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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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**SENATE CONFIRMS HARRIS, BIANCO APPOINTMENTS**

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Senate recently confirmed the appointments of current Commissioners John C. Harris and William A. Bianco, who both were reappointed by Governor Gray Davis to new four-year terms on the California Horse Racing Board

Governor Davis originally appointed Harris to the CHRB in November 2000 to a term that expired July 26, 2003. The governor announced Harris' reappointment last week, and the Senate confirmed the appointment by a 24-2 vote. The new term expires July 26, 2007.

Governor Davis named Bianco to the Board in March 2001 to a term that expired last January. The governor reappointed Bianco in February. The Senate confirmed the appointment by a 34-0 vote last month. The new term expires January 1, 2007.

Harris, who currently serves as vice chairman of the CHRB, owns and operates Harris Farms in Coalinga. He has owned thoroughbreds since 1958 and is a prominent breeder of racehorses. He was elected a director of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association in 1974, served as the organization's legislative chairman for 20 years, and was twice elected CTBA president.

Harris also has served on the boards of the Breeders' Cup, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Board, and Center for Equine Health/UC Davis Advisory Board. He is a member of the Jockey Club.

Harris currently chairs the CHRB's Medication Committee, which oversees the drug-testing program and Board enforcement of veterinary practices and medication procedures.

Bianco, who formed Kinetic Systems Inc. in 1970, then sold the San Jose-based company in 1998, owns and races thoroughbred racehorses under the partnership name Fog City Stable. He is chairman of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America Foundation and serves on the boards of the Santa Clara Valley Medical Foundation and the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee of Local 393. He is a major benefactor to Childrens' Interview Center, Next Door Solution to Violence, Tech Museum of Innovation, and Stanford University.

Bianco chairs the CHRB Stewards Committee, which selects and assigns stewards at race meetings and advises the full Board on matters relating to stewards and other racing officials. He also serves on the Medication Committee with Harris and the CHRB Security and Licensing Committee.

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