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Legislative Wrap Up January 21, 2010

Session Begins

The 427th Legislative Session began on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 and will end April 12, 2010. During the 90 day session, 188 legislators from across the state will evaluate over 2,500 proposed laws for the State of Maryland.

Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio will continue to serve as Assistant Minority Whip and as a member of both the House Economic Matters Committee and the Joint Committee on Federal Relations. Her subcommittee assignments include Public Utilities, Business Regulation and Consumer Protection/Corporate Law.

Job Creation in the Private Sector

Northrop Grumman is considering moving its headquarters to the area. Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia are all under consideration. Northrop Grumman's Chief Executive has repeatedly stated that they are "looking for the best tax incentive package in each jurisdiction". In a hearing Wednesday, Delegate Haddaway-Riccio encouraged the Administration to look at the incentives offered in Virginia and D.C. and consider changing Maryland policy to make us more competitive. She pointed to the fact that other major companies such as Hilton Hotels, Volkswagen and SAIC have recently made the decision to move their headquarters to Virginia and that Maryland would benefit tremendously from the revenue and job creation that would result from attracting such a high profile company.

Cyber Security in Maryland

As a member of the House Economic Matters Committee, Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio participated in a briefing on cyber-security in Maryland. Representatives from Booz Allen Hamilton, Lockheed Martin, Oculis Labs and SAIC reported on their activities and cited an optimistic outlook on the State's growing cyber industry. They did, however indicate that the state needs to work on workforce development. While they are one of the few industries hiring people in this tough economic climate, they are having a difficult time finding qualified people to fill the jobs. Delegate Haddaway-Riccio suggested that they work with K-12 and higher education institutions on the Eastern Shore such as technology schools to develop curriculums around these shortage areas. The shortages primarily occur in architecture, engineering, science and other related services.