70th ANNUAL MEETING of the SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The Premier Public Policy Forum for Southern State Legislatures

July 9-13, 2016
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Lexington for the 70th Annual Meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference. On behalf of the Kentucky General Assembly, we are looking forward to sharing with you some of the best Kentucky has to offer. Kentucky is no stranger to hosting the SLC, having shared our home with you on five previous occasions.

While there are other organizations that provide state policymakers an opportunity to convene annually, none say “family” like the SLC. Offering substantive programming designed to reflect the balance needed for productive policy discussions; a guest and youth program developed to make everyone feel welcome; and Conference-wide events, such as our SLC/Mark Norris Campaign Against Hunger community service project and Family Night, that demonstrate the unity of our organization, the SLC Annual Meeting represents a dedication to prudent public policy, a commitment to our community, and Southern hospitality at its finest.

During Conference week, please don’t hesitate to call on us, members of our Host State Committee or our wonderful volunteers if we can make your stay with us in the Blue Grass state any more enjoyable.

Sincerely,

Robert Stivers
Senate President
Kentucky SLC Chair

CHAIR ELECT
Speaker Philip Gunn, Mississippi

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR
Speaker David Ralston, Georgia

DIRECTOR
Ms. Colleen Cousineau
LOCATIONS

Annual Meeting Registration is located within the Thoroughbred Prefunction Space, Level 3, Lexington Convention Center.

SLC committee meetings and workshops are held at the Hyatt Regency Lexington and the Lexington Convention Center, except where noted otherwise.

The SLC/Mark Norris Campaign Against Hunger Food Packaging Event is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday in the Heritage Exhibit Hall East on Level 1 of the Lexington Convention Center.

Committee Technical Tours will depart promptly at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday from the main entrance of the Hyatt Regency Lexington.

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 near Annual Meeting Registration in the Thoroughbred Prefunction Space on Level 3 of the Lexington Convention Center. For additional details, contact Roger Moore in the SLC Policy Staff Office (Thoroughbred Room 8) or at rmoore@csg.org.

OPEN MEETINGS

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

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Thoroughbred Room 4, Level 3, Lexington Convention Center

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**Youth Center**.................................(502) 330-6578
Patterson Ballroom, Level B, Hyatt Regency Lexington

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**Guest Tour Reservations**.................(502) 330-6675
Thoroughbred Prefunction Space
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ALCOHOL

The Council of State Governments advocates responsible consumption of alcohol and use of designated drivers by all participants at CSG functions.
Meeting at a Glance

**SATURDAY JULY 9**

- **7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Registration

**MORNING**

- **11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Continuing Legal Education

**MIDDAY**

- **3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Executive Committee Session

**AFTERNOON**

- **7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** OPENING RECEPTION at KEENELAND

**EVENING**

- **5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Center for the Advancement of Leadership Skills Alumni Reception

**SUNDAY JULY 10**

- **7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Registration

**MORNING**

- **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

**MIDDAY**

- **noon - 1:30 p.m.** LEGISLATIVE FISCAL PLENARY LUNCHEON

**AFTERNOON**

- **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Nominating Committee for Conference Officers

- **3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Committee Programs
  - ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
  - HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY

**EVENING**

- **7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** FAMILY NIGHT at the KENTUCKY HORSE PARK
# Meeting at a Glance

## MONDAY
### JULY 11
- **8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Registration
- **8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Committee Breakfasts  
  - ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT  
  - FISCAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
- **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** OPENING PLENARY SESSION

## TUESDAY
### JULY 12
- **8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Registration
- **8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** CLOSING PLENARY & BUSINESS BREAKFAST SESSION
- **11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Committee Programs  
  - AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
  - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
- **6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** RECEPTION & STATE DINNER

## WEDNESDAY
### JULY 13
- **9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.** 2017 HOST STATE MISSISSIPPI KICK-OFF RECEPTION  
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**Note:** (no meetings)
70TH ANNUAL MEETING of the
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Saturday, July 9

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION
Thoroughbred Prefunction Space
Level 3, Lexington Convention Center

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CLE
Moderator: Katie Comstock,
Judiciary Committee Staff Administrator,
Legislative Research Commission, Kentucky

Hyatt Suites
Mezzanine Level, Hyatt Regency Lexington

Substance Abuse: One Southern State’s Approach
Kentucky, like many Southern and Appalachian states, has faced an ever-evolving threat of substance abuse over the last several years. In response to the specter of increased occurrences of substance use disorders and overdose deaths, the Kentucky General Assembly has adopted several evidence-based initiatives aimed at protecting and preventing citizens of the Commonwealth from becoming victims of substance abuse. This CLE focuses on Kentucky’s legislative efforts to curtail methamphetamine abuse, prescription drug abuse, synthetic drug abuse and, most recently, heroin and opioid abuse.

