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# *Commission Meeting*

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## STATE HOUSE COMMISSION

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**LOCATION:** Committee Room 14  
State House Annex  
Trenton, New Jersey

**DATE:** December 12, 2005  
9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Mark Fleming, Chair  
Senator Walter J. Kavanaugh, Vice Chair  
Senator Bob Smith  
Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski  
Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi  
Charlene M. Holzbaur  
Robert L. Smartt

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Samuel Crane  
*Secretary*

Robert J. Shaughnessy, Esq.  
*Counsel*



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SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

The State House Commission meeting of December 12 is called to order. It meets the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll call.

MR. CRANE (Secretary): Yes, Senator Kavanaugh.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Yes.

MR. CRANE: Assemblyman Wisniewski.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Here.

MR. CRANE: Assemblyman Biondi was here. He has a leadership election this morning, and he may be back.

Mr. Fleming.

**MARK FLEMING (Chair):** Here.

MR. CRANE: Mr. Smartt.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Here.

MR. CRANE: Ms. Holzbaur.

MS. HOLZBAUR: Here.

MR. CRANE: We have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Thank you, Mr. Crane.

And congratulations, and welcome to the State House Commission.

MR. CRANE: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Among your many avenues of experience here.

We have the old business.

MR. CRANE: We do the approval of the October 6, 2005 minutes.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: They're in your packet.

MR. CRANE: Yes, under Tab 1.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: I make a motion the minutes be approved.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Moved and seconded.

Roll call.

MR. CRANE: Senator Kavanaugh.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: If you want, instead of individual names, you can call in a group.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

All opposed? (no response)

Hearing none, so is approved.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: No. 2.

MR. CRANE: No. 2 is from the Department of Human Services. It is a request for approval to change the terms of the lease to Freedom House, Inc. on the grounds of the Hagedorn Center. This has gone through all the proper reviews and is recommended for adoption.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: I make a motion.

MR. FLEMING: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Approved.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: No. 3.

MR. CRANE: No. 3 is the Department of the Treasury approval for grant of permanent easement to Verizon, Inc. This is a technical change in access for maintenance. And it is recommended for approval.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Anyone here to discuss? (no response)

Motion, please.

MR. FLEMING: Move.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Approved.

Senator, you had requested that we consider, under new business, Item No. 32, because there is a guest in the audience who has someplace else to be.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Yes.

MR. CRANE: So, if you could, turn your attention to Item No. 32 in the agenda.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: No public opposition to this at a hearing.

MR. CRANE: Correct.

This has gone through the full process in the Department of Environmental Protection. There was no opposition. This is an order to allow, in plain English, the city of Trenton to create a new park using part of -- by disposing of an older park. So this is recommended for adoption.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Thank you.

Any comments?

Father Brian, do you have any--

**FATHER BRIAN McCORMICK:** (speaking from audience)

No, I'd just like to--

We're going to build 30 units of low-income housing and sell them for \$25,000 (indiscernible) in the 1.03 acre park across the street.

**SENATOR KAVANAUGH:** You're not going to take up a collection, are you?

**FATHER McCORMICK:** Yes, I am, right now -- one collection. We're going to put 30--

**ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI:** Your name, please.

**FATHER McCORMICK:** Father Brian McCormick, from the Martin House, in Trenton -- representing Martin House and Better Community Housing in Trenton, Incorporated.

We've asked the city if they would switch what is known as the Greg Grant Park, across the street -- which would be a three acre park, instead of an eighth of an acre park -- next to a new school. And we intend to build 30 units, of what I call housing poor people can pay for, on that site -- which would be 30 units.

I thank you for your help in this.

**SENATOR KAVANAUGH:** Anything else? (no response)

Do we have a motion?

**ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI:** I make a motion to move.

**MR. FLEMING:** Second.

**SENATOR KAVANAUGH:** Moved and seconded.

Roll call.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Moved.

FATHER McCORMICK: Thank you very much.

MR. CRANE: Back on new business.

