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Democrats Choose Leaders

Senate Democrats today elected current Senate Majority Leader Stephen Sweeney as Senate President and Senator Barbara Buono as Senate Majority Leader. Sweeney will replace Senate President Richard Codey, who has served in the position for eight years.

Assembly Democrats elected Essex County Assemblywoman Shelia Oliver as Assembly Speaker and Union County Assemblyman Joseph Cryan as Majority Leader. Oliver replaces Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts, who did not seek re-election this year and Cryan replaces current Majority Leader Bonnie Watson Coleman.

The new leaders will assume their positions on January 12, 2010 upon the organization of the 214th Legislature. Senate Republicans previously re-elected Minority Leader Thomas Kean, Jr. and Assembly Republicans re-elected Minority Leader Alex DeCroce to continue in their positions.

Christie Announces Transition Subcommittee Members

Governor-Elect Chris Christie announced members of the Transition Counsel, as well as members of the Economic Development and Growth, Education, Treasury, Labor and Workforce Development and the Office of the Governor Transition Sub-Committees. They are as follows:

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The Honorable Bob Franks

Former United States Congressman and President of the Health Care Institute of New Jersey

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Superintendent, North Brunswick Township School District

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Doherty Sworn In to Senate

Senator Michael Doherty was sworn in today to complete the term of Congressman Leonard Lance. Doherty was elected earlier this month and replaces former Senator Marcia Karrow who had been chosen by the county committee in the 23rd Legislative District to complete Lance's Senate term. Doherty defeated Karrow in the Republican primary in June.