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69TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

JULY 18 - 22, 2015 | SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As Chair of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), I am pleased to welcome you to Savannah, “The Hostess City of the South.” I appreciate the support of my colleagues and friends throughout the South during my tenure as Chair, and I am humbled by this opportunity to serve as your host during our 69th Annual Meeting.

The cohesiveness and strong sense of place found in our SLC region are key ingredients in making our gatherings so successful. Spotlighting the innovative programs and efforts states in our region are making to improve the well-being and prosperity of our citizens is the hallmark of our event.

It long has been a tradition of the SLC to showcase innovative programs unique to the South and the Host State. This year’s program continues in that vein by featuring a number of successful programs and initiatives underway in Georgia. Critical to the success of our region — our pathways to prosperity — is our continued and collective focus on economic growth, aligning our workforce with work, and providing our citizens with the resources and assistance necessary to thrive in the 21st century.

Participation in the SLC is one of the most effective mechanisms I know for sharing information and finding solutions to the challenges we encounter as stewards of our states’ institutions. Through the SLC and its many programs and services, we have the opportunity to work across state and political boundaries in an environment of civility and collegiality.

During Conference-week, our Host State Committee and staff have arranged an array of activities to suit every interest, highlighting the many treasures of Savannah and Georgia, the Empire State of the South. I hope you will take some time to enjoy the outstanding programs being offered this week. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Please do not hesitate to call on us during your stay if we can be of service to you.

Welcome to Savannah.

Best wishes,

Speaker David Ralston, Georgia
SLC Chair, 2014-2015
About the Annual Meeting

LOCATIONS

SLC committee meetings and workshops will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah and the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, except where noted otherwise.

The SLC/Mark Norris Campaign Against Hunger Food Packaging Event will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday in the West Room of the Harborside Center, at the River Street level of the Hyatt Regency Savannah.

The Joint Committee Technical Tour will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday in the West Room of the Harborside Center, at the River Street level of the Hyatt Regency Savannah. Meanwhile, the Agriculture & Rural Development Committee Technical Tour and International Paper Technical Tour will depart immediately at 11:30 a.m. from River Street.

ATTIRE

Attire for committee meetings is business casual. Attire for family and guest activities is casual unless otherwise indicated. Attire for the State Dinner is business formal.

ETHICS

The ethics laws in some states prohibit or limit the value of gifts to legislators and legislative staff. If it is a violation of your state's ethics laws to accept or use any of these gifts, you may return them or pass them along.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE)

Attending substantive committee sessions may qualify for Continuing Legal Education credits for state government officials in SLC member states. Substantive committee sessions are identified with a superscript CLE following the session title. Forms and instructions are available at the CLE table, located on the Lobby Level of the Hyatt Regency Savannah near Annual Meeting Registration. For additional details, contact Lauren Greer in the SLC Policy Staff Office (Sloane Room) or at lgreer@csg.org.
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OPEN MEETINGS

All publicized SLC committee sessions are open to all registrants regardless of formal committee appointments or affiliations.

ALCOHOL

The Council of State Governments advocates responsible consumption of alcohol and use of designated drivers by all participants at CSG functions.
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**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** CSG Policy Academy  
Innovative Delivery Models in Postsecondary Education | **8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Committee Breakfasts  
AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
EDUCATION  
**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** SLC/MARK NORRIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER  
**noon - 1:30 p.m.** LEGISLATIVE FISCAL PLENARY LUNCHEON |
| MIDDAY  | **3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Executive Committee Session | **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Nominating Committee for Conference Officers  
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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT  
HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY |
| AFTERNOON | **7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** “TASTE OF SAVANNAH” OPENING RECEPTION | **5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Center for the Advancement of Leadership Skills Alumni Reception  
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CLOSING PLENARY & BUSINESS BREAKFAST SESSION |
| 10:00 a.m. - noon  | OPENING PLENARY SESSION                                                          | Executive Committee Session  
Meets upon adjournment of the Closing Plenary |
| noon - 1:30 p.m.  | Comparative Data Reports Presentations  
FISCAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS                                           | 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Technical Tours |
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EDUCATION  
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AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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| 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Policy Positions Committee                                                      | 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
“GEORGIA ON MY MIND” CLOSING RECEPTION & STATE DINNER |
| 9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. | KENTUCKY KICK-OFF RECEPTION                                                     |  |
|               | **WEDNESDAY JULY 22**                                                           | DEPARTURES (no meetings) |
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**Political History of Georgia**