Speaker Greg Stumbo, House of Representatives, Kentucky
Senator Whitney Westerfield, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, Kentucky
John Tilley, Secretary, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky
Jonathan Grate, Deputy Secretary, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky
Van Ingram, Executive Director, Office of Drug Control Policy, Kentucky
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<td>Matt Salo, Executive Director, National Association of Medicaid Directors, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>David Byerman, Director, Legislative Research Commission, Kentucky</td>
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<td>Son of Maker’s Mark founder Bill Samuels, Sr. and godson of Jim Beam, Bill Samuels, Jr. has seen and created many milestones in bourbon history. A legend in the bourbon business, the seventh generation distiller has been hailed as a maverick, one of the last true bourbon barons, a marketing genius, a visionary and the best friend the Kentucky bourbon industry has ever had.</td>
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AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BREAKFAST CLE
Presiding: Representative Tom McKee, Kentucky; Committee Chair
Thoroughbred Rooms 1-3
Level 3, Lexington Convention Center

Industrial Hemp Cultivation

The 2014 Farm Bill cleared the way for states to authorize hemp grown for research purposes. To take advantage of this provision, state policies must be adopted to authorize hemp cultivation. While considering such policy changes, states may encounter misconceptions about hemp’s relationship to marijuana. This session reviews Kentucky’s industrial hemp policies and programs and provides insight into the policy changes necessary to take advantage of the Farm Bill’s provisions on hemp cultivation.

Dr. Nancy Cox, Dean, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Ryan Quarles, Commissioner of Agriculture, Kentucky
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BREAKFASTCLE

Presiding: Senator Jeff Mullis, Georgia; Committee Chair
Elkhorn Rooms A-D
Level 1, Lexington Convention Center

Impact of Federal Surface Transportation Legislation on the SLC States

On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act into law, approving a long-term surface transportation authorization and giving state departments of transportation the certainty to plan and implement significant investments in the nation’s aging infrastructure. This session provides details on major elements of the FAST legislation and how Georgia is expected to respond to this major federal transportation initiative after developing its own strategy to bolster transportation and infrastructure funding.

Senator Steve Gooch, Georgia
Alex Herrgott, Deputy Staff Director, Environment and Public Works Committee, U.S. Senate

Ingredients Necessary to Promote Economic Development

As competition for scarce state resources continues to grow, a great deal of attention is being focused on the different ingredients that promote robust economic growth. This session focuses on actions with a proven track record in fostering economic growth and criteria policymakers may consider while devising and refining economic development strategies.

Neal Wade, Director, Economic Development Academy, The University of Alabama
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE BREAKFAST**<sup>CLE</sup>  
**Presiding:** Senator Dolores Gresham, Tennessee; Committee Chair  
**Regency Ballroom**  
**Lobby Level, Hyatt Regency Lexington**  

**Effective Teacher Preparation Programs**

The importance of effective teacher preparation programs continues to be an issue of significant interest to state policymakers. As the focus of teacher education increasingly shifts from training to preparing, several states are undertaking new approaches to identifying and promoting programs that enable teachers to be ready for their challenging profession. This session focuses on strategies adopted by Southern states to encourage properly prepared new teachers.

