

CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE ARRIVAL & LIGHTING CEREMONY

WEST FRONT, U.S. CAPITOL

ARRIVAL: Monday, November 26, 2007

<u>DETAILS:</u> 10:00 AM (Time Approx.) Crew Set-up 9:15 AM

Photo Op Okay

1st St. NW (Garfield Circle location, West sidewalk okay) *Note: Truck will arrive early AM and stage until 10 am.*

(Crane moving tree to Center West Front will operate from here)

<u>LIGHTING CEREMONY:</u> Wednesday, December 5, 2007

DETAILS: 5:00 PM

Open Coverage (live) *Coverage Information TBA

West Front

BACKGROUND: The 2007 tree is a 55-foot-tall Balsam Fir from the Vermont's Green Mountain National Forest. [Rep. Peter Welch- (D) – at large] As part of the Architect of the Capitol's continuing commitment to save energy, strands of LED (Light Emitting Diodes) lights will be used to decorate the entire tree. LED lights use little electricity, have an extremely long life-span, and are environmentally friendly. In addition, Vermont's Christmas Tree Committee will reduce the carbon footprint associated with transporting the Capitol Christmas Tree to Washington by purchasing carbon offsets. The Capitol Christmas Tree will be lit each evening through January 1, 2008, from nightfall until 11 pm.

If you have any questions regarding coverage of the <u>ARRIVAL</u>, please contact Helen DeBarge of the House R-TV Gallery at 202 225-5214.

Note: Coverage details on the Dec. 5 Lighting Ceremony TBA.