Todd Groce, Ph.D., Executive Director, Georgia Historical Society

**Paperless Technology in SLC Legislatures**

Russell Humphrey, Chief Clerk of the Senate, Tennessee
Vinay Dattu, Director of Information Technology, Legislative Services, Tennessee
Dean Johnson, Chief Operating Officer, Georgia Technology Authority

**The Supreme Court and the States: Briefing from the State and Local Legal Center**

Lisa Soronen, Executive Director, State and Local Legal Center, Washington, D.C.

**Legislative Staff Recruitment and Retention**

Elizabeth Kellar, President and CEO, Center for State and Local Government Excellence, Washington, D.C.
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| 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | **CSG POLICY ACADEMY**<sup>CLE</sup>  
Scarborough Ballrooms 3 & 4  
Hyatt Regency Savannah  
*Innovative Delivery Models in Postsecondary Education*  
Most states are seeing evidence of economic growth with an increase in job creation and overall decrease in unemployment. However, many individuals remain unemployed, the skills gap dividing workers’ technical skills and those capabilities needed by business and industry continues to grow, and the lack of opportunities to advance exists for numerous employees. A recent prediction noted a loss of $1.7 trillion by 2030 if improvements are not made in postsecondary education to bridge the skills gap. This CSG Policy Academy addresses new delivery models targeting personalized learning, competency-based education, career pathways and flexible routes to college completion, providing best practices and exemplary policy opportunities at the state and institution level. |
| 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Presiding: Speaker David Ralston, Georgia; SLC Chair  
Ballrooms A & B  
Hyatt Regency Savannah  
*Stratton Leopold*  
Stratton Leopold is the owner and operator of Leopold’s Ice Cream. He has worked as a producer, executive producer and co-producer, overseeing the production of many films including “Mission: Impossible III,” “Paycheck,” “The Sum of All Fears,” “Bless the Child,” and “The General’s Daughter.” He also was a production manager on “Tango and Cash,” “The Mosquito Coast” and other films. |
| 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | **“TASTE OF SAVANNAH” OPENING RECEPTION**  
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center Esplanade |
Sunday, July 19

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION
Hyatt Regency Lobby

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BREAKFAST
CLE
Presiding: Representative Andy Anders,
Louisiana; Committee Chair
Rooms 200-202
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

Attracting New and Beginning Farmers

With the global population expected to continue growing, the demand for food will grow with it. Unfortunately, those who provide the population with life’s sustenance are a class who continue to shrink with age and the rising cost of doing business. The 2012 Census of Agriculture found that while the number of farms and farmland is on the decline, the average age of farmers is on the rise. This session explores the resources available to new and beginning farmers that help reduce the barriers to entry into the farming industry, as well as one state’s efforts to assist veterans through agriculture.

Senator Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia
Fred Harrison, Jr., Ph.D., State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Georgia
Sunday, July 19

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BREAKFAST**

**Presiding:** Senator Jeff Mullis, Georgia; Committee Chair

Ballrooms A & B

Hyatt Regency Savannah

**Transportation Reforms in the SLC States**

Given the uncertainty and turbulence surrounding the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program and the inherent funding challenges currently contained in the federal Highway Trust Fund, states are leading the charge to devise solutions to fund their transportation and infrastructure projects. This session explores significant actions taken in three SLC states in recent years to bolster funding for these critical areas.

