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GOVERNOR OTTER APPOINTS KEN ROBERTS TO IDAHO TAX COMMISSION CHAIRMANSHIP

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter named Commissioner Ken Roberts chairman of the Idaho State Tax Commission today. Roberts succeeds Rich Jackson as leader of the four-member Commission.

Jackson remains a commissioner and will chair the nationwide Multistate Tax Commission in 2016. Governor Otter said the change in chairmanship is aimed at taking full advantage of each commissioner's skill set while enabling Jackson to give Idaho a stronger voice on tax policy nationally.

"Rich is the Commission's only CPA, so he's had a big influence on improving its operating processes and taxpayer services. His leadership and management expertise have been critically important, and I'm glad that he will remain engaged in continuing improvements going forward," the Governor said. "Ken brings his invaluable experience in business and as a former legislator to the process. As discussions on how best to reform our tax system move forward, he is well positioned to guide the Commission through those challenges."

Roberts and Jackson, along with Commissioners Tom Katsilometes and Elliot Werk, will continue to focus on process improvements that include implementing stronger data security and customer service best practices, conducting timely audits and appeals, and efficiently administering tax policy.

"We have four talented individuals on the Tax Commission," Governor Otter said, "and I want to tap into what each of them brings to the table – including their leadership and organizational strengths."

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