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**Secretary of State Jim Condos Appointed to National Leadership Position**

Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos announced today that he has accepted an appointment as Co-Chair of the Elections Committee for the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). Condos, a Democrat, will jointly lead the committee with Utah Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell, a Republican. The committee is dedicated to informing members about state election administration practices and laws, tracking proposed federal legislation and election reform proposals and developing policy positions for consideration by the organization.

“As Vermont’s chief election official, I am honored to work with my peers on election issues at the national level,” said Secretary Condos. “During the recent NASS conference in Washington, DC, I was able to talk with other secretaries of state about what is working or not working in election systems across the country, gather information about best practices and new technology, and have a broad perspective as to what we can be doing to enhance and improve our own election system.”

NASS President, Secretary of State Mark Ritchie (MN), appointed Condos to his leadership position as Co-Chair of the 31-member NASS Elections Committee, the association’s largest committee. Secretary Condos was also appointed to several other committees: Business Services, Presidential Primaries, Voter Participation, and State Heritage (Archives).

“The national conference offered me a valuable opportunity to participate and learn from my peers who are working on many of the same issues facing Vermont, including public records, transparency in government, elections and business services.

As Secretary, I want to maintain the integrity of our elections, encourage and foster greater voter education and participation, ensure the fairness and integrity of the elections process, and protect it from abuse and fraudulent activities”, said Condos.

Formed in 1904, the National Association of Secretaries of State is the oldest non-partisan organization of major public officials in the United States. Members include the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. **NASS** serves as a medium for the exchange of information between states and fosters cooperation in the development of public policy. Key initiatives include the areas of elections and voting, state business services, and digital archiving.

Bio: Jim Condos was elected Vermont’s Secretary of State this past November 2010, after having served eight years as a Vermont Senator from Chittenden County, 18 years on South Burlington City Council, and 30+ years of private sector business experience.

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