*Representative Bubber Epps, Georgia*

*Delegate Chris Jones, Virginia*

*Representative Larry Phillips, Texas*

**Public Private Partnerships: Lessons from Florida**

In an effort to develop alternate funding sources to implement critical transportation and infrastructure projects, states increasingly are looking to public-private partnerships (or P3s) as an important strategy in advancing essential transportation and infrastructure goals. This session features details on the latest P3 developments in Florida; lessons learned; pros and cons regarding Florida’s experiences with the P3 format; reaction in Florida to the announcement by the operator of the Indiana Toll Road in 2014 that it would seek bankruptcy protection with a creditor-supported restructuring plan; and other related issues.

*Leon Corbett, Project Finance Manager, Department of Transportation, Florida*
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE BREAKFAST**

**Presiding:** Senator John R. Unger II, West Virginia; Committee Chair

Rooms 203-205

Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

**Implications of Adolescent Brain Development on Education Policy**

Ongoing research focusing on brain development in adolescents is affirming that this stage of maturation poses particular risks and advantages in the educational setting. Understanding the neurological processes that influence how this age group learns, acts, and adapts is an important component of structuring educational programs that are tailored for the particular circumstances of students experiencing massive changes in cognitive and emotional capacities. This session focuses on how the scientific understanding of brain development can be utilized to create state educational policies that foster optimal school learning environments for adolescents.

Sheryl Feinstein, Ph.D., Dean, Department of Education, University of Nebraska
Laurie Cutting, Ph.D., Patricia and Rodes Hart Professor of Special Education, Psychology, Radiology, and Pediatrics, Vanderbilt University, Tennessee

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**SLC/MARK NORRIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER**

West Room, Harborside Center, Hyatt Regency Savannah

For the fifth year in a row, attendees of the SLC Annual Meeting and local volunteers are invited to help package meals for the hungry. Last year, we broke an SLC record, packaging 50,000 meals in less than 90 minutes. This year in Savannah, we plan to match that goal with the support of our SLC participants and the surrounding community. Please join our efforts to aid coastal Georgians in this worthy endeavor.
noon - 1:30 p.m.  

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL PLENARY LUNCHEON**  
**CLE**  
**Presiding:** Senator Roman Prezioso, West Virginia; Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee Chair  
Regency Ballroom  
Hyatt Regency Savannah  

Pathways to Prosperity: SLC State Efforts to Promote a 21st Century Workforce  
Policymakers are increasingly convinced that cooperation between the education and economic development sectors in state government remains a critical factor in recruiting and retaining industry. Some of the strategies adopted by Georgia and Tennessee to meet the staffing needs of manufacturing companies – along with the perspective of a major corporate player in Savannah – are addressed at this session.

JACKIE ROHOSKY, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, QUICK START, GEORGIA  
JOHN “JAY” NEELY III, VICE PRESIDENT, LAW AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORPORATION, GEORGIA  
J. EDWARD “TED” TOWNSEND III, CHIEF OF STAFF, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TENNESSEE  

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE**  
Westbrook Room  
Hyatt Regency Savannah
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAM SESSION CLE

Presiding: Representative William E. “Bill” Sandifer III, South Carolina; Committee Chair
Rooms 203-205
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

Net Metering

Energy policies in Southern Legislative Conference member states are undergoing substantial changes as installations of distributed generation systems, such as rooftop solar panels and other small-scale renewable energy technologies, continue to expand. This session addresses the concept of net metering and provides an analysis of the status and nature of net metering legislation and trends in SLC member states.

Representative William E. “Bill” Sandifer III, South Carolina
Dukes Scott, Executive Director, Office of Regulatory Staff, South Carolina

Nuclear Generation in SLC States

As the nation moves to reduce carbon emissions, nuclear energy facilities may become increasingly important elements in the stability of the U.S. power system. Currently, there are five nuclear energy units under construction in the United States; all in SLC states. This session provides an overview of the role nuclear generation plays in the South’s energy portfolio and insights into what states may anticipate as they consider approving new nuclear construction.

