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#### Sunday, December 6, 1998

12:30-5:00 p.m. **Registration** ..... **LOWER LOBBY**

1:00-5:30 p.m. **NEW LEGISLATORS ONLY**

3:00-4:15 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

4:15-5:30 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 7, 1998**

7:30 a.m. - **ALL LEGISLATORS**  
9:00 p.m.

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.-  
1:45 p.m. **LUNCH** ..... **BANQUET AREA**

**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 8, 1998**

7:00 a.m.- **ALL LEGISLATORS**

2:00 p.m.

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 REFRESHMENT BREAK  
a.m.

10:15-11:45 REPEAT CONCURRENT SESSION "B"  
a.m.

11:45 a.m.- LUNCH .....BANQUET AREA  
2:00 p.m.

**Presiding:** Honorable Mark Taylor, Lieutenant Governor  
of Georgia

**Speaker:** Honorable Roy Barnes, Governor of Georgia

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