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## **Presidential Primaries, 2008 Election Changes Set to Top Agenda at National Association of Secretaries of State Winter Meeting in Washington, DC**

(Washington, DC) Members of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) will hold a news conference on Thursday, February 7, 2008 from 10:00 AM until 10:30 AM in the Redwood Room at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill to highlight a new report calling on the national parties to adopt a regional system for presidential primaries. The release of the report is taking place during the association's annual winter meeting on February 7-10 in Washington, DC. Numerous other 2008 election topics will be discussed during the meeting. A full agenda is available online at [www.nass.org](http://www.nass.org).

**To Confirm Attendance or Arrange Interviews with Secretaries of State:** Please contact Kay Stimson at 202.624.3528 or [nass@sso.org](mailto:nass@sso.org) for more information. Onsite registration provided. Reporters are required to display media credentials all times.

**What:** News Conference on Release of NASS Report Calling for Regional Presidential Primary System

**When:** Thursday, February 7, 2008 (10:00 AM – 10:30 AM)

**Where:** Redwood Room (Second Floor), Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW, Wash, DC

### **Additional NASS Winter Meeting Highlights Include:**

#### Thursday, February 7

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM (Capitol Room-Lobby Level)

#### **NASS Presidential Primaries Subcommittee Meeting**

Moderated by the Hon. Trey Grayson (KY) & Hon. Michael Mauro (IA)

#### Friday, February 8

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM (Capitol Room-Lobby Level)

#### **Address by Hon. Steve Preston, Head of U.S. Small Business Administration**

Focusing on Opportunities for States to Work with SBA

1:30 PM – 3:35 PM (Capitol Room-Lobby Level)

#### **NASS Elections Committee Meeting**

Moderated by the Hon. Chris Nelson (SD) & Hon. Robin Carnahan (MO)

*Includes briefing on Secure Elections Act of 2008 by Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ)*

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM (Ticonderoga –Ballroom Level)

#### **Redaction Symposium (Removing Social Security Numbers from State Public Records)**

*A look at how states are working to remove Social Security numbers and other sensitive personal information from government records in the age of identity theft.*

#### Saturday, February 9

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM (Yorktown/Valley Forge – Ballroom Level)

#### **State Trends for 2008 – Issues on the Horizon**

*Panel: National Governors Association, National Conf. of State Legislatures & Council of State Governments*

#### Sunday, February 10

8:00 AM – 12:30 PM (Regency A – Ballroom Level)

#### **Joint Session of NASS & the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED)**

*Includes state & federal election issues; please consult Web site for full listing of sessions and speakers.*

*Voting system manufacturers panel will take place from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM.*

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM (Columbia B – Ballroom Level)

#### **Keynote Luncheon Featuring *Des Moines Register* Political Columnist David Yepsen**

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