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NCSL Budgets and Revenue Committee

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Marriott Wardman Park REGISTRATION A

Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force Meeting
7:00am – 4:00pm
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 5
Created in 2007, the 54-member task force addresses military community relations and the health and well being of veterans. The task force examines development near military installations; military community partnerships to respond to mission change; veteran hiring and procurement preferences; mental health, substance abuse and family relationships facing returning veterans; and benefits for military personnel, veterans and their dependents.

Agriculture Task Force
7:30am – 1:00pm
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 3
Discuss timely issues related to agriculture policy in the states and the federal government.

Task Force on Energy Supply
8:00am – 5:00pm
Marriott Wardman Park WILSON ABC
The Task Force on Energy Supply explores issues and opportunities confronting state policymakers as they shape energy policies and grow a reliable, affordable and resilient energy system to power the nation. The task force also provides NCSL with guidance as it develops energy policy resources for legislators and legislative staff.

Scoping Meeting for NCSL Partners Project on Multi-Sector Public-Private Partnerships
10:00am – 11:00am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 2
Join the kickoff meeting of the new NCSL Partners Project on Multi-Sector Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) to discuss the partnership’s scope, future meetings and work products. Building on the work of NCSL's successful 2010/2011 partnership on transportation P3s, members aims to further develop best practices for P3s in all sectors including water/wastewater, public infrastructure, education, health care and others. This will provide legislators and other stakeholders with resources to make informed policy decisions when considering Multi-Sector P3s. Under the guidance of the steering committee, NCSL staff plans to conduct original research and create unique educational experiences for legislators to increase their knowledge of P3s and the associated procurement process.
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Marriott Wardman Park REGISTRATION A

U.S. Department of State Briefings
8:00am – 10:30am
Offsite
The Task Force on International Relations is invited to attend a series of briefings at the State Department. For more information, please contact Kathy Brennan Wiggins at kathy.wiggins@ncsl.org.

Task Force on Energy Supply
8:00am – 11:00am
Marriott Wardman Park WILSON ABC
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Task Force on Innovations in State Health Systems
8:00am – 11:00am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 6
Participate in a roundtable discussion to share innovative ideas from task force members’ states and solicit ideas from colleagues about challenges they face.

The U.S. Census Bureau and NCSL: The Partnership Continues
9:00am – 11:30am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 1
The U.S. Census sets the stage for the states’ redistricting processes. Learn about the 2020 Census and Redistricting Data Program, and about changes in the next Census that may affect redistricting.

Orientation to NCSL Standing Committees for Legislative Staff
9:00am – 10:30am
Marriott Wardman Park THURGOOD MARSHALL NW
An opportunity for standing committee legislative staff officers and members to meet and discuss their role on the standing committees. All legislative staff are welcome to participate.

Lunch/Training for Legislative Staff

Searching for Consensus in the Legislative World
■ 11:30am – 2:00pm
Marriott Wardman Park Thurgood Marshall South
When you’ve exhausted yourself fighting to win every point, it’s time to make a deal. The key is the question: How can we solve this problem? This interactive session will help you get to yes with tips on acknowledging different viewpoints, reducing areas of contention, and moving creatively to maximize success.
Speaker:
• David Landis, Urban Development Department, City of Lincoln, Nebraska
Steering Committee
11:00am – 11:30am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 5
The steering committee includes the overall standing committee officers and the legislator and staff chairs of each standing committee. Members preview policies for consideration and decide on joint referrals of policy directives and resolutions as necessary.

Lunch and Lobby Day Briefing
11:30am – 1:00pm
Marriott Wardman Park THURGOOD MARSHALL NW
There has been no shortage of excitement so far in the first year of the 114th Congress. Hear an update of what is happening on Capitol Hill, the state-federal priorities NCSL is advocating for, and receive a copy of the state specific congressional meeting schedule.

Transfer to Capitol Hill/Downtown (Legislators)
1:15pm – 2:00pm
If you have questions or comments regarding meeting scheduling, please contact Jake Lestock (jake.lestock@ncsl.org) in NCSL’s Washington D.C., Office.

