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ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS COMMENTARY ON HELPING NEW JERSEY WORKERS, BUSINESSES AMID FINANCIAL MELTDOWN

(TRENTON) – Assembly Democrats today issued the following multimedia package on Governor Jon S. Corzine’s address to a joint session of the Legislature on the global financial crisis.

The Assembly already has advanced 19 bills to help revamp state business taxes and incentives, help struggling homeowners, promote jobs through alternative energy technology, protect consumers from financial fraud and help low-income seniors and the disabled heat their homes.

The multimedia package consists of a video from the joint session, audio of same and a transcript of comments by Assembly Democratic lawmakers.

The video can be accessed directly via our Web site – www.assemblydems.com – or by pasting the following link into a Web browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHcCIUwPpWY>.

The audio file has been included in the e-mail as an attachment.

The transcript of comments from Assembly Democratic lawmakers is appended below:

Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts Jr. (D-Camden):

“I think it’s critical that we come together not as Democrats and Republicans but as New Jerseyans and tackle these issues together. There’s assistance to the business community. There’s assistance to individual homeowners. There’s job creation. I think this is a package that hopefully we can all get behind.”

“I’ll be very surprised if the overwhelming majority of this doesn’t become law and become law fast. As I said, last Monday we released 19 bills from Assembly committees, many of which we’re going to consider at our next session, which is Oct. 27”

Assemblyman Wayne P. DeAngelo (D-Mercer):

“As we move forward with this plan - rebuilding our schools, affordable housing, letting small businesses get some money back for hiring people in the state of New Jersey - it’s a win-win

for everyone.”

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Assemblywoman Sheila Y. Oliver (D-Essex):

“I think he hit upon three things that the people in New Jersey are concerned about – their energy costs this winter, their mortgages and the rate of foreclosure and job creation.”

Assemblyman Nelson T. Albano (D-Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland):

“That’s number one – get the people the jobs. We’ve lost already thousands of jobs in the state of New Jersey. We ought to put those people to work - we keep them out of work the unemployment rate goes up, it’s going to cost the state more money. So let’s get all these projects that are supposed to be started in the next year started as soon as possible and get the people to work.”

Assemblywoman Pamela R. Lampitt (D-Camden):

“I’m really pleased that the governor talked about green initiatives, green labor initiatives, in support of some of the initiatives I’ve already put forth in the Legislature to stimulate green job growth.”

Assemblyman Joseph Vas (D-Middlesex):

“I think what we can do is mitigate the circumstances and make sure that we don’t fall further into an economic crisis and as I said before, stop the bleeding and make sure New Jersey is at the forefront of assisting its families and businesses.”

Assemblyman Herb Conaway, M.D. (D-Burlington):

“Which is the right prescription for the difficult times we face – immediate assistance to those in need, immediate efforts at creating job growth, immediate and long-term steps to stabilizing and enhancing New Jersey’s economy going forward.”

Assemblyman Louis D. Greenwald (D-Camden):

“While New Jersey is not the cause of this financial crisis and we can’t solve it by ourselves, we can position this state to be one of the leading states coming out of the recession so we that we can leap forward for ourselves, for our residents, and we’ve positioned ourselves for that type of success.”

Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli (D-Gloucester):

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“The message is clear – better business climate, better regulatory climate, better opportunity for New Jersey’s growth over the long-term as we get ready to be poised when things turn around to really have New Jersey as a leader.”

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