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Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie to Discuss U.S. Senate Election Recount at National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Winter Meeting in Washington, DC

(Washington, DC) — Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie (D), who presided over the highly-publicized U.S. Senate election recount between Democrat Al Franken and Republican Norm Coleman, will serve as a featured luncheon speaker at the 2009 National Association of Secretaries of State Winter Conference on Saturday, February 7 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM in Salons E and F of the JW Marriott in Washington, DC. Secretaries of state from 38 states are attending the meeting, which will focus on issues such as election reform, presidential primaries, state corporate formation, securities regulation and state budget challenges.

Additional meeting highlights include:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM (Salon II)

NASS Presidential Primaries Subcommittee Meeting: Featuring Briefings by RNC Rules Chairman David Norcross and DNC Director of Party Affairs & Delegate Selection Phil McNamara

1:45 PM – 3:45 PM (Salon II)

NASS Elections Committee Meeting: Featuring Military & Overseas Voting Issues from the 2008 Election & Congressional Staff Briefings

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM (Salon G)

Media Panel: Reporting on Government in the Age of Obama – Featuring David Mark, Senior Editor, *Politico*; Pam Prah, Politics Staff Writer, Stateline.org; and Lauren Whittington, Politics Editor, *Roll Call*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM (Salon II)

Presentation of NASS Margaret Chase Smith Award to Anti-Poverty Activist Ruby Duncan, Founder of Operation Life Community Development Center, Las Vegas, Nevada

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Salon III)

State Leadership Update on Legislation & Priorities for 2009: Featuring Ray Scheppach, Executive Director, National Governors Association; David Adkins, Executive Director, Council of State Governments; and Carl Tubbesing, Deputy Executive Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

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

A full conference agenda is available online at www.nass.org.

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