Transfer to Capitol Hill/Downtown (Legislative Staff)
2:00pm – 2:30pm

Health & Human Services Committee Capitol Hill Special Briefings
2:00pm – 5:30pm
Hall of States Building Room 383/385
The Hall of States Building is located at 444 North Capitol Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, and is home to the NCSL Washington D.C. Office.

Architect of the Capitol (Legislative Staff)
2:30pm – 3:45pm
Hear from the Architect of the Capitol about the current renovation of the Capitol Dome and other ongoing projects. Includes a tour of the renovation work.

House Administration Committee (Legislative Staff)
4:00pm – 5:30pm
The House Administration Committee oversees all of the functions of House operations. Staff will begin with an overview of the committee from the Deputy Chief Clerk. This is followed by a discussion on member orientation, technology/cybersecurity, physical security and ethics.

Reception on Capitol Hill
5:00pm – 6:30pm
Capitol Hill – Rayburn Office Building
Room B-338-340
Join your colleagues for a night of networking on Capitol Hill.
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Community Renewable Energy
7:30am – 8:30am
Marriott Wardman Park WILSON ABC

Community renewable energy policies allow multiple consumers, including renters and nonprofits, to access the benefits of a single, moderately sized renewable energy source, such as solar power. Explore the rise of community renewable energy in states’ energy mixes, state policymakers’ engagement, the role of utilities, and the economic impacts of these installations on different stakeholders.
NCSL gratefully acknowledges Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) for sponsoring this session.

Police-Community Relations
CLE
8:30am – 10:15am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 3

At national, state and local levels, dialogue is underway on how to improve relationships between police and the diverse communities they serve and protect. Hear from commissions, task forces and membership groups at the forefront of these conversations.

Trends in Telehealth: Reimbursement, Licensure and Patient Safety
8:30am – 10:00am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 6

Examine the issues faced by states in implementing telehealth, including reimbursement for telehealth encounters, provider licensure, and patient privacy and safety concerns. The NCSL Telehealth Project releases its white paper about these issues at this meeting.
NCSL gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship of the NCSL’s Foundation Partners Project on Telehealth and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Out of Bounds? A Legal Analysis of Pay-to-Play Fantasy Sports (Breakfast)
CLE
8:30am – 9:45am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 2

People have been playing traditional fantasy sports for decades, but daily fantasy sport sites have become big business in the U.S. Recently, DraftKings and FanDuel have been accused of “insider trading” and both companies have been named in a new class action lawsuit alleging negligence, fraud and false advertising. Learn more about fantasy sports’ legal standing, the validity of these accusations, and what states can do to regulate this new industry.
NCSL gratefully acknowledges Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP for sponsoring this breakfast session.

Legislative Effectiveness Committee Welcome and Orientation
8:30am – 8:45am
Marriott Wardman Park HOOVER

The officers of the Legislative Effectiveness Committee welcome attendees, describe the mission of the committee and preview the day’s agenda.

Redistricting and Elections Committee Welcome and Orientation
8:30am – 8:40am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 1

The officers of the Redistricting and Elections Standing Committee welcome attendees, describe the mission of the committee and preview the day’s agenda.
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The Teaching Shortage: State Challenges and Strategies for Recruitment and Retention
8:30am – 9:45am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 2
Teacher shortages for this school year are widely reported. Discuss whether this is a recruitment or retention challenge and what policies may prove successful.

Election Policy: Three Top Topics
CLE
8:40am – 9:45am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 1
Hear three top speakers address three big topics: How states can ensure military and overseas citizens’ votes count; the Voting Rights Act, past, present, and future; and a rundown on contentious election-related court cases.

Drones and The Future of the Skies
CLE
8:45am – 9:45am
Marriott Wardman Park WILSON ABC
In what seems like one of the fastest moving issues of public policy, unmanned aerial systems (UAS), better known as drones, have implications across countless industries. With safety and privacy concerns at the top of legislators’ and regulators’ concern, what can we expect the future of the skies to look like?