Mr. Chairman, we have-- Items 4 through 6 are the Department of the Treasury requests. Most of these are--

At the end of the year, Senator, as you recall, I'm sure, there are a set of actions taken by Treasury, Human Services, and others to approve leases for certain properties, as well as approval of payments and of billing amounts. As we go through this, there will be a series of technical items that we need to handle.

The Department of Treasury composes of-- This is a lease of a residential property in Allamuchy State Park. The second one is a lease of a property in Waterloo. And the third is an easement to connect an access of one of their electrical feeder lines.

In the interest of time, given the fact that we have a huge agenda today, you may want to consider considering the three of these together as a package and take a vote.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I move Nos. 4, 5, and 6.

MR. FLEMING: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 7 is being held. At the end, I'll address time to consider No. 7.

Next department is the Department of Human Services. Nos. 8, 9, 10 are all of both adjustments to State payment rates -- and, Charlene, I'm sure you remember this very well, so you will help me out if I stumble here -- as well as the amount paid to the State, mostly having to do with psychiatric hospitals. This is an annual event.

I note that staff requested that it all -- information at all of these was consistent with the adopted State budget, and they are. So they are recommended for adoption. That's No. 8, No. 9, and No. 10. This is an annual event at the end of the calendar year.

Am I right, Director Holzbaaur?

MS. HOLZBAUR: Absolutely right.

MR. CRANE: Okay.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Is anyone here to--  
Motion?

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move 8, 9, and 10.

MR. FLEMING: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll call.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: No. 11.

MR. CRANE: The next group are Nos. 11 through 16. It is the Department of Transportation package.

This is a-- The first one is to license a site for the purpose of erecting a wireless communications facility. The second is to approve a license site for the purpose of erecting another communications facility. These are both cell phone wireless communications. That's No. 11 and 12.

No. 13 is to sell two vacant lots. The information on who is purchasing them is included in here. That is in Glassboro Borough, in Gloucester County.

No. 14 is to lift a deed restriction on a parcel of land which DOT sold to the city of Clifton. This is a technical change to aid the city of Clifton.

And the final one, No. 15, is a sale of a piece of right-of-way by DOT to a local developer.

And, finally, a request of approval to sell a flag-shaped parcel of vacant land to the adjoining property owner. I am told, unless there is a-- These have gone through the process. And unless there is an objection -- have been reviewed by staff. Eleven through 16 is the Department of Transportation package.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I would just raise a question about Item No. 14. The Department of Transportation deeded the property to the city of Clifton with a restriction for public use. Now, lifting that, they're going to sell it to a private developer. If the land was going to be sold to a private developer, the State should have been a beneficiary of those proceeds as opposed to the city. I would ask that No. 14 be held until we get more explanation on it.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Okay.

MR. FLEMING: I had a question about Nos. 11 and 12. Is someone from DOT here?

D E N I S E P E C K: Excuse me. I'm from DOT, and I'd like to comment on your--

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Fourteen.

HEARING REPORTER: Mr. Chair, could they come up to the microphone?

MR. CRANE: You have to come up. If you're going to address the Commission, you have to come up where the microphone is, please.

State your name, and position, and where you're from, please.

MS. PECK: My name is Denise Peck, and I'm with the Department of Transportation.

The property to -- in Clifton -- to be sold to a private developer-- All proceeds are to be dedicated to another public use in the city.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Right. I saw that. But my point is that, when the property was first deeded, the value of it being a piece of property able to be used for private development should go to the State, since it was the State's property to begin with.

MS. PECK: Okay. So you want that--

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: When we transferred the property to the city, at the time it was going to be used for a governmental purpose. And it had a different value. Now we're lifting that restriction and enabling the city to get benefit of that. And we, the State, did not get that benefit of it. So maybe there's another -- maybe there's a better explanation. Until we get that, I'd like to have it held.

I know we have another meeting coming up to discuss other issues. So it's not going to be an interminably long period of time. I'm just uncomfortable in doing the one transfer for public use, and then making it private use, and having the city get benefit of it, when the State should have potentially gotten benefit of it.

MS. PECK: Okay. Thank you.