Todd Yelverton, Commercial Director of Nuclear Development, Georgia Power Company
Michael McGarey, Senior Director, State and Local Affairs, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.
### HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PROGRAM SESSION

#### Presiding: Representative Joni Jenkins, Kentucky; Committee Chair

**Ballrooms C & D**

**Hyatt Regency Savannah**

#### Juvenile Justice Reform in the SLC States

Since the 2005 Supreme Court ruling in *Roper v. Simmons*, and subsequent rulings in *Graham v. Florida* (2010) and *Miller v. Alabama* (2012), nearly every state has enacted legislation to improve outcomes of juveniles entering the system, while also containing the rising costs of juvenile incarceration. This session examines juvenile justice reform efforts in the Southern region and the early outcomes these reforms have yielded.

- *Senator Whitney Westerfield, Kentucky*
- *The Honorable Steven C. Teske, Clayton County Juvenile Court, Georgia*

#### Medicaid Service Delivery: Health Home Model

In an effort to address the rising cost of healthcare and increasing prevalence of chronic conditions among Medicaid enrollees, many states have begun to explore alternative models of service delivery. This session explores the integration and outcomes of health home programs across the Southern region, with specific discussion on Missouri and North Carolina.

- *Tom Wroth, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Community Care of North Carolina*
- *Daniel Landon, Senior Vice President of Governmental Relations, Missouri Hospital Association*
- *Michael S. Varadian, former Senior Vice President and National Director of Health Reform, Providence Service Corporation, Massachusetts*
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LEADERSHIP SKILLS ALUMNI RECEPTION
Plimsoll Room
Hyatt Regency Savannah

Leadership Program of the Southern Legislative Conference held at
The University of Arkansas System Winthrop Rockefeller Institute

Now accepting applications for the Class of 2015,
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For more information, contact Lori Moore, Director of Programs &
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at www.slcatlanta.org/CALS.

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Hyatt Regency Lobby

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FISCAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE BREAKFAST CLE
Presiding: Senator Roman Prezioso, West Virginia; Committee Chair
Rooms 203-205
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Public Pension Environment:
Trends from the States

The challenges associated with public pensions continue, and states constantly are pursuing mechanisms to enhance the funding positions of their pension and retiree healthcare systems. This session features a review of measures enacted to address the low American savings rate, with details on the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program, as well as a sweep of the latest trends associated with public pension plans, including state rankings for funding positions and strategies enacted by states to achieve their status.

Senator Dan Biss, Illinois
Paula Sanford, Ph.D., Carl Vinson Institute, University of Georgia

How and Why Do the Ratings Agencies Arrive at Different Conclusions?

In recent years, a number of analysts and researchers from the three major rating agencies have raised awareness of the wide discrepancies in the credit ratings provided by these agencies to municipal governments. This session features explanations of the factors driving these widely disparate ratings reports, insights on the restructured methodologies adopted by some of the rating agencies, how policymakers should interpret these different ratings reports and other related details.

Alan Schankel, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, Pennsylvania
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE BREAKFAST  
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Specialty Courts in the SLC States

In the decades since the nation’s first drug court opened in Miami in 1989, a variety of problem-solving courts have emerged across the nation. With the establishment of courts focusing on mental health, homelessness, veterans, and a variety of other issues, states have embraced this alternative approach to reduce recidivism rates by addressing the underlying issues of new and repeat offenders. This session examines different types of specialty courts in the Southern region and the impact they have had on the criminal justice system.

