

GEORGIA



Both chambers of the Georgia General Assembly attend a one-day orientation at the capitol in November after the general election.

They later attend the Biennial Institute at the University of Georgia. The offices of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House co-sponsor the Biennial Institute with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government on the University of Georgia campus.

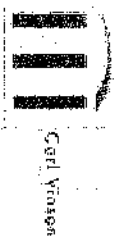
The agenda is centered on the appropriations process, rules of procedure, bill process and involves presentations made by the private sector, educators, and other affiliated individuals.



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Since 1958, new state lawmakers have looked to the Biennial Institute for Georgia Legislators as the primary place for serious basic training in their roles and responsibilities. Held one month after the general election, the Biennial provides all legislators with valuable time for networking and for gaining knowledge about key issues confronting the state as the legislature convenes.

The offices of Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House cosponsor the Biennial Institute, with the Vinson Institute organizing and assembling the resources and expertise needed to carry out the packed three-day agenda. Sessions conducted by Vinson Institute faculty, veteran lawmakers and staff, agency administrators, and subject experts lead legislators through a wide variety of timely topics.

At an orientation session in November at the state capitol and at the Biennial, new legislators are instructed in everything from where to park and pick up their mail to the appropriations process, rules of procedure, and how a bill becomes a law.

Policy panels for all legislators focus on topics particularly relevant to the upcoming session. Sessions at the 2006 program explored issues surrounding primary and secondary education, Medicaid, transportation, emergency preparedness, families and children, intergovernmental relations, and the state's energy crisis.

The National Conference of State Legislatures has ranked the Biennial as the top university-based legislative training program in the country.

ALSO SEE:

Handbook of Georgia Legislators



Governor Sonny Perdue addresses legislators at the 2006 Biennial Institute's closing luncheon.

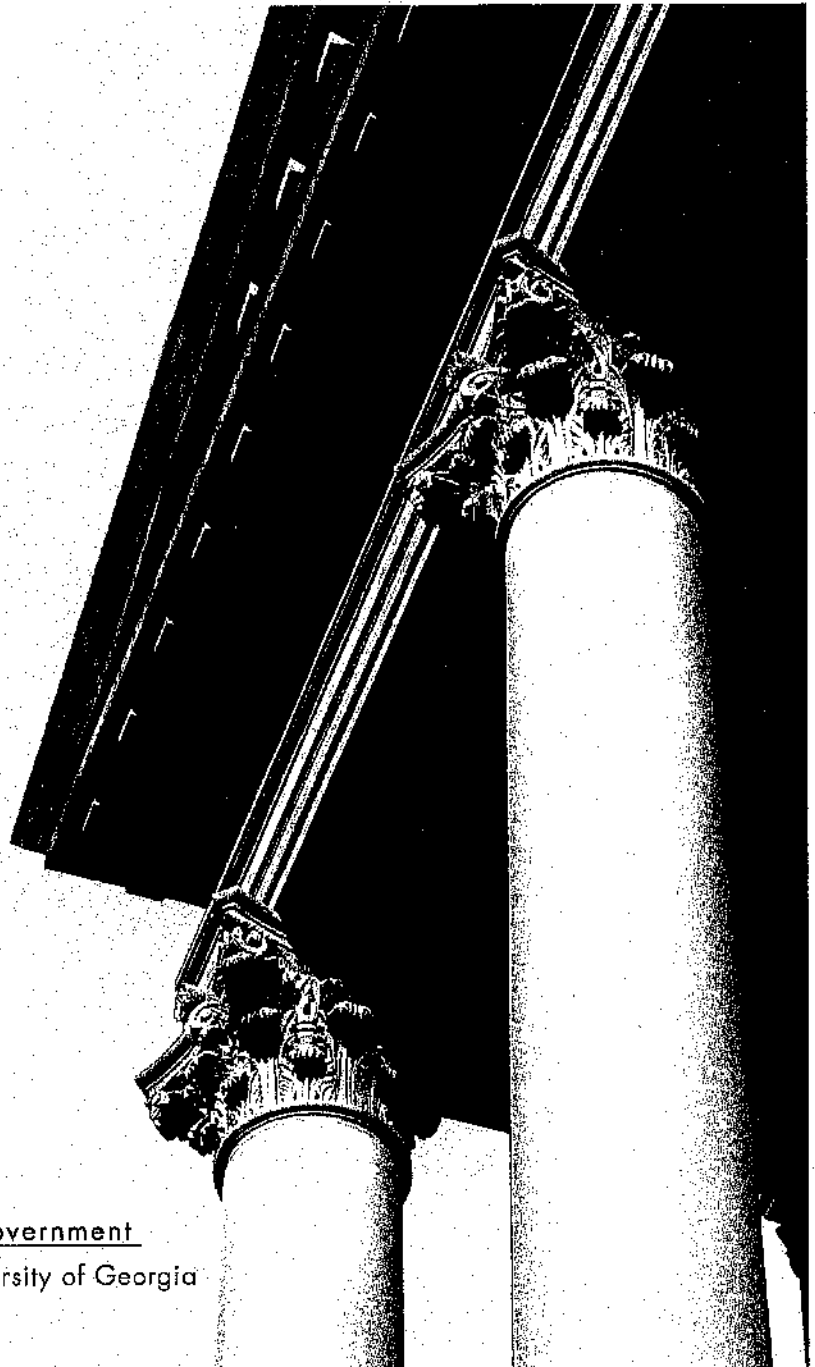
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GEORGIA LEGISLATORS