MR. FLEMING: I had questions on Nos. 11 and 12.

**R I C H A R D T H A Y E R:** I'm Rick Thayer, representing the Department of Transportation, wireless communications unit.

MR. FLEMING: Thank you.

I just was wondering, how do you assign a value, since these are essentially leases for cell phone tower purposes? How do you assign a value to the remuneration that the State is getting?

MR. THAYER: Well, it was in 1996, the Department had set up what they call *master licensing agreements* with the major carriers. And they have different categories in which they're charged. So depending on where they're (indiscernible), the same company can be charged a different fee. And these fees were already set, like I said, with these master agreements that are good for 10 years, until next year -- in 2006.

I wasn't in the program at that time, but it was done through the Department of the Treasury, and with our DAG's office -- that they came up with these fees.

MR. FLEMING: Is it based on the value of the property or the value of the tower to the company?

MR. THAYER: Well, the way I believe it is, it's based on what we think they're going to bring in. North Jersey is a higher population, more calls, so we charge them higher. South Jersey, less population -- they get charged less.

MR. FLEMING: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: On that note -- and, apparently, the master agreements are coming up for renewal next year.

MR. THAYER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: It might be worthwhile for the Department to actually see what they're paying private property owners.

MR. THAYER: Actually, we're paying more.

SENATOR SMITH: We're getting more?

MR. THAYER: We're getting more than the private, because they're always complaining, "You guys are charging us a lot more than what we're charging -- getting paid through the private properties." And they wanted us to actually reduce fees. And that was three years ago, when I came into the program.

I talked to my manager and what not, and he said, "Well, we're just going to have to wait and see in 2006." But we're not planning on reducing any fees.

SENATOR SMITH: Because of these antenna on public property, does-- What's the advantage to the carrier to do a public property versus a private?

MR. THAYER: Well, it's easier to go through the State, because the State being the higher entity, we're tax exempt, we don't have to go through local zoning ordinances. We have a public process -- that we bring it to the townships or municipalities with. And the first meeting is called an *officials briefing*, where, through our Office of Community Relations, they set up a meeting with the township administrator. And we bring a lease -- I mean, a conceptual view of what we're going to do. And we just bring it to the town's attention.

And then what we do is set up a public forum, where we invite residents within 500 feet or more of the tower location. And we bring the

carrier there. And we hold the normal type of public information meeting, like we do with the highway projects. And then we allow the town 60 days after that to review it and get back to us. Some towns won't give you a letter of resolution, but they say, "Well, go ahead and do it." And so, through our process -- as long as we follow the public process of allowing the public to have a right to question what we're doing -- then we'll go and file for this application through your committee, here.

SENATOR SMITH: Any idea how many pieces of New Jersey State property are being used for cell tower purposes?

MR. THAYER: Well, we have-- I think, right now, we have 31 sites. And each site -- most of the sites have what we call *co-locators*. So we're charging the main carrier a set fee. Then he owns the pole. We're just-- We don't lease the property. It's called *licensing*. So we have complete control over it. They're just licensing the property.

Then they have other carriers that maybe want to co-locate on that pole. So, that way, you have fewer towers in one area.

SENATOR SMITH: Right.

MR. THAYER: And then we also charge the primary carrier 50 percent of what he's charging the co-locators.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Anyone else?

MR. FLEMING: Thank you.

MR. CRANE: We're going to hold No. 14 until the next meeting.

So we're under consideration -- is Nos. 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16, if your answer is satisfactory on those cell towers.

MR. FLEMING: Yes.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: I'll move those.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Moved and seconded.

Roll call.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Senator, the next package is the Department of Environmental Protection package. It runs from No. 17 through No. 40. And you may want to consider these one at a time, given the list of them, just to see if there's any questions or comments.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: You can just go through them.

MR. CRANE: And see if there's any questions.

This is the first one, No. 17, request approval to dispose of 1.26 acres of Lighthouse Park Plaza, in connection with the redevelopment of the surrounding area, under the Atlantic City Gateway Redevelopment Plan.

Any questions?