Moderator: Senator Doug Overbey, Tennessee; Committee Vice Chair  
The Honorable Junius P. Fulton III, Circuit Court of Norfolk, Virginia  
The Honorable Stephen Goss, Superior Court, Dougherty Circuit, Georgia  
The Honorable Amanda Mercier, Superior Court, Appalachian Circuit, Georgia
10:00 a.m. - noon

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Presiding: Speaker David Ralston, Georgia; SLC Chair
Chatham Ballrooms A & B
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

SAXBY CHAMBLISS

Saxby Chambliss was first elected to Congress to represent Georgia’s 8th District in 1994. Throughout his legislative career, he has been recognized numerous times by the public and private sectors for his work on agriculture, defense, budget and national security issues. Senator Chambliss served in the U.S. Senate for two terms and, before that, served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. *Georgia Trend* magazine, which consistently named him one of its Most Influential Georgians, called him “a highly visible and well-respected presence in Washington,” and said he earned “a reputation as an affable but straight-talking lawmaker.”

A.D. “Pete” CORRELL
Chairman, Atlanta Equity

In addition to being Chairman of Atlanta Equity, Mr. Correll is Chairman Emeritus of Georgia-Pacific Corporation. He enjoyed a 40-year career as a successful executive in the forest products, paper and consumer products industries. Mr. Correll oversaw the acquisition and divestiture by Georgia-Pacific of companies with a total value of $45 billion during his career. In the process, he led a transformation of the company from a commodity forest products concern to an international company with a major emphasis on consumer brands.
noon - 1:30 p.m. | COMPARATIVE DATA REPORTS PRESENTATIONS CLE

Presiding: Senator Roman Prezioso, West Virginia; Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee Chair
Rooms 203-205 Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

These reports are prepared annually by legislative staff in four SLC states: Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana and West Virginia. The genuses of some of these reports date back nearly 40 years, and they track a multitude of revenue sources, performance measures, program indices and appropriations levels in our states. They remain an invaluable tool for both legislators and legislative staff in reaching policy decisions.

**Education**
Hank Hager, Legislative Counsel, Senate, West Virginia

**Revenue**
Andrea Barksdale, Bureau of Legislative Research, Arkansas

**Transportation**
John Snyder, Legislative Research Commission, Kentucky

**Adult Correctional Systems**
Matthew Labruyere, Legislative Fiscal Office, Louisiana

**Medicaid**
Shawn Hotstream, Legislative Fiscal Office, Louisiana
noon - 2:00 p.m. EDUCATION COMMITTEE LUNCHEON CLE
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Career and Technical Education

Renewed investments into career and technical education (CTE) programs are expanding exponentially as state governments seek to shrink the gap between students graduating with 21st century skills and industry demand for these technically skilled workers. This session examines how high school and postsecondary CTE programs in Georgia are engaging an increasing number of public school students, creating higher overall graduation rates, fostering partnerships between educational institutions and private sector employers, and providing students with the knowledge and training for successful careers and lifelong learning.

Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner, Technical College System of Georgia

Youth Development and Entrepreneurship

State governments can play a critical role in bringing schools and communities together to develop socially responsible, civically active, and entrepreneurially eager adolescents. Facilitating positive youth development and encouraging youth startups are approaches that can provide the support structure for adolescents to thrive when facing personal, economic, community and global challenges. This session focuses on programs and opportunities that prepare today’s youth with the commitment and skills for financial success and personal fulfillment in increasingly competitive settings.

Elizabeth Gaines, Vice President, Policy Solutions, The Forum for Youth Investment, Washington, D.C.
Thomas Gold, Ph.D., Vice President, Research and Evaluation, Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, New York
noon - 2:00 p.m.  

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE LUNCHEON CLE

Presiding: Representative William E. “Bill” Sandifer III, South Carolina; Committee Chair
Chatham Ballroom C
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

Drought, Water Conservation Initiatives

Only 3 percent of the world’s water is fresh, with 2 percent locked up in glaciers and polar ice caps. The remaining 1 percent that is available for human and animal use has, in the past, seemed like an inexhaustible resource. Water resource scarcity can affect many sectors of the economy as well as the region’s natural ecosystems. Periodic droughts, overconsumption of water resources and other factors can create water shortages. Managing these resources likely will become more challenging. To offset or prevent water scarcity, many SLC states have adopted creative solutions to water treatment and re-use. This session reviews some of those solutions.

