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Governor Whitman to Sign Bill Creating \$35 Million Program for Shared Services; Help Dedicate Holocaust Museum's Administrative Center

Gov. Christie Whitman will sign legislation tomorrow creating a \$35 million incentive program for local governments to find ways to reduce property taxes through regionalization or shared services.

The Governor will also attend a ground breaking ceremony at Organon Inc. in Belleville, a pharmaceutical company which is expanding its New Jersey operations to create nearly 400 new jobs.

Gov. Whitman will also be in Washington D.C. Tuesday and Wednesday, where she will help dedicate the Ross Administrative Center, named for the family of New Jerseyan Eric F. Ross, at the U.S. Holocaust Museum. Congressman Bob Franks (R-New Jersey) will also participate in the ceremony.

On Wednesday, the Governor will join Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee and members of the Washington media for a Sperling Breakfast roundtable discussion on tax cuts. This event is open to invited members of the press only.

The Governor will also testify before the House Government Reform Committee on the economic boom that New Jersey is experiencing thanks to the 17 tax cuts that have been enacted during her administration.

Later in the day on Wednesday, the Governor will discuss the role of the U.S. political system on the economy in the U.S. and abroad with Senator John Kerry (D-MA) during panel discussion sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the World Economic Forum. The panel will be moderated by CNN's Judy Woodruff. In attendance will be 200 CEOs and business leaders from 32 nations.