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Representative Smola Appointed to Budget Conference Committee

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) has been selected as one of three House legislators appointed to the conference committee that will negotiate differences between the House and Senate versions of the state budget. Both the House and Senate recently passed budgets totaling roughly \$39.5 billion for fiscal year 2017. The conference committee will reconcile differences between the two proposals.

"The budget is the number one priority for the legislature and every aspect of it is closely examined and deliberated," said Representative Smola. "I am humbled to have been trusted with this responsibility. I look forward to working with my fellow conference committee members to produce a responsible budget for the commonwealth."

"Representative Smola has always acted in the best interests of the state's taxpayers while serving on the House Ways and Means Committee," said House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading). "I am confident he will continue to do an outstanding job on the conference committee by helping to craft a fiscally responsible, balanced budget for the Commonwealth."

Fiscal year 2017 begins on July 1st, which gives the conference committee less than a month to negotiate a compromise between the two versions of the budget. A final document will go to the House and Senate for a vote before moving to Governor Baker's office for final approval.

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