Despite our impending budgetary challenges, I believe that we can and should do everything possible and prudent to extend health insurance coverage to people who lack it. I look forward to working with Speaker Donovan, the other members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, and the rest of the General Assembly to provide quality, affordable health care to everyone in Connecticut who needs it."

Donovan remarked, "In his time serving at the State Capitol, Steve has proven himself to be a leader on insurance and real estate issues. I am very pleased that he has accepted this position and I know he will do well in this role."

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee has cognizance of all programs and matters relating to insurance law and real estate law.

The entire membership of the General Assembly will be sworn into office on January 7 at the State Capitol in Hartford during the opening day ceremony of the 2009 Session.

Rep. Fontana has been serving the 87th District of North Haven since 1997.

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