*Rob Rickenbrode, Senior Director, Teacher Preparation Strategies, National Council on Teacher Quality, Washington, D.C.*  
*Ashley LiBetti Mitchel, Senior Analyst, Bellwether Education Partners, Washington, D.C.*  
*Ann Larson, Chair, Advisory Council of State Representatives, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; Dean and Professor, Department of Middle and Secondary Education, College of Education and Human Development, University of Louisville, Kentucky*
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| noon - 1:30 p.m.       | LEGISLATIVE FISCAL PLENARY LUNCHEON CLE  
Presiding: Senator Roman Prezioso, West Virginia; Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee Chair  
Heritage Ballrooms 1-3  
Level 1, Lexington Convention Center  
Commuter and Light Rail Systems in the SLC States: Recent Trends  
Commuter trains (light rail and trams), a fixture in many American cities since the late 19th century, started losing prominence in public transportation calculations in the 1950s and 1960s. However, in the early years of the 21st century, there has been renewed interest in this form of transportation. This session reviews the major factors driving the cost-benefit analysis in deciding either to embark or expand on a commuter rail project; primary funding sources; lessons learned that could prove instructive to other metropolitan regions; and strategies state policymakers should know prior to introducing or expanding this transportation option.  
Senator Brandon Beach, Georgia  
Delegate Ronald Villanueva, Virginia  
Gary C. Thomas, President/Executive Director, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Texas |
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**CSG OVERSEAS VOTING INITIATIVE**  
Elkhorn Rooms A-D  
Level 1, Lexington Convention Center  

**Overseas Voting: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Southern U.S. Military and Civilians**

This session highlights Southern election administrators’ and policymakers’ experiences and perspectives in working to enhance voting for this very important constituency. Discussions focus on the need for state-level policy improvements to better enfranchise this important voting population. Additionally, this session details how CSG, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense’s Federal Voting Assistance Program, is helping to improve the U.S. military and overseas voting process.

*Alison Lundergan Grimes,*  
Secretary of State, Kentucky  
*Tre Hargett,* Secretary of State, Tennessee  
*Representative Reginald Meeks,* Chair,  
House Standing Committee on Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs, Kentucky  
*Christy McCormick,* Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Maryland  
*David Stafford,* Supervisor of Elections, Escambia County, Florida

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE**  
Mary Todd Lincoln Boardroom  
Mezzanine Level, Hyatt Regency Lexington  

(Nominating committees for SLC standing committee officers meet separately.)
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
PROGRAM SESSION  

Presiding: Representative William E. “Bill” Sandifer III, South Carolina; Committee Chair  
Thoroughbred Rooms 1-3  
Level 3, Lexington Convention Center  

Clearing the Air: An Update on the Clean Power Plan  
On February 9, 2016, a 5-4 majority of the Supreme Court issued a nationwide stay, blocking implementation of the Clean Power Plan until litigation over the legality of the Plan has concluded. Appeals to the Supreme Court are expected. This session examines the legal issues and procedural questions at the heart of the litigation and the impact the current Supreme Court vacancy may have on the fate of the Clean Power Plan.  
Roger R. Martella, Jr., Partner, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, D.C.  

Legal Challenges to Waters of the United States  
In May of 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finalized the Clean Water Rule, also known as WOTUS, defining the scope of the “waters of the United States” subject to federal regulatory jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. This session provides an overview of the myriad legal challenges to WOTUS, previews the Rule’s likely journey to the Supreme Court and offers a perspective on the impact of the current Supreme Court vacancy.  
LaJuana S. Wilcher, Partner, English Lucas Priest & Owsley, LLP, Kentucky
(continued) ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAM SESSION CLE

Cyber Security and Nuclear Power
As states in the SLC move to increase nuclear generation capacity, policymakers are rethinking the relationship between nuclear power plants and their dependence on externally linked computer systems. While important steps have been taken by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to protect this vital power source, the cyber risk to nuclear power facilities requires constant evaluation and response. This session provides steps state lawmakers can take to protect the cyber security of their states’ nuclear power plants.

William R. Gross, Senior Project Manager, Cyber Security, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.
### HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PROGRAM SESSION  
**CLE**

**Presiding:** Representative Joni Jenkins, Kentucky; Committee Chair  
**Regency Ballroom**  
**Lobby Level, Hyatt Regency Lexington**

**Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic**

The drug epidemic, driven largely by an increase in addiction to prescription drugs and heroin, impacts communities across the nation and adversely affects millions of people from all walks of life. This session addresses the nature of the epidemic, including the scope of the problem, previous legislative efforts to combat prescription drug and heroin abuse, and criminal justice reform as it relates to drug policies.

