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**SENATOR LARRY TAYLOR RE-APPOINTED AS CO-CHAIRMAN
TAPPED TO LEAD IMPORTANT COASTAL COMMITTEE**

AUSTIN, TEXAS (September 25, 2015)... Lt. Governor Dan Patrick announced today that Senator Larry Taylor (R – Friendswood) has been reappointed as Co-Chairman of the Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System. This 23 member committee is comprised of the members of the standing Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Land and Resource Management, as well as two coastal members appointed by leadership from each chamber.

"Progress on storm surge suppression must move forward before we face another major storm," said Sen. Larry Taylor. "It's our responsibility as state legislators to facilitate a pro-active approach to protect our state's many interests along the coast."

The Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System was originally created through legislation by Sen. Larry Taylor in 2013. Due to impending expiration, Sen. Larry Taylor passed Senate Bill 695 during the 2015 legislative session to ensure that the committee is able to continue their important work. The committee will resume studying the feasibility of constructing a coastal barrier protection system that will protect the people most vulnerable to hurricanes and other damaging weather events.

"I am proud to appoint Sen. Larry Taylor as Co-Chair to the Joint Interim Committee to Study the Coastal Barrier System," said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. "He brings both the background and experience to deal with this issue and the understanding of why it is so important that this matter be addressed, on behalf of not just the coastal region but the entire state."

Later today, Sen. Larry Taylor and General Land Commissioner George P. Bush will tour Senate District 11 to observe the progress of the many General Land Office projects along the coast.

Sen. Larry Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of parts of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties. Before his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, Sen. Taylor served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. <http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members/dist11/dist11.htm>

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