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## **Former Gephardt Policy Advisor Joins Academy Staff** Longtime Aide of House Leader Brings Experience and Expertise

WASHINGTON, D.C.— As former House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-MO) goes on to campaign for president in 2004, Craig Hanna, his executive director of the House Democratic Policy Committee, has gone on to be the new director of public policy for the American Academy of Actuaries. The Academy, which was established in 1965, represents the actuarial profession on public policy and professionalism issues to legislators, regulators, think tanks, international organizations, and the news media.

Hanna, who advised Gephardt as well as the Democratic leadership on all aspects of public policy before Congress, will now manage a staff of 12 in support of the Academy's public policy activities at both the federal and state levels. **"The Academy has a well-deserved reputation for outstanding nonpartisan policy analysis. I see my job as figuring out a way to make that work more available, accessible, and noticed by members of Congress and their staffs and other policy-makers, as well as the members of the Academy,"** Hanna said. Hanna's additional duties will be external relations with other organizations representing actuaries and public policy organizations with interests that correspond to the Academy's.

Hanna worked in many capacities with Gephardt for more than 16 years, starting as a staff assistant in 1986, and ending as senior policy advisor during the 104<sup>th</sup> through 107<sup>th</sup> Congresses. Highlights during the latter include representing the Democratic leadership during budget negotiations from 1995 through 1997 and being a key legislative coordinator in passing legislation after September 11 on supplemental appropriations for the war effort, recovery and cleanup, the Airline Stabilization Act, Victims' Compensation Fund, and the Patriot Act.

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