- **John Tilley,** Secretary, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky  
- **Van Ingram,** Executive Director, Office of Drug Control Policy, Kentucky  
- **Robert Childs,** Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, North Carolina

**Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women**

Domestic abuse and other forms of violence against women impact families and communities across the United States. This session examines, from both a legislative and academic perspective, domestic abuse and violence against women, as well as ongoing research projects within academia regarding abuse and violence, particularly highlighting work at the University of Kentucky’s Center for Research on Violence Against Women.

- **Representative Helena N. Moreno,** Louisiana  
- **Dr. Claire M. Renzetti,** Judi Conway Patton Endowed Chair for Studies of Violence Against Women; Professor and Chair of Sociology, University of Kentucky

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**Sunday, July 10**

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The scholarship application deadline has been extended for the Class of 2016, convening September 24-28, 2016, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

For more information, contact Lori Moore, Director of Programs & Operations, at lmoore@csg.org, or visit our website at www.slcatlanta.org/CALS.
### Monday, July 11

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<td>The Legislative Roundtable highlights important energy and environmental legislation taken up in SLC states during recent legislative sessions. Members will brief the Committee on new measures undertaken in their respective states.</td>
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<td><strong>Public Pensions: Trends from the SLC States</strong></td>
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<td>Public pensions continue to be one of the most vexing fiscal issues confronting state and local governments nationwide. In response, policymakers have enacted a number of measures to bolster the funding positions of their plans. This session addresses the latest trends associated with the financial position of these public plans; factors closely tracked by the rating agencies; and how some SLC states are responding and strengthening their public pension plans.</td>
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<td>Representative Barry Ivey, Louisiana</td>
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FISCAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE BREAKFAST CLE

National and Regional Economic Trends

The United States has experienced modest economic growth in the years since the Great Recession. One of the key functions performed by the Federal Reserve System is providing independent economic research to assist policymakers at all levels of government in the decision-making process. This session addresses the forecast for the national and regional economies and specific measures state policymakers may consider in expanding and diversifying their economic composition to enhance growth and revenue flows.

William R. Emmons, Assistant Vice President and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Presiding: Senate President Robert Stivers, Kentucky; SLC Chair

Bluegrass Ballrooms 1-2
Level 3, Lexington Convention Center

JOHN CALIPARI
Head Coach
Men’s Basketball
University of Kentucky

A “players-first” coach with a penchant for helping people reach their dreams, John Calipari, a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer, has guided six teams to the Final Four, led one to a national championship and helped 38 players make it to the NBA during his 24-year college coaching career.
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Monday, July 11

noon - 2:00 p.m.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE LUNCHEON CLE**

**Presiding:** Senator Dolores Gresham, Tennessee; Committee Chair

**Regency Ballroom**

**Lobby Level, Hyatt Regency Lexington**

**Student Success in Postsecondary Systems**

As postsecondary education systems continue their efforts to increase graduation rates, many state governments have begun to question the alignment of high school coursework with college preparation, focusing on the gaps of knowledge between secondary education and the expectations of higher learning institutions. This session examines the outcomes related to accelerated semesters, mentoring, co-requisite courses, teaching of remedial classes in high schools, and other strategies for increasing postsecondary students’ success.

*Tristan Denley, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Tennessee Board of Regents*

**Update on the Every Student Succeeds Act**

In December 2015, Congress passed, and President Obama signed into law, the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), replacing the increasingly unpopular No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the previous reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. This session provides high-level reports on the latest progress regarding ESSA and highlights opportunities for state governments to take the lead in adopting educational systems to ensure that every student indeed can succeed.


*Simone Hardeman-Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.*
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#### Comparative Data Reports

Prepared annually by legislative staff in three SLC states — Kentucky, Louisiana and West Virginia — these reports track a multitude of revenue sources, performance measures, program indices and appropriations levels in the SLC. They remain an invaluable tool for both legislators and legislative staff in reaching policy decisions.

- **Transportation** - John Snyder, Legislative Research Commission, Kentucky
- **Medicaid** - Patrice Thomas, Legislative Fiscal Office, Louisiana
- **Adult Corrections** - Monique Appeaning, Legislative Fiscal Office, Louisiana
- **Education** - Hank Hager, Senate, West Virginia

#### Tax Credits, Deductions and Exemptions: Making them Work for States

State incentives in the form of tax credits, deductions and exemptions continue to be one of the most dissected areas in state government finance. This session features specific measures that can be taken to reap the full economic development benefits of these incentives; examples of laws that can secure the maximum revenues from granting incentives; steps to reduce the financial volatility on state budgets; and examples of states that have incorporated comprehensive mechanisms to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of their incentive programs.

