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## **ROBERTS: ASSEMBLY PANELS TO SEEK DETAILS ON HOW NEW JERSEY WILL HANDLE FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY**

*Speaker Announces March 9 and 12 Assembly Committee Hearings on Federal Package*

(TRENTON) – Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts Jr. today announced Assembly committees will devote their March 9 and March 12 hearings to ensuring oversight and accountability of the money available to the state through the recently enacted federal stimulus package and what the initiative ultimately will mean to New Jersey.

“It’s imperative that New Jersey take advantage of every federal dollar available to it,” said Roberts (D-Camden). “Our future will be shaped by how effectively we spend this money, and President Obama has made it clear that he will hold everyone accountable. Ensuring proper oversight and accountability is our role and we will make sure we do this right.”

While agendas haven’t yet been finalized, Roberts said he expects March 9 hearings to feature testimony on transparency and oversight measures required by the federal government and federal aid available to New Jersey for health care, higher education, renewable energy, economic development and housing and how municipalities can apply for funding.

The March 12 hearings are expected to involve testimony on transportation projects, education, environmental infrastructure projects, human services and making state buildings more energy efficient.

The Speaker said lawmakers will specifically want to know the deadlines for applying for funding and which projects are being considered.

“We must move forward with full transparency and accountability to ensure New Jersey takes advantage of this opportunity to put people back to work and reshape the state for the better for generations to come,” Roberts said.

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