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## **Rhoades Appointed Co-Chair of the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee**

**Madison...** State Representative Kitty Rhoades (R-Hudson) will become the first Republican Assemblywoman to co-chair the Joint Finance Committee, the State's powerful budget committee. The appointment was made by Assembly Speaker-elect Mike Huebsch and will be effective January 2007.

*"Kitty has shown her ability to find workable solutions and build the partnerships necessary to get the job done. Her work on the Finance Committee over the past 4 years has reflected her commitment to protecting the taxpayers, building our economy and making Wisconsin a better place to live, work, and retire," said Huebsch.*

The 16-member Joint Finance Committee (JFC) is comprised of eight legislators from the Assembly and from the Senate. The committee is responsible for reviewing legislation impacting state revenues. One of the committee's chief responsibilities is reviewing Wisconsin's \$52 billion biennial state budget, which the Governor submits to the committee at the beginning of every odd numbered year.

*"This is truly a special honor and privilege," said Rhoades. "I look forward to working together with members of the legislature and administration on policies affecting the pocketbooks of the hardworking citizens of Wisconsin."*

*"We know that there are limits to how much people can pay in taxes and most of our families believe they are at that limit now. I am more convinced than ever that taxes are the number one issue concerning Wisconsin citizens," Rhoades said. "Wisconsin has the ominous distinction of having the 6<sup>th</sup> highest taxes in the country and that needs to change."*

Representative Rhoades has served as a member of the Joint Finance Committee since 2003.

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