Representative Lyle Larson, Texas
Senator Eddie Fields, Oklahoma

Briefing from the DOE

Energy infrastructure plays a vital role in American prosperity. Affordable, clean and secure energy and energy services are essential for improving U.S. economic productivity, enhancing quality of life, protecting the environment, and ensuring national security. The federal Department of Energy’s Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) will provide a multiyear roadmap that outlines federal energy policy objectives, legislative proposals to Congress, Executive actions, and financing and incentive programs. This session highlights the QER and the Department of Energy’s priorities for 2015.

Karen Wayland, Ph.D., Deputy Director for State and Local Cooperation, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.
### Monday, July 20

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**Advancing the Food Chain**

Critical for the long-term sustainability of the agriculture industry, it is important for new farmers and farming operations to have the knowledge and tools available to move their products from the farm to the consumer. With millions of Americans estimated to live in a food desert, it is becoming increasingly important that consumers have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. This session explores how the Georgia Department of Agriculture is helping to achieve these goals.

*Gary Black, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Agriculture*

**Use and Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

In recent years, the United States has seen a growing interest in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), or drones, and the endless possibilities the technology holds. Contrary to what this popularity might suggest, the commercial use of drones largely remains illegal. In February 2015, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released its long-awaited proposal of regulations on the use of commercial UAS. The final FAA rules, which would legalize the use of drones without an FAA exemption, are not expected to be released until 2017. This session examines the FAA’s proposed rules and the use of drone technology in agriculture.

*Senator Bret Allain, Louisiana*
*Mark Dombroff, Partner, McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, Virginia*
*Ben Worley, Chief Operating Officer, VSG-Unmanned, Georgia*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM SESSION CLE

Presiding: Senator Jeff Mullis, Georgia; Committee Chair
Rooms 203-205
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

Logistics and Supply Chain Efforts
In an era of intense global competition, there is tremendous pressure placed on cities, states and regions to develop efficient logistics and supply chain systems. This session delves into some of the factors that are critical for a city or state to become a multi-modal transportation and logistical hub; investments policymakers need to implement to improve this position; roles played by public-private partnerships in creating logistics efficiencies; and strategies for cities and states to effectively integrate technology and workforce development.

Page Siplon, Chief Executive Officer, TeamOne Logistics, Georgia; former Executive Director, Georgia Logistics Center

Georgia’s Efforts to Promote the Motion Picture Industry
A number of Southern states, inspired by Louisiana’s 2002 ground-breaking legislation, have enacted laws and taken other steps to expand the motion picture industry. This session includes details on the motion picture industry in Georgia; legislative and executive branch initiatives to expand the industry; value-added activities undertaken by the motion picture industry; Georgia’s burgeoning video game industry; the economic impact of these activities; as well as recent moves to scale back motion picture incentive programs in other states.

Lee Thomas, Deputy Commissioner, Film, Music & Digital Entertainment, Department of Economic Development, Georgia

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**POLICY POSITIONS COMMITTEE**  
Plimsoll Room  
Hyatt Regency Savannah

9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.  
**KENTUCKY KICK-OFF RECEPTION**  
Regency Ballroom  
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The trail to Lexington continues in Savannah. Join us for an evening featuring the best of Kentucky hospitality for a taste of what's to come in 2016. Known as the Horse Capital of the World, Lexington is the heart of Kentucky’s famed Bluegrass Region. Listed in National Geographic Traveler’s “50 Best Places of a Lifetime,” the area offers unrivaled charm, scenic horse farms and world-class hospitality. As the iconic center of the Bluegrass, Lexington boasts a thriving mix of arts, entertainment, history and culture to create memories that last a lifetime. Kentucky looks forward to welcoming back the Southern Legislative Conference!
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | REGISTRATION
Hyatt Regency Lobby

