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American Legion Jersey Boys State's Legislature Opens Session at State House *Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald Speak to Students*

TRENTON, NJ—The American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) legislature opened its 70th legislative session in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate chambers at the State House in Trenton, N.J. Seventy-two statesmen were elected to the ALJBS legislature earlier today. Each legislator was sworn in to office at the State House.

"This is the real deal and an experience our statesmen will never forget," said ALJBS Director David Bagatelle. "It's in these chambers that our state's leaders pass laws and our statesmen are very lucky to be a part of that experience."

Following their legislative session, the statesmen were greeted by Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald who both spoke about their experiences as public servants.

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About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)

In its 70th year, ALJBS is a week-long experience that educates and motivates New Jersey's youth so that each statesman may become a citizen leader dedicated to service, respect, and Americanism. Together, the delegates form the mythical "51st" state of the union each year, where they elect their own local, state, and national representatives. Activities at ALJBS include legislative sessions, general assemblies, court proceedings, athletics, band, and career seminars, among many others. All expenses associated with attending ALJBS are typically donated by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, or a community-based organization. To learn more, please visit aljbs.org.