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Christie Announces Additional Cabinet Appointments

Governor-Elect Chris Christie continued rolling out his Cabinet this week, announcing Senior Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles McKenna as his choice for Director of the Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness and Gary Lanigan, a former New York City prison official and current fiscal officer for the city's transportation authority, as his choice for Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

McKenna currently heads the criminal division at the U.S. Attorney's office and was executive assistant U.S. attorney under Christie. During his 18 years at the U.S. Attorney's Office, McKenna prosecuted many terrorism cases, including heading the investigation into the kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. He also coordinated the office's counterterrorism communications with other federal agencies.

Lanigan has worked for several New York City agencies, always in a financial capacity. After leaving the Navy in 1975, he worked in the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget. He then served as assistant commissioner for financial affairs at the New York City Police Department before joining the city's Department of Corrections in 1994. Lanigan eventually rose to the position of first deputy commissioner in 1998. He joined New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority in 2003 as the director of budgets and financial management.

In addition to the latest appointments, Governor-elect Christie has announced that Lieutenant Governor-elect Kim Guadagno will serve as Secretary of State and Essex County Prosecutor Paula Dow is his nominee to serve as Attorney General.

Redd Resigns

State Senator Dana Redd resigned her 5th District Senate seat upon her swearing-in as Mayor of Camden. Democratic County Committee members from the 5th district will meet on January 16th to choose Redd's replacement. It is expected that Assemblyman-elect Donald Norcross will be chosen to move up to the Senate. Norcross, who was elected to the Assembly in November, will be sworn in to his first Assembly term on Tuesday. It is further expected that once he is elevated to the Senate, the county

committee will choose Camden Councilman Gilbert “Whip” Wilson as his replacement in the Assembly.

Close to 100 Democratic Party leaders, elected officials and labor leaders endorsed Norcross and Wilson earlier this week.

214th Legislature to Organize on January 12, 2010

The 214th Legislature will organize at noon on January 12, 2010. Democrats will continue to control the Assembly by a margin of 47-33 and the Senate by a margin of 23-17. The new Assembly Speaker will be Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver and the new Assembly Majority Leader will be Assemblyman Joseph Cryan. Assemblyman Alex DeCroce will continue to serve as Assembly Minority Leader. The Senate will also have new leadership with Senate Stephen Sweeney assuming the Senate Presidency and Senator Barbara Buono serving as Senate Majority Leader. Senator Thomas Kean, Jr. will continue to serve as Senate Minority Leader.

Governor Jon Corzine will deliver his final State of the State address at 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon. **PSI senior partner Roger Bodman will once again appear on NJN, providing commentary on the State of the State address.**