*Josh Goodman, Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.*
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HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE LUNCHEON CLE

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Diabetes in SLC States

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 29 million people in the United States have diabetes, representing approximately 9.3 percent of the total population. Meanwhile, an additional 85 million have prediabetes. The physical and financial toll of this epidemic is staggering, with the CDC placing total direct and indirect costs at nearly $250 billion annually. This session addresses type 2 diabetes in the United States and provides an overview of previous efforts to craft diabetes guidelines in Arkansas.

Dr. Philip A. Kern, Director, Center for Clinical and Translational Science, University of Kentucky

Dominique Wilkins, Vice President of Basketball Operations, Atlanta Hawks

Dominique Wilkins, the most celebrated player to ever wear an Atlanta Hawks uniform, also is the Hawks’ Vice President of Basketball Operations. Not only is Dominique one of the all-time leading scorers in NBA history, he also is renowned for his involvement in local and national charity endeavors. In 2010, Dominique was honored by the Georgia General Assembly with a resolution naming him the Diabetes Ambassador for the state of Georgia. Most recently, Dominique was honored by the American Diabetes Association for his advocacy in raising diabetes awareness.
### AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAM SESSION CLE

**Presiding:** Representative Tom McKee, Kentucky; Committee Chair  
*Elkhorn Rooms A-D  
Level 1, Lexington Convention Center*

#### The Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement

In 1998, 46 states and the tobacco industry reached the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), exempting the industry from legal liability for harm caused by tobacco use in exchange for annual payments to the 46 states to fund anti-smoking campaigns and public health programs. A minimum of $206 billion over the first 25 years was guaranteed. This session provides an overview of the MSA, what states may anticipate for the future, and features an in-depth look at the Kentucky model.

*Warren Beeler, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Agricultural Policy, Kentucky*

*J. Roger Thomas, Chair, SLC Agriculture & Rural Development Committee (2000-2002), Kentucky*

#### Animal Welfare: Bringing Balance to the Provision of Care

While the provision of veterinary medicine by licensed professionals at veterinary clinics is well regulated, in many states these regulations do not apply to animal shelters. This session provides an overview of animal welfare legislation in SLC states and discusses steps state legislators can take to ensure regulatory balance in the provision of veterinary medical care.

*Senator J. Thomas McElveen III, South Carolina*  
*Dr. Robert Stout, State Veterinarian, Kentucky*  
*Dr. Cia Johnson, Assistant Director, American Veterinary Medical Association’s Animal Welfare Division, Illinois*
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<td><strong>The Arts and Kentucky: Catalyst for Economic Growth</strong></td>
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<td>The arts generate a panoply of benefits of an intrinsic, social, pedagogic and economic nature. While the private sector plays the dominant role in creating a thriving arts scene, the small investments made by the public sector to promote the arts result in revenues and economic impacts that far outpace the size of this public investment. This session focuses on steps introduced by the Kentucky Arts Council to promote the arts in the state, public-private partnerships in this effort, and details the innovative measures undertaken by the Council in recent years to stretch public dollars and maximize benefits.</td>
<td>Everett D. McCorvey, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Kentucky Arts Council</td>
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<td><strong>The Equine Industry’s Impact in Kentucky</strong></td>
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<td>Kentucky’s fabled equine industry is world-renowned and the Kentucky Derby, the longest running sporting event in the United States (dating back to 1875), has few parallels in terms of history and popularity. This session itemizes the industry’s overall economic impact, providing details on the number of jobs created, tax revenues generated and contributions from different sectors of the industry such as breeding, racing, gaming revenues, and recreation.</td>
<td>Jill Stowe, Associate Professor and Director, Ph.D., Equine Programs, University of Kentucky</td>
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### 70th Annual Meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference

**Monday, July 11**

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It’s not just a river that runs through the Magnolia State, it’s a trail of unique and exciting experiences you won’t find anywhere else. In the early 20th century, Biloxi was known as the Seafood Capital of the World, with as many as 40 seafood factories open in the 1920s. Today, visitors enjoy world-famous Gulf Coast shrimp at local eateries established as early as 1737. While visitors are drawn to the coastal region for its sandy beaches, seafood and art, a deep heritage can be discovered within the sights. Music, history, great food, good times…it’s all in Mississippi.

