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**ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL BEGINS CONSTRUCTION**  
**ON INAUGURAL STANDS**

**WEST FRONT OF CAPITOL CLOSED BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 22**

**WASHINGTON** – Beginning Monday, September 22, 2008, the lower terrace of the West Front of the United States Capitol will be closed for the construction of the 2009 Presidential Inaugural stands.

Fencing will be erected around the construction site and there will be **no** access to the Member and staff entrance on the lower terrace. Public tours will be re-routed directing visitors to exit from the North and South doors as appropriate.

The West Front will be re-opened in mid-February 2009 following the Inaugural activities and the removal of the stands.

The Presidential swearing-in takes place January 20, 2009, on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol.

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