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Lt. Governor Dewhurst Announces Appointments to the Select Committee on Economic Development

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Texas Insider Report: AUSTIN, TX – Lt. Governor David Dewhurst has appointed four members to the Select Committee on Economic Development. During the interim, the committee will recommend an economic development policy for the state, conduct a study regarding local and state incentives, and develop criteria evaluating the effectiveness of existing state and local programs.

Lt. Governor Dewhurst appointed the following members to the committee:

Senator Mike Jackson (R-La Porte) is the president pro tempore of the Texas Senate and Chair of the Economic Development Committee. He also serves on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Business and Commerce, Natural Resources, and State Affairs committees. Senator Jackson is the president of Force Corporation, his family's La Porte-based industrial construction and maintenance company, and is a 35-year veteran of the construction industry.

Senator Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) is Chair of the Education Committee and serves on the Finance, Administration, and Transportation and Homeland Security committees. Senator Shapiro is a former small business owner, public school teacher, city council member, and Mayor of Plano, Texas.

Drayton McLane has over 30 years of business experience as the founder and former Chairman of McLane Grocery Company, an \$11 billion wholesaler, and the largest distributor in the convenience store industry. Mr. McLane serves as Chairman of the McLane Group, whose interests include a number of convenience store wholesale distribution companies and several other related businesses.

Brint Ryan is the founder and CEO of Ryan, one of the leading tax services firms in North America. Mr. Ryan is an appointee to the Taxpayer Advisory Group, an advisory committee appointed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Mr. Ryan is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Business as well as the Board of Directors of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association.

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