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Senate announces committee chairs for 49th Legislature

(STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX) – Senate President-elect Bob Burns today announced Senate committee chairs for the upcoming legislative session and named Sen. Thayer Verschoor from Gilbert as president pro tempore.

The 12 Senate committees and chairs are listed below:

Appropriations	Sen.-elect Russell Pearce, Mesa
Commerce & Economic Development	Sen. Barbara Leff, Paradise Valley
Education Accountability & Reform	Sen. John Huppenthal, Chandler
Finance	Sen. Jim Waring, Phoenix
Government Institutions	Sen. Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler
Healthcare & Medical Liability Reform	Sen. Carolyn Allen, Scottsdale
Natural Resources, Infrastructure & Public Debt	Sen.-elect John Nelson, Glendale
Judiciary	Sen.-elect Jonathan Paton, Tucson
Veterans & Military Affairs	Sen. Jack Harper, Surprise
Retirement & Rural Development	Sen. Ron Gould, Lake Havasu City
Public Safety & Human Services	Sen. Linda Gray, Phoenix
Rules	Sen. Bob Burns, Peoria

Two education committees were combined into one, making the total number of committees one less than last session. Other committees were reorganized and renamed appropriately.

Burns is the fourth Senate president since the 1975-76 legislative session to simultaneously act as chairman of the Rules Committee; the most recent was Pete Rios in 1991.

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