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

MR. CRANE: Okay.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Next one is the -- all these are the Department of Environmental Protection -- request approval to dispose of a 306 square foot parcel to resolve an encroachment that existed at the time of State acquisition.

SENATOR SMITH: Move it.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 19 is approval to enter into a 20-year lease with Franklin Township for the educational, cultural, recreational, and interpretive programs projects, and activities to encourage the public use of the historic Griggstown Mule Tenders Barracks.

SENATOR SMITH: Move it.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: I'd like to invite you all to the 16th District to visit. (laughter)

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Approval to enter into a 20-year lease with Franklin Township for education -- this is No. 20 -- educational, cultural, recreational, and interpretative programs, projects, and activities to encourage the public use of the historic East Millstone Canal House.

SENATOR SMITH: So moved.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 21 -- and we're going to have a series of these. This is a Department of Environmental Protection, Parks and Forestry approval to continue a pre-existing lease for .04 acre parcel to be used as off-street parking for four cars at the tenant's existing adjacent business.

These are-- The next few are the approvals of leases at various park facilities.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move No. 21.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Approval to enter into a five-year residential lease for a historic residential dwelling located at 18 Carnegie Road.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: This is a renewal?

MR. CRANE: Yes.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. FLEMING: I had a question on that. I had a question on 22. Is someone here from the Department?

ALVIN PAYNE: Good morning.

I'm Al Payne, with the Division of Parks and Forestry.

MR. FLEMING: Good morning.

I see where this allows the tenant to deduct from the -- I guess the lease fee expenses he incurs. Is that standard practice for the Department?

MR. PAYNE: According to the lease agreement with the abatement, you mean?

MR. FLEMING: Yes.

MR. PAYNE: In a residential lease, yes. The abatement issue is part of the lease agreement. If work was done on there -- if they had performed work that we cannot do, yes, that is an abatement issue. But on this residence here, this gentleman has never submitted for any abatement.

He's been a very good tenant, following up on all the necessary work, the pumping of the holding tanks, and other things in this residence.

MR. FLEMING: Okay. Thank you.

MR. PAYNE: Quite welcome.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Moved and seconded.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

The next one is a 10-year lease with the Lawrence Historical Society for educational programs at the Port Mercer Canal House.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Is there a motion?

MR. FLEMING: Move.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 24 -- this is another one of these leases. This is a five-year lease -- farm lease -- for property. It is a five-year farm lease.

SENATOR SMITH: So moved.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll call, please.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 25 -- this is a lease with Allaire Village, Inc. for the renovation, improvement, maintenance, repair, including subleasing of two houses with a garage and shed as residential dwellings.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll call.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

No. 26 is a one-year lease with the Federal Aviation Administration for the operation of an outer marker compass locator serving Runway No. 23 at Morristown Municipal Airport.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 27 -- a 10-year lease with the United Astronomy Clubs of New Jersey. This is another one of the educational and interpretive programs, as was previously considered.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 28 -- this is a five-year agricultural lease. I believe this is located at Round Valley State Recreation Area.

SENATOR SMITH: Move it.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 29 -- this is a five-year agricultural lease at a State Park in Vernon Township, Sussex County.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 30--

We're getting close, folks.

This is to renew seven leases for seasonal college -- cottages within Island Beach State Park.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: There's a situation down there. This is the remaining number of properties as they were sold. Their families have three years to continue on after the husband and wife die. That will be the end of it. All the property will be held by the State.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 31, a conveyance of an easement to Aqua New Jersey, Inc., to access and house a well for potable water to the residents of two townships. This is in Warren County.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Motion, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll call.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 32 has already been considered.

