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Newly elected
Senators and Representatives
have name badges
with blue dots.

Program

Sunday, December 10, 2000

11:30 a.m.–
6:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION** **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK**

12:30–5:45 p.m. **NEW LEGISLATORS ONLY**

12:30–1:00 p.m. *Newly Elected Legislators Welcome and Program Overview* Room R

Dr. Mike Swanson, Interim Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Mr. W. Alan Reddish, Associate Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

1:00–1:45 p.m. *What Does the Legislature Do?* Room R

Focus: Legislator's multiple responsibilities in Georgia state government

Mr. Edwin L. Jackson, Senior Public Service Associate, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

1:45–2:30 p.m. *Overview of General Assembly Organization and Services* Room R

Focus: Resources available to legislators

Mr. Sewell Brumby, Legislative Counsel

Ms. Robyn Underwood, Legislative Fiscal Office

Mr. Dan Williams, Director, House Research Office

Ms. Martha Wigton, Director, Senate Research Office

Facilitator: Ms. Janine P. Bethel, Public Service Assistant, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

2:30–2:45 p.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

2:45–3:30 p.m. *Things You Need to Know...*

Focus: Nuts and bolts of General Assembly operations

Mr. Robert Rivers, Clerk of the House Room Q

Mr. Frank Eldridge, Secretary of the Senate Room T/U

3:30–4:30 p.m. *If I Had Only Known...*

Focus: What to expect during your first year

SENATE SESSION Room T/U

Moderator: Senator Jack Hill

Senator Michael Meyer von Bremen

Senator Horacena Tate

Senator Susan Cable

Facilitator: Mr. Griff Doyle, Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, The University of Georgia

HOUSE SESSION Room Q

Moderator: Representative Jack West

Representative Kathy Cox

Representative Greg Morris

Representative Kasim Reed

Facilitator: Dr. Dan Durning, Program Manager, International Center for Democratic Governance, The University of Georgia

4:30–5:30 p.m. *State Government Budgeting and Appropriations* Room R

Focus: Overview of budgeting process and the role of legislators

Moderator: Dr. Tom Lauth, Chair, Political Science Department, The University of Georgia

Senator George Hooks, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee

Representative Terry Coleman, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

Mr. Robert Hobbs, Director, Legislative Budget Office

Mr. Bill Tomlinson, Director, Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget

5:45 p.m. **NEWLY ELECTED GROUP PHOTO** **LOWER LOBBY STEPS**

6:00–9:00 p.m. **ALL LEGISLATORS**

6:00–6:45 p.m. **OPENING SESSION** **MAHLER AUDITORIUM**

Moderator: Dr. Mike Swanson, Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Welcome from the University

Dr. Art Dunning, Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, The University of Georgia

Introduction of Newly Elected Members of the Senate

Honorable Mark Taylor, Lieutenant Governor

*Introduction of Newly Elected Members of the House
of Representatives*

Honorable Thomas B. Murphy, Speaker, House of Representatives

Media Presentation: “250 Years of the Georgia Legislature”

6:45–7:30 p.m. **RECEPTION** **HILL ATRIUM**

Hosted by the Unified Government of Athens–Clarke County
and the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

7:30–9:00 p.m. **DINNER** **BANQUET AREA**

Presiding: Representative Larry Walker, Majority Leader,
Georgia House of Representatives

“Swamp Gravy” Presentation

Monday, December 11, 2000

7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ALL LEGISLATORS

7:30–10:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION** **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK**

7:15–8:15 a.m. **BREAKFAST** **BANQUET AREA**

8:30–9:45 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION I:
REAPPORTIONMENT 2001** **MAHLER AUDITORIUM**

Moderator: Ms. Betty Hudson, Public Service Assistant/
Attorney, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Presentations

Legislative Redistricting: Resources Available to You

Ms. Linda Meggers, Legislative Redistricting Office

Redistricting: The Impact of Census 2000

Mr. Joe Stanton, Legislative Redistricting Office

*Reapportionment and Redistricting: Mapping the Legal
Landscape*

Mr. Dennis Dunn, Senior Assistant Attorney General

9:45–10:00 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

10:00–11:30 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION II: GEORGIA'S ECONOMY: DOMESTIC AND
GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES** **MAHLER AUDITORIUM**

Moderator and Presentation

Dr. P. George Benson, Dean, Terry College of Business,
The University of Georgia

*Georgia's Current Economic Success and a Forecast
for the Future*

Presentations

Georgia's Opportunities in the Global Market

Dr. Jeffrey M. Humphreys, Director of Economic Forecasting,
Terry College of Business, The University of Georgia

International Economic Impact on Georgia

Mr. Daniel M. McRae, Managing Director, Finance &
Investment Transactions Groups; Chamberlain, Hrdlicka,
White, Williams, and Martin, Attorneys at Law

Prescription for Moving into the Future

Mr. Roy W. Plott, Manager, Georgia Power Resource Center

Facilitator: Mr. Gordon Maner, Public Service Assistant/
Program Manager, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

11:45 a.m.– **LUNCH** **BANQUET AREA**
1:45 p.m.