November 16, 2006
December 10-12, 2006



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— SUNDAY —
DECEMBER 10, 2006

NEW LEGISLATORS ONLY

8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.

8:30–9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION (*conference registration desk*)

9:30–9:45 A.M. WELCOME
Steve Wrigley, Director,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

9:45–11:45 A.M. SERVING AS AN ETHICAL LEGISLATOR
(*room L, 2nd floor*)

Moderator: Sonny Dixon, news anchor,
WTOC-TV Savannah

Speakers: Rick Thompson, Executive Director,
State Ethics Commission
Dennis Dunn, Deputy Attorney General

Respondents: Sen. Renee Unterman,
Senate Ethics Committee Chair
Rep. Joe Wilkinson,
House Ethics Committee Chair

11:45 A.M.—1:00 P.M. LUNCH (*Magnolia Ballroom*)

1:00–1:30 P.M. GEORGIA'S BUDGET: "FOLLOW THE MONEY"
(*room L, 2nd floor*)

Wes Clarke, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

1:30-3:00 P.M.HOUSE (room L) AND SENATE (room J)
BUDGET BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Rep. Ben Harbin
Charlie Walker, Director, House Budget Office
Sen. Jack Hill
Kevin Fillion, Director, Senate Budget and Evaluation Office

3:00-3:15 P.M.BREAK (2nd floor concourse)

3:15-4:30 P.M.BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE GEORGIA LEGISLATOR
(room L, 2nd floor)

Rep. Glenn Richardson	Sen. Eric Johnson
Rep. Jerry Keen	Sen. Tommie Williams
Rep. DuBose Porter	Sen. Robert Brown

ALL LEGISLATORS

1:00-7:30 P.M.

1:00-5:00 P.M.REGISTRATION (*conference registration desk*)

5:30-7:30 P.M.OPENING PLENARY SESSION (*Mabler Auditorium*)

Presiding: Steve Wrigley, Director, Carl Vinson
Institute of Government

Welcome: Art Dunning, Vice President for Public Service
and Outreach, The University of Georgia

Introductions of New Members of the House and Senate:
Hon. Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor-Elect
Hon. Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the House

Reflections on 50 Years of the Biennial Institute for Georgia Legislators

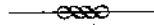
Keynote

Speaker: Sen. Zell Miller

Introduction: Michael Adams, President, The University
of Georgia

RECEPTION (*Hill Atrium and Pecan Tree Galleria*)

— MONDAY —
DECEMBER 11, 2006



7:00–8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION (*conference registration desk*)

7:15–8:15 A.M. BREAKFAST WITH LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATIONS
(ALEC, NCSL, SLC) (*Magnolia Ballroom*)

Introductions: Hon. Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the House

8:30–9:30 A.M. SEVEN TRENDS SHAPING GEORGIA'S FUTURE
(*Mabler Auditorium*)

