Using Past Participles as Adjectives

Select one of the words from the list below to fill in the blanks.

released  elected  increased
filed  targeted  discovered
damaged  scheduled  broken
retired

1. Two of the dolphins that were being held in captivity for research purposes, were let go yesterday. The ____________ mammals swam around and around as if they did not want to leave.

2. ____________ attention is being given to the proposed rail system. It should help in providing better public transportation.

3. ____________ officials should always be concerned with their image.

4. Just recently, a woman sued over a harassment claim. The ________ ______ lawsuit will be brought to court in the coming days.

5. Don’t pay too much attention to him. He always says one thing and does another. Everyone knows about his ____________ promises.

6. There is a new proposition on the ballot for the upcoming elections. The ____________ voters are ____________ people because they will be affected by the new law.

7. Every month, there is a departmental meeting. The ____________ meetings begin at noon on Wednesday.

8. Scientists have found a six-foot jellyfish in the Gulf of Mexico. The newly ____________ squid doesn’t have long tentacles.

9. Termites have been invading a historic house, which has preservationists nervous. The ____________ house will cost a few thousand dollars to be fixed.

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