Presiding: Honorable Thomas B. Murphy, Speaker,
Georgia House of Representatives

Speakers

Dr. Michael Adams, President, The University of Georgia

Dr. Stephen Portch, Chancellor, University System of Georgia

2:00–3:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSION “A”**
(Choose one; sessions are repeated at 3:45 p.m.)

MANAGING GEORGIA’S WATER RESOURCES Room K/L

Moderator: Dr. Gail Cowie, Public Service Associate,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Presentation: Mr. Lindsay Thomas, President and CEO,
Georgia Chamber of Commerce

Panelists

Dr. Jim Kundell, Professor, Carl Vinson Institute of Government;
Director, UGA River Basin Science and Policy Center

Dr. Elizabeth Blood, Associate Scientist, J.W. Jones Ecological
Research Center

Mr. Tom Leslie, Executive Director, American Consulting
Engineers Council of Georgia

Mr. Denny Dobbs, Environmental Engineer and Sole Proprietor,
Dobbs Environmental

**CHANGING FACES: CULTURAL CHALLENGES
AND OPPORTUNITIES** Room Q

Presentation and Moderator

Dr. Doug Bachtel, Professor, Department of Housing and
Consumer Economics, The University of Georgia

Presentations

Ms. Sara Gonzalez, President, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
of Atlanta

Ms. Marie Varela, Whitfield County Teacher of the Year

Ms. Lani Wong, Georgia Human Relations Commission;
National Association of Chinese-Americans

Facilitator: Mr. Ed Jackson, Senior Public Service Associate,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

CHILDREN IN CRISIS: POSITIVE DIRECTIONS Room R

Moderator: Dr. Art Dunning, Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, The University of Georgia

Presentation

Children in Crisis: Implications for Policy and Budget Decisions

Dr. Sharon Y. Nickols, Dean, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, The University of Georgia

Panelists

Children and Youth in Poverty: Exploring the Cycle?

Dr. Lynda Walters, Professor, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, The University of Georgia

Children in the Juvenile Courts

Honorable James F. Morris, Chief Judge, Cobb County Juvenile Court

Youth Violence Prevention

Dr. Nancy Hollett, Public Service Assistant, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Comprehensive, Community-Based Approaches

Mr. Richard Dunn, Sr., President, 100 Black Men of Athens

3:30–3:45 p.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

3:45–5:15 p.m. **REPEAT CONCURRENT SESSION “A”**

5:30–6:30 p.m. **RECEPTION HILL ATRIUM**

Honoring: Mr. Larry Weatherford, Retiring Vice President for Government Relations, The University of Georgia

6:30–9:00 p.m. **DINNER BANQUET AREA**

Presiding: Senator Charles Walker, Senate Majority Leader

Speaker: Mr. Jim Fowler, Chairman, Fowler Center for Wildlife Education, Inc.

Tuesday, December 12, 2000

7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. **ALL LEGISLATORS**

7:15–8:15 a.m. **BREAKFAST** **BANQUET AREA**
Speaker: Chief Justice Robert Benham, Georgia Supreme Court

8:30–10:00 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSION “B”**
(Choose one; sessions repeated at 10:15 a.m.)

RURAL GEORGIA: WHY IT’S IMPORTANT TO YOU Room K/L

Moderator and Presentation

Dr. Joe Whorton, Director Georgia Rural Development Council; Senior Fellow, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Georgia’s Rural Economy, It’s More Than a Memory

Presentations

Little Engine That Could: Economic Drivers for Rural Georgia

Mr. Paul Radford, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs; Chair, Technical Advisory Committee to the Georgia Rural Development Council

The Facts about Georgia’s Largest Economic Sector

Dr. John McKissick, Coordinator, Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The University of Georgia

Bridging the Rural Economic Divide

Ms. Laura Meadows, Executive Director, OneGeorgia Authority

PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES Room R

Moderator and Presentation

Dr. James G. Ledbetter, Executive Director, Health Policy Center, Georgia State University

Presentations

The Trend in Elvis Impersonators and the Future of American Health Care

Dr. James S. Marks, M.D., M.P.H., Director, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

An Ounce of Prevention: What's It Worth to Georgia?

Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Division of Public Health, Georgia Department of Human Resources

Facilitator: Dr. Jeraldine Cloud, Public Service Assistant, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

TEACHING GEORGIA'S CHILDREN Room Q

Moderator and Presentation

Dr. Louis Castenell, Dean, College of Education, The University of Georgia

A New Model for Colleges of Education: Partnerships and Outreach

Presentations

A Local Case Study in Partnership: Clarke County Schools and UGA's College of Education

Dr. Louis Holloway, Superintendent, Clarke County Public Schools

Educating Better Qualified Beginning Teachers

Dr. Michael Padilla, Associate Dean, College of Education, The University of Georgia

Supporting Teachers in Becoming Nationally Board Certified

Dr. Margaret Graham, Language Education Department, College of Education, The University of Georgia

Facilitator: Dr. Milton Lopes, Public Service Associate, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

10:00–10:15 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

10:15–11:45 a.m. **REPEAT CONCURRENT SESSION “B”**

11:45 a.m.–

2:00 p.m. **LUNCH** **BANQUET AREA**

Presiding: Honorable Mark Taylor, Lieutenant Governor of Georgia

Speaker: Honorable Roy Barnes, Governor of Georgia

2:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**

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