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | CLOSING PLENARY & BUSINESS BREAKFAST SESSION
Presiding: Speaker David Ralston, Georgia; SLC Chair
Chatham Ballrooms A & B
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

Vince Dooley
The University of Georgia
Head Football Coach, 1964-88; Director of Athletics, 1979-2004

For almost 50 years, Vince Dooley has had an enduring impact on the University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference, and collegiate athletics across the country. Serving as head football coach at UGA from 1964 to 1988, and as Director of Athletics from 1979 to 2004, he has been a man of great foresight in times of charting the future, stability in times of change, and vision in critical times that have shaped the path of college athletics.

Dooley’s 25 years as head football coach earned him the distinction as the most successful coach in Georgia history. He guided the Bulldogs to a career record of 201-77-10 and was honored twice as NCAA National Coach of the Year. Under his watch as athletic director, Georgia teams won 23 national championships and 78 SEC team championships.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION
Presiding: Speaker David Ralston, Georgia; SLC Chair
Chatham Ballroom C
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center
(meets immediately upon adjournment of the Closing Plenary Session)
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**TECHNICAL TOURS**

**Agriculture & Rural Development Committee**
Departs from River Street, lower level of the Hyatt Regency Savannah; casual attire; lunch is provided

**HUNTER CATTLE COMPANY, BROOKLET, GEORGIA**
The family-owned and operated Hunter Cattle Company has grown from selling its beef at farmer’s markets to processing and selling their award-winning products, which now include pastured pork, free-range chickens and eggs, on site and throughout coastal Georgia. This Technical Tour gives members a chance to learn more about this Georgia Grown operation, with tours of the farm, processing facilities, and barn lofts.

**Joint Committee Technical Tour**
Lunch provided at 11:30 a.m. in the West Room of the Harborside Center, Hyatt Regency Savannah; tours depart promptly at noon; casual attire.

**GULFSTREAM AND THE PORT OF SAVANNAH**
Highlighting the interdisciplinary nature of policy making, the Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee; Energy & Environment Committee; and Education Committee will undertake a joint Technical Tour focusing on the connections between career and technical education, workforce development, economic expansion, and environmental stewardship. The tour will feature a briefing by the president of Savannah Technical College during lunch at the Hyatt, followed by site visits to Gulfstream and the Port of Savannah. Committee members will observe how Savannah Technical College trains highly-skilled workers required in aircraft design, assembly and maintenance operations; the economic impact and environmental programs at the local Gulfstream manufacturing facility; and infrastructure enhancements, multimodal improvements, and environmental issues at the Port of Savannah.
### TECHNICAL TOURS (continued)

**International Paper: Savannah Mill**

Departs from River Street, lower level of the Hyatt Regency Savannah; casual attire; lunch is provided; space limited to 14

International Paper’s Savannah mill plays a key role in the city’s economy by providing nearly 700 well-paying manufacturing jobs and products essential to the region and the world. This Technical Tour ties together the economic scale of the industry, its relationship to the community and state, and provides a variety of policy perspectives.

### STAR PROGRAM JUDGES PANEL  
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**Rooms 200-202**

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The SLC State Transformation in Action Recognition (STAR) Program identifies and promotes innovative ideas and programs from the Southern region’s best problem solvers: the states themselves. The recognition is sought by a wide array of state agencies, departments, and institutions operating within the executive, legislative, and judicial government branches. Each year, two exceptional programs are selected by a panel of experienced policy professionals as models of efficiency and effectiveness in state government in the Southern region. The six semi-finalists presenting include:

- **Virginia** - Vital Records
- **Florida** - School Nursing Beyond Boundaries
- **Georgia** - Cyber Forensic Department
- **Georgia** - Magistrate Courts Free Forms Generator
- **Oklahoma** - Collector App for Wildfires
- **Alabama** - Consolidation of Law Enforcement Agencies

### “GEORGIA ON MY MIND” CLOSING RECEPTION & STATE DINNER

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