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Senator Pete Flores named Vice-Chair of Senate Committees on Criminal Justice and Border Security; named member of Finance and others.

AUSTIN, TEXAS - Today, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick announced the Texas Senate committee assignments for the 88th Legislature. Senator Pete Flores (R-Pleasanton) was named the Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Border Security and was placed on the Senate Finance Committee, the committee that handles the State's \$150 billion plus budget each biennium, among other key committees.

In discussing his priorities for the upcoming session, Senator Flores said:

"I first want to thank Lt. Governor Patrick for entrusting me with these important committee placements. This session, I look forward to giving Senate District 24 a strong seat at the table during the budget process as a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

As Vice-Chair of the Senate Committees on Criminal Justice and Border Security, Senator Flores stated, "I am eager to work on providing our law enforcement officers and Texans with strong resources to keep our State safe. A top priority bill of mine that I look forward to filing soon would create a racketeering offense, similar to the federal RICO Act. This will have a big impact on the safety of our State, and allow Texas law enforcement officers to further prosecute and seize property of organized crime gangs and cartels. Hitting these groups as hard as possible in ways that truly hurt and impact their assets is crucial."

In all, Senator Flores was named to the Senate Committees on Border Security, Criminal Justice, Education, Finance, and Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, giving him membership on (5) committees.

Senator Flores looks forward to working on what he called "the essential roles of government." When sharing his thoughts on all of his committees, Flores stated, "Government should operate within its key functions; education, health care, roads, and water - and do so in a balanced budget. If we invest in these areas, Texas remains the great State that it is. When Texas shines, the country shines."

In the coming weeks, the Texas Senate will begin referring and hearing bills in all of its committees. To see a full list and membership of the Texas Senate committees, visit the Texas Senate webpage and senate.texas.gov.

Senate District 24 is comprised of the following 13 counties: Atascosa (partial), Bandera, Bell, Burnet, Coryell, Gillespie, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Medina, Sutton, and Williamson (partial).

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