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## Rep. Fletcher Named Health Policy Subcommittee Chair

WASHINGTON (Thursday, March 22, 2001)—House Policy Chairman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) announced today that Rep. Ernie Fletcher (R-KY) would serve as chairman of the House Policy Subcommittee on Health in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress.

“Dr. Fletcher’s leadership on health issues makes him a natural to chair the Health Subcommittee,” said House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert. “The entire Leadership looks forward to working with him in this new role.”

“No one in Congress has a better understanding of how government can help people get better health care,” Chairman Cox said. “In particular, his medical background will be a great asset as we review patients’ rights legislation and Medicare prescription drug benefits, and his leadership will directly affect health care policy in the House of Representatives.

“This is a great opportunity to develop policies that will make quality health care more accessible and affordable for Kentucky and America,” Rep. Fletcher said.

As the nationally known experts with whom the Policy Committee has worked formally and informally in recent years have moved into the Bush administration, the Policy Committee has responded by establishing a formal subcommittee structure to fulfill its mission as the policy-making arm of the House of Representatives. Chairman Cox announced Rep. Fletcher’s appointment at today’s weekly Policy Committee meeting.

The House Policy Committee is the Majority’s principal forum for discussion of specific legislative initiatives, for the enunciation of official priorities, and for the resolution of inter-jurisdictional policy disputes. More information on the Committee, including a list of its 46 Members, is available at <http://policy.house.gov>.