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SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY**

Helena, Montana
January 6, 2009

House Chambers
State Capitol

House convened at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Speaker in the Chair. Invocation by Representative Pease-Lopez. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. All members present. Quorum present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

January 6, 2009

Dear Gentlemen;

As a United States Senator for Montana, I look forward to addressing the 61st session of the Montana Legislature at a joint session of the Montana State Senate and the Montana House of Representatives.

As a former State Senator, I know that open lines of communication are the key to accomplishing our goals and following through on our duty to the people of Montana. I hope this address is constructive, promoting positive steps forward for our state at both the state and national levels.

I am available to address the 61st session of the Montana Legislature on Friday, January 9th, 2009. Please contact my State Director, Bill Lombardi to arrange details for the joint session.

Bill Lombardi, State Director
U.S. Senator Jon Tester, Helena Office
406-449-5401 office
406-431-7659 cell

And as always, continue the great work that you do for the State of Montana, and please, stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Jon Tester

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 5, 2009

Dear Speaker Bergren,

I would like to request that you find agreeable the date of Wednesday, January 28th, 2009 for the State of the State address. The address is traditionally held in the evening.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if that date will work for your schedule. I look forward to working with you and your staff on this important occasion. Thank you very much. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Brian Schweitzer
Governor

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FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS

The following House bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

- HB 173**, introduced by Hendrick, Villa referred to Appropriations.
- HB 174**, introduced by Hawk, referred to State Administration.
- HB 175**, introduced by Kottel, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 176**, introduced by Kottel, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 177**, introduced by Kottel, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 178**, introduced by Kottel, referred to Appropriations.
- HB 179**, introduced by Villa, referred to Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications.
- HB 180**, introduced by Pomnichowski, referred to Taxation.
- HB 181**, introduced by K. Peterson, Brown, Essmann, MacLaren, O'Hara referred to Local Government.
- HB 182**, introduced by K. Peterson, referred to State Administration.
- HB 183**, introduced by Villa, Himmelberger, Kerns, K. Peterson, McGillvray, Mehlhoff referred to Local Government.
- HB 184**, introduced by Nooney, Augare, French, Villa referred to State Administration.
- HB 185**, introduced by Nooney, Hendrick, Himmelberger referred to Taxation.
- HB 186**, introduced by Stoker, referred to Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

The following House joint resolution was introduced, read first time, and referred to committee:

- HJR 8**, introduced by Kasten, referred to Education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker asked that Representatives clear out their mailboxes to keep things clean, and that cars have their correct tags and are in their correctly marked parking spots.

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.

Representative Campbell moved that the House adjourn until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2009. Motion carried.

House adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

DAVE HUNTER
Chief Clerk of the House

BOB BERGREN
Speaker of the HouseMr.