No. 33 -- approve to defer 4.8 acres of undeveloped open space for the construction of a department of public works facility. This is for the borough of Pine Hill.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll call.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 34 requests approval to formalize access to a landlocked property within Ramapo Mountain State Forest by granting access easement to Ramapo Tower Service, LLC. This is at the--

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Motion, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll call.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Thirty-five is to formalize access to two landlocked parcels within the Franklin Parker Preserve by granting access easements with the owners of two residential holdings.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Approval to allow the conveyance in fee of 2-plus acres, to settle litigation. This is in Rosedale Park, in Hopewell Township, Mercer County.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Motion, please.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

MR. FLEMING: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 37, approval to convey .63 acres from Union Lake Wildlife Management Area to the New Jersey DOT for improvement to the Route 56 bridge that spans the Maurice River in Vineland and Pittsgrove. This is in Cumberland County.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: It's been moved and seconded.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 38 is to allow the diversion of a small fraction of an acre in River Bank Park to accommodate the construction of a subsurface manhole and netting chamber as part of the town's DEP mandated combined sewer separation project.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Motion, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 39 requests approval to convey a portion of an acre to the county of Bergen for road improvements to Main Street. This is from Fort Lee Historic Park, Fort Lee Borough, Bergen County.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Motion, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

No. 40 is approval to dispose of a surplus house and .92 acres. This is in Airmont Avenue Park, Mahwah Township, Bergen County.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: It's been moved and seconded.  
Roll call, please.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)  
Opposed? (no response)

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Anything else to come before the  
State House Commission prior to the Judicial?

MR. CRANE: There are Judicial.

Yes, Mr. Chairman. There are a couple of items -- one of which  
was on the agenda today -- that are of timeliness to the Department of the  
Treasury -- having to do-- We're requesting if, on the next legislative day --  
or the first legislative day in January -- I believe it's January 5 -- Senators,  
Assemblyman, that we have a meeting at 9:00 in the morning. We will  
notify you of what room, for the purposes of considering that one item,  
unless there is anything carried over from today.

SENATOR SMITH: Or anything that may need to be added.

MR. CRANE: May need to be added.

But, in deference to people's holidays -- if it's okay with the  
members -- we're putting a 5:00 deadline of this Friday on anything new to  
be added, so that we make sure that you have enough notice of them.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Five p.m. this Friday?

MR. CRANE: Yes. If there is anything new that needs to be  
put on the agenda. Otherwise, we will consider No. 7. And this agenda will  
be sent to you again for January 5, 9:00 a.m. And you'll be notified of the  
room once we've arranged for the reservation of a room.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: All right. Now, the question--

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: And, potentially, Item No. 14.

MR. CRANE: And anything held over from today, yes, Assemblyman, if that's what meets your--

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Depending on what their explanation is.

MR. CRANE: What their explanation is.

We'll let you know, Assemblyman, on (indiscernible) matter what the explanation is.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: The only thing is, we've had things in the wintertime-- It's a possibility, instead of having it at 9:00 -- we've had it later, because you're not going to-- If you have snow or anything, you'd--

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: I thought you were worried that your December 31 celebration would have lasted that long.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: March.

Maybe you can check over -- as far as the times.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: I guess it depends on what else is going on that day.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes. If there are no other committees called, make it a little later.

MR. CRANE: We'll make it a little later, once we know-- We'll check with the legislators, Senator, to see what the schedule is.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Now, as far as the-- Is there any--

**P E T E R J. G O R M A N:** Can you vote on No. 41, for the Judicial Retirement System?

MR. CRANE: We're going to get to it. We're cleaning up some other business.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: We wouldn't forget you.

MR. CRANE: Okay. No. 41--

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: This is-- The State House Commission sits as the Judicial Retirement (indiscernible). There's a number here that are up for payouts.

MR. CRANE: Correct.

There are three actions required here. First--

Jean, do we need to approve the minutes from the prior--

We need to approve the minutes from the June 20 meeting, 2005.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: So moved.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

The second is to confirm death claims, retirements, and survivors' benefits. There's a list attached to your meeting material.

MR. FLEMING: Move.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: It's been moved and seconded.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

And, finally, I believe we have to approve the financial statements, which are also attached.

MR. FLEMING: Move.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Moved and seconded.

MR. CRANE: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Mr. Chairman, that completes the agenda for today.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Motion to adjourn.

MR. FLEMING: Second.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Adjourning until the 5th of  
January.

MR. CRANE: Thank you.

**(MEETING CONCLUDED)**