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DE LA GARZA NAMED TO IMPORTANT POLICY GROUP

WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza said he was honored today when he learned that Speaker of the House Thomas S Foley had appointed him to serve on the Speaker's Working Group on Policy Development.

The purpose of the Working Group is to assist the Leadership, the Steering and Policy Committee of which de la Garza is a member, the individual committees of the House of which de la Garza is Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, and the Democratic Caucus in the establishment and implementation of a consensus policy agenda.

More specifically, the Working Group will work in close consultation with the chairmen of each of the committees of jurisdiction to recommend what legislative priorities should be reviewed by the Steering and Policy Committee* and reported to the full Caucus. Each Committee will discuss its agenda items in a Caucus at the beginning of each session and additional meetings on a legislative priority item may be called at a time later in the session.

de la Garza said, "This is indeed a privilege and I appreciate the confidence of the Speaker in asking me to participate in this very important Working Group. This appointment, along with the honor of serving on the Steering and Policy Committee in this very important time of change, gives me an opportunity for greater input in the decision-making process of the House of Representatives.

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* The Steering and Policy Committee is vested with authority to report its nominations of committee memberships and chairmen and resolutions regarding party policy, legislative priorities, scheduling of matters for House or Caucus action and other matters as appropriate to further Democratic programs and policies.