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LAW & JUSTICE

New Senator is Only Black Member

Democrats move beyond controversy



Roland Burris

(AP)—Roland Burris took his place as Barack Obama's successor in the Senate on Thursday, ending a standoff that embarrassed the president-elect and fellow Democrats who initially resisted the appointment by scandal-scattered Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

"I do," Burris said with a grin as Vice President Dick Cheney administered the oath of office to the former Illinois attorney general who takes Obama's place as the Senate's only black member.

More than a week after his

colleagues were sworn in, Burris was seated Thursday without objection or a roll call vote, even though Majority Leader Harry Reid had said senators would have their voices heard on whether to accept his appointment.

Illinois delegation members

and members of the Congressional Black Caucus joined Democratic and Republican senators in giving Burris a congratulatory standing ovation, handshakes and hugs on the Senate floor.

Senate Democrats wanted to move beyond the distracting controversy and its racial undertones.

Both Reid and Illinois' senior senator, Dick Durbin, smiled broadly and praised Burris in speeches, insisting anew that their previous resistance wasn't about Burris personally but rather about how he was appointed.

Later in a stately parlor off the Senate floor, Burris told his family, friends and a few colleagues that being seated in the Senate was "a dream come true," and pledged to uphold the Constitu-

tion and do his best to represent Illinois

It was a warmer welcome than the one Burris received two weeks ago when he showed up on Capitol Hill to be sworn in with his colleagues, only to be turned away into the cold and rain by Senate Democratic leaders who argued that Burris' appointment wasn't valid under Senate rules.

But as the soon-to-be-impeached Blagojevich watched from afar, Burris dug in and the two Senate Democratic leaders ultimately relented under pressure from Obama and rank-and-file Democrats who worried that the episode was distracting from more important matters and putting the party — and the president-elect — in a bad light.

Merkley on Health, Education Panel

(AP)—U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley has won a place on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Merkley, a Portland Democrat who took office two weeks ago, had been seeking appointment to the panel, which oversees a broad range of issues, including health care, labor standards and employment, education, student loans, arts and humanities and biomedical research and development.

Merkley also serves on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

He said in a statement that the two committees will play a key



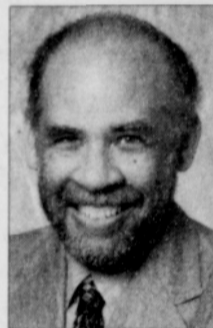
role in setting the nation's agenda in areas ranging from health care to education, the environment, global warming and worker protections.

With these two committee assignments, Merkley added, he will be able to work with colleagues and President-elect Barack Obama to get the nation "back on track."

Newly elected U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., takes the oath of office from Vice President Dick Cheney. He was joined by his wife Mary Sorteberg, daughter Brynne, and son Jonathan.

NAACP Joins Proposition 8 Challenge

Supporting minority rights in same sex battle



John Payton

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund has filed a friend of the court brief challenging California's Proposition 8, the voter-approved referendum against gay marriage ban, on the grounds that the basic rights of a minority group cannot be taken away by a simple majority.

LDF joins other civil rights groups, the Asian American Pacific Legal Center, the

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Equal Justice Society, and the California NAACP in calling for the invalidation of Prop 8.

"It is imperative that the Supreme Court of California recognize that by allowing Prop 8 to take effect, it is setting a dangerous precedent that allows a bare majority to strip minority groups of their fundamental rights. We are joining this challenge to ensure that the rights of all minority groups are being protected," said John Payton, LDF president and director-coun-

sel. The California Supreme Court recognized marriage as a fundamental right. To take away that right a constitutional revision requiring a two-thirds vote by the state legislature — and not just a simple majority vote — would be needed in order to bar same-sex marriage. If Prop 8 is allowed to stand the fundamental rights of all minority groups will be placed in jeopardy.

"Proposition 8 effects more than just the LGBT community. This decision will ultimately affect how the rights of all minority groups are treated in the state of California," said Anurima Bhargava, director of LDF's education practice.

Security Camera Captures Robberies

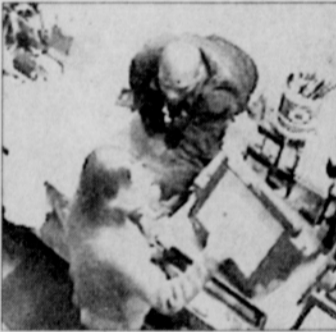
Crime Stoppers offer reward

Crime Stoppers has offered a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to the arrest of a man who robbed two Plaid Pantry stores in north Portland.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, at approximately 8:35 p.m., the sus-

pect entered the Plaid Pantry at 6510 North Greeley Ave. and picked out beer from the cooler and then approached the clerk at the counter to demand money.

At approximately 9:45 p.m., the same suspect entered a Plaid Pantry, located at 1463 N. Hayden Island Drive, and armed with a knife, demanded money from the clerk. In both robberies, the crime was caught on surveillance video.



The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying a serial robber caught on videotape robbing a local Plaid Pantry store.

Then on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at approximately 7:33 p.m., the same suspect went back to the Plaid Pantry on North Greeley, and with physical force, robbed the same employee. The suspect approached the clerk and immediately grabbed her by her sweater and demanded money from the cash register.

The suspect is a black male in his mid-thirties, 5 feet, 7 inches to 6 feet tall, 175 pounds and bald. In the first two robberies, he was wearing a dark blue hooded sweatshirt with the words "Polo Jeans" on the front.

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Attacked for Not Speaking English

Seattle police are looking for a man who attacked two other men after he overheard one of them on a cell phone speaking something other than English.

The two victims, both African immigrants, were inside a store when one got a phone call on his cell phone. He stepped outside to speak when a motorist in a truck stopped at a red light yelled at the man, reportedly telling him to

"speak English."

The victim tried to tell the driver he didn't speak English well, and that's when the man got out of his truck, yelled some religious slurs at the man, then punched him twice. When the victim's friend tried to intervene, the assailant punched that man, too.

The attacker threatened to kill both men before getting back into his truck and driving off.

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