Presiding: Steve Wrigley, Director, Carl Vinson
Institute of Government

1. The Changing Face of Georgia: Dynamic Demographics
2. Meeting Health Care Needs: Dollars, Outcomes, and Quality
3. Educating All of Georgia: General, Technical,
and Higher Education
4. Georgia's Environment: Impact of Growth on Water
and Land Use
5. Georgia on the Move: Transportation and Infrastructure
in a Growing State
6. Georgia's Economy: Globalization and Prosperity in Georgia
7. Georgia's Revenue Base: Sustaining Balance and Growth

9:30–10:30 A.M. DISCUSSION GROUPS
(*choose one; refreshments available in each room*)

A. EDUCATION (*room L, 2nd floor*)

Facilitator: Sherri Lawless,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Discussants: Sen. Dan Moody
Rep. Brooks Coleman
Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools
Erroll Davis, Chancellor,
University System of Georgia
Freida Hill, Assistant Commissioner,
Department of Technical Education
Ben Scafidi, Georgia College and State University

9:30-10:30 A.M.DISCUSSION GROUPS (*continued*)

- B. TRANSPORTATION (*room K, 2nd floor*)
Facilitator: Scot Wrighton,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Discussants: Sen. Jeff Mullis
Rep. Vance Smith
Mike Evans, Chair, State Transportation Board
Harold Linnenkohl, Commissioner,
Department of Transportation
Michael Meyer, Georgia Institute of Technology
- C. ENVIRONMENT (*room Y/Z, 2nd floor*)
Facilitator: Wes Wynens,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Discussants: Sen. Ross Tolleson
Rep. Lynn Smith
Carol Couch, Director, Environmental
Protection Division
Jim Kundell, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
- D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (*room Q, 2nd floor*)
Facilitator: Randal Morris, Fanning Institute
Discussants: Sen. Chip Pearson
Rep. Ron Stephens
Mike Beatty, Commissioner,
Department of Community Affairs
Chris Clark, Deputy Commissioner,
Georgia Department of Economic Development
Jackie Rohosky, Department of Technical
and Adult Education
Kenneth Heaghney, Georgia State University
- E. REVENUE (*room R, 2nd floor*)
Facilitator: Sabrina Cape,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Discussants: Sen. Mitch Seabaugh
Rep. Larry O'Neal
Bart Graham, Commissioner,
Department of Revenue
Dave Sjoquist, Georgia State University
Sally Wallace, Georgia State University

10:30-11:45 A.M.POLICY SESSIONS (*choose one*)

A. TRENDS IN STATE RESPONSES TO THE UNINSURED
(*Masters Hall, 1st floor*)

Moderator: Angela Fertig, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government

Speaker: Karen Minyard, Georgia State University

Panelists: Rep. Tom Knox
Sen. Ralph Hudgens

B. EDUCATION POLICY SESSION: AN UPDATE ON THE
EDUCATION FINANCE TASK FORCE (*Mabler Auditorium*)

Moderator: John O'Looney, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government

Speaker: Dean Alford, Chair, Excellence in Education
Finance Task Force

Panelists: Rep. Brooks Coleman
Sen. Dan Moody
Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools

12:00-1:45 P.M.LUNCH (*Magnolia Ballroom*)

Presiding: Hon. Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the House

Invocation: Robert H. Bohler Jr., Central Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Erroll Davis, Chancellor, University System
of Georgia

2:00-3:15 P.M.POLICY SESSIONS (*choose one*)

C. AN UPDATE ON PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS IN
TRANSPORTATION: HOW THEY ARE HELPING TO
MEET GEORGIA'S NEEDS (*room L, 2nd floor*)

Moderator: Rich Clark, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Speakers: Harold Linnenkohl, Commissioner,
Department of Transportation

Mike Evans, Chair, Department of
Transportation Board

Panelists: Rep. Vance Smith
Sen. Jeff Mullis

D. AN UPDATE ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE IN GEORGIA
(*room K, 2nd floor*)

Moderator: Angela Fertig, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government

Speakers: *State Strategy:* Kathy Driggers, Department
of Community Health
Status of Implementation: Craig Bass, Amerigroup
David McNichols, Peach State Health Plan
Mike Cotton, WellCare of Georgia

