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Committee Chairmen Elections

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No real surprises in the voting for the various committee chairmen, with one exception. Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces defeated Bishop David Malloy 126-110, to lead the Committee on International Justice and Peace. +Malloy was formerly the General Secretary of the USCCB and, consequently, was well known to all the bishops. Usually, such familiarity serves as a path to victory. This time, not so much.

Archbishop Bernie Hebda also got a vote of confidence from his brother bishops, being elected to chair the Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance by the largest margin of all the elections, 167-70, over Bishop Joseph Perry, auxiliary of Chicago. Archbishop Hebda was recently installed as the Coadjutor Archbishop of Newark, sent to assist the scandal-plagued Archbishop John Myers.

In other contests, the winners are:

Archbishop George Lucas of Omaha, Chair of the Committee on Catholic Education.

Bishop Mitchell Thomas Rozanski, auxiliary of Baltimore, Chair of the Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

Archbishop-designate Leonard Blair of Hartford, Chair of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

Bishop Edward Burns of Juneau, Alaska, Chair of the Committee on Child and Youth Protection.

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