**Featured Artist**

**Teneia**

Originally from Jackson, Mississippi, Teneia Sanders-Eichelberger is quickly making a name in the indie music scene. Joined by her husband, Ben Eichelberger, Teneia’s angelic voice, unique guitar rhythms, and moving lyrics combine elements of folk, soul, Southern gospel, blues, and easy-listening pop.
### Tuesday, July 12

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| 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | CLOSING PLENARY SESSION AND BUSINESS BREAKFAST  
Presiding: Senate President Robert Stivers, Kentucky; SLC Chair  
Bluegrass Ballroom 2  
Level 3, Lexington Convention Center |
|               | Questions & Answers  
JAMES CARVILLE  
MARY MATALIN |
| (immediately upon adjournment of the Closing Plenary Session) | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION  
Presiding: Senate President Robert Stivers, Kentucky; SLC Chair  
Thoroughbred Rooms 1-3  
Level 3, Lexington Convention Center |
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**TECHNICAL TOURS**

Buses will depart promptly at 11:30 a.m. from the main entrance of the Hyatt Regency Lexington; casual attire; lunch is provided

**Agriculture & Rural Development Committee**

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SPINDLETOP RESEARCH FARM AND ASHFORD STUD FARM**

Highlighting some of Kentucky’s most recognizable agricultural commodities, this tour features site visits to the University of Kentucky Spindletop Research Farm and Ashford Stud Farm. The Spindletop Research Farm is located on 2,000 acres of farmland just north of Lexington. Agro-nomic research conducted at Spindletop is focused on tobacco, grain crops, forages, and turf. The Ashford Stud Farm is home to some of the best young sires in America. The stallion roster is led by Giant’s Causeway, whose achievements include three champion sire titles, a feat only achieved by three stallions since 1941. The Farm also is home to 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

**Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee**

**TOYOTA MANUFACTURING PLANT OF GEORGETOWN**

Toyota’s largest vehicle manufacturing plant in North America produced the first American-made Camry in 1988. Since then, nearly 10 million vehicles have rolled off Toyota’s assembly line in Georgetown, where full-time employment is around 7,000 and investment tops $5.9 billion. In October 2015, the plant began production of the first U.S.-assembled Lexus — the ES 350 — adding 50,000 vehicles to its current annual capacity of 500,000. The tour of the plant provides participants with details on the facility’s progress since it began operations, information related to expansion efforts, and its economic impact on the Kentucky economy.
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**Energy & Environment Committee**

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CENTER FOR APPLIED ENERGY RESEARCH**

University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) investigates technically sound policies related to fossil fuel and renewable energy, focusing on coal beneficiation, utilization, and conversion process technologies; fuel use; coal combustion by-products; engineered fuels; and renewable energy. The tour includes briefings on current key research, highlights of the CAER 2 building’s state-of-the-art laboratory designs, and details on the Center’s path to LEED certification.

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON**

**Heritage Ballrooms 1-3**

**Level 1, Lexington Convention Center**

*How to Shape, Sustain and Succeed in a Changing Political Landscape*

Please join your state elected and appointed women colleagues for the first SLC Women in Leadership session, featuring former Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins, one of the nation’s most successful governors.
**STAR PROGRAM JUDGES PANEL**

**Elkhorn Room**
**Level 1, Lexington Convention Center**

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 branches of state government. 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. This year, the six semi-finalists presenting are:

- **Virginia** - Transportation Projects Ranking System
- **Georgia** - Employ Georgia
- **Louisiana** - Business Transformation Project
- **North Carolina** - Be A Hazard Hero
- **Virginia** - American Council on Education Accreditation
- **Georgia** - Magistrate Courts Free Form Generator

**RECEPTION**

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**STATE DINNER**

**Bluegrass Ballrooms 1-2**
**Level 3, Lexington Convention Center**

*(Please note, this event is intended for guests age 18 and over.)*
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