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Transcript:

Governor Christie: It took a while. I wanted to take some time to decide who I wanted to put in charge of the Department of Transportation, and I am pleased to announce today that I am sending to the Senate the nomination of Jamie Fox to be the new commissioner of the Department of Transportation. It comes as no great shock to many of you in this room that Mr. Fox is a registered Democrat. He is also a widely-recognized expert in transportation issues and in issues residing all across New Jersey government because for over two decades he served as a senior public official and advisor to many governors. He has previously been the commissioner of the Department of Transportation. He was chairman of the board in that capacity of New Jersey Transit, also served as deputy executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and chief of staff both to Governor McGreevey and to former United States Senator Bob Torricelli. In addition to that I've counted Jamie as a friend over the years and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity. I'm also happy to announce today that I'm sending the name of Richard Mroz to the Senate for consideration as the new president of the Board of Public Utilities. As many of you know Rich is a Republican. He's a lawyer, a public affairs consultant with an extensive history of public service in New Jersey. He's previously served as chief counsel to Governor Whitman, also as special counsel and director of the Authorities Unit as well as county counsel for Camden County. He currently serves on the board of the directors at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and has done so since being appointed there by President George W. Bush, and since 2012 he has been one of my appointees on the Delaware River and Bay Authority. Rich and I have been friends for 35 years and have known each other for an extraordinarily long time. He has been a loyal friend and a great public servant and someone who not only I but Mary Pat holds in extraordinary high esteem and I am really grateful that while having the very successful private sector career he has had over the last decade that he's willing to leave the private sector again for a period of time to serve in public service and I appreciate Rich's willingness to do so.

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