Panelists: Rep. Sharon Cooper
Sen. Don Thomas

**E. THE STATUS OF CHILDREN IN GEORGIA: USING DATA TO
DETERMINE INVESTMENTS FOR GEORGIA'S CHILDREN
(KIDS COUNT) (*room R, 2nd floor*)**

Moderator: Karen Baynes, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government

Speakers: Gaye Smith, Executive Director, Georgia Family
Connection Partnership
Taifa Butler, Director, Public Affairs and Policy,
Georgia Family Connection Partnership

Panelists: Rep. Judy Manning
Sen. Dan Moody

3:15-3:45 P.M.BREAK (*2nd floor concourse*)

3:45-5:00 P.M.POLICY SESSIONS (*choose one*)

**F. ARE GEORGIA'S TRAUMA CENTERS AND HEALTH
DEPARTMENTS READY TO RESPOND TO A PANDEMIC FLU
OUTBREAK OR A STATE EMERGENCY? (*room L, 2nd floor*)**

Moderator: Gordon Maner, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government

Speaker: J. Patrick O'Neal, Medical Director,
Office of Emergency Medical Services

Panelists: Rep. Larry O'Neal
Rep. Clay Cox
Sen. Cecil Staton

G. AN OVERVIEW OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS IN
GEORGIA: ISSUES FACING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(room K, 2nd floor)

Moderator: Paula Yeary, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Speakers: Harry Hayes, Carl Vinson Institute of
Government
Sam Olens, Commissioner, Cobb County
Jay Powell, Mayor, Camilla

Panelists: Rep. Austin Scott
Sen. John Wiles

H. THE STATE'S ROLE IN RESPONDING TO THE ENERGY CRISIS:
A REPORT FROM THE STATE ENERGY STRATEGY COUNCIL
(room R, 2nd floor)

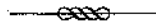
Moderator: Jim Kundell, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Speaker: Elizabeth Robertson, Director, Energy
Resources Division, Georgia Environment
Facilities Authority

Panelists: Rep. Harry Geisinger
Sen. Joe Carter

5:15-6:30 P.M. RECEPTION SPONSORED BY ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
(Pecan Tree Galleria)

— TUESDAY —
DECEMBER 12, 2006



7:15-8:15 A.M. BREAKFAST (Magnolia Ballroom)

Introduction: Rebecca White, Dean, the University of Georgia
School of Law

Speaker: Chief Justice Leah Sears, Georgia Supreme Court

8:30-11:50 A.M. AN OVERVIEW OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE
IN GEORGIA

Moderator: Jim Ledbetter, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

8:30-9:20 A.M.A PRIMER FOR LEGISLATORS, HEALTH 101
(Masters Hall)

Speakers: Rep. Mickey Channell
Sen. Greg Goggans

9:20-10:10 A.M.TRENDS IN CONSUMER-DIRECTED HEALTH CARE
(Masters Hall)

Speaker: Ron Bachman, Center for Health Visions

10:10-10:30 A.M.BREAK (*Pecan Tree Galleria*)

10:30-11:15 A.M.CERTIFICATE OF NEED: A REPORT FROM THE
COMMISSION ON THE EFFICACY OF THE CERTIFICATE
OF NEED PROGRAM (*Masters Hall*)

Speaker: Dan Rahn, M.D., Chair, Commission on the Efficacy
of the Certificate of Need Program

Panelists: Sen. Don Balfour
Rep. Austin Scott

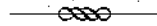
11:15-11:50 A.M.PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER: STRATEGIES FOR
STATE ACTION (*Masters Hall*)

Legislative Panel: Sen. Don Thomas
Rep. Sharon Cooper
Sen. Ralph Hudgens
Rep. Tom Knox
Sen. Greg Goggans
Rep. Mickey Channell

12:00-2:00 P.M.LUNCH (*Magnolia Ballroom*)

Presiding: Hon. Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor-Elect
Invocation: Robert Salamone, Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Speaker: Gov. Sonny Perdue

— TUESDAY —
JANUARY 9, 2007



12:00-2:00 P.M.

NEW LEGISLATOR AND SPOUSE LUNCHEON
SPONSORED BY AGL RESOURCES
(Carl Sanders Fireplace Room, Capitol Education Center)

Speakers: Larry and Janice Walker