Civility, Collaboration and the Legislative Process
8:45am – 10:15am
Marriott Wardman Park HOOVER
Legislative rules and procedures form the backbone of the lawmaking process. Examine formal and informal rules and practices that promote civility, public access, minority party rights and collaboration.

NRI Committee Federal Update and Business Meeting
10:00am – 11:30am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 5
Debate and vote on policies NCSL staff will use in its advocacy before Congress and the federal government. If time allows, hear an update on NRI Committee lobbying actions over the past year.

Updates from the Federal Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities
10:00am – 11:30am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 6
The federal Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities has been charged with developing a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities across the country resulting from child abuse and neglect. Get a preview of the findings and recommendations and impacts on states.

Fiduciary Duties, Conflicts of Interest, and Client-Focused Retirement Planning
CLE
10:00am – 11:00am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 2
The Department of Labor has proposed a rule that would change the way financial retirement advice is given, with wide-ranging implications for consumers and advisors alike. Come learn about the proposed rule and what it means for consumer protection, industry practices, and the state role in regulating this complex industry.

Education Committee Federal Update & Business Meeting
10:00am – 11:30am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 2
Hear an update on federal legislation and regulation, including ESEA reauthorization, higher education issues, and teacher preparation. Discuss existing policy directives and resolutions, upcoming lobbying priorities, and any new business.
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**Legislative Action on Elections**
10:00am – 10:15am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 1
Everything you may need to know about this year's legislative action delivered in 15 minutes or less. We’ll touch on automatic registration, ballot selfies, and the year’s most prominent policy: online voter registration.

**Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Business Meeting and Federal Update**
CLE
10:15am – 11:45am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 3
Hear an update on federal issues and a briefing on the Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health and Safe Communities Act of 2015. It is designed to improve screening, services and outcomes for people with mental health disorders who come in contact with criminal justice systems. Discuss and vote on committee business, and consider, review and vote on any new policy resolutions submitted for consideration.

**State and Federal Budget Update**
10:15am – 11:00am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 3
Hear the latest information on state budget conditions, learn about congressional budget negotiations and their impact on states, and share your state's response to ongoing fiscal challenges.

**The Voters’ Experience**
10:15am – 11:30am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 1
Who's the most important person on election day? The voter. Learn how voters experienced Election Day 2014: What motivated them, stymied them or inspired them. With help and research from The Pew Charitable Trusts, look at how voters view the election process and learn from state experiences.

**Who Governs? Legislator Demographics in 2015**
10:30am – 11:45am
Marriott Wardman Park HOOVER
Learn the latest trends in ethnicity, age, gender and occupations of state legislators from the national release of new research and data from NCSL and The Pew Charitable Trusts on the demographics of lawmakers in 2015.

**NCSL Foundation Private Sector Roundtable**
11:00am – 11:45am
Marriott Wardman Park HARDING
Join fellow NCSL Foundation sponsors for an informal discussion about upcoming events, benefits, and how to get the most out of your sponsorship.

**CFI Committee Business Meeting**
11:00am – 11:45am
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 2
Hear an update on federal issues, consider and vote on any policy directives and resolutions submitted.

**Budgets and Revenue Committee Business Meeting**
11:00am – 11:30am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 3
Review and discuss policies and issues of importance to the committee.

**Labor & Economic Development: Special Briefing & Discussion**
11:15am – 11:45am
Marriott Wardman Park COOLIDGE
Hear an update on the ongoing trade agenda, and plan future sessions for the coming year's Labor and Economic Development Committee agenda.
General Session

When Religious Freedom and Anti-Discrimination Collide

11:45am – 1:15pm

Proponents argue the government shouldn’t infringe on the right to exercise one’s religious beliefs, but opponents of religious freedom acts contend they allow legal discrimination. Indiana brought the debate into national focus. Is there middle ground? Utah may be the model.

Marriott Wardman Park Thurgood Ballroom

Speakers:
- Senator J. Stuart Adams, Utah
- Professor Robin Fretwell Wilson, College of Law, University of Illinois
- Senator David Long, Indiana

Federal Funding for Highways and Transit: A Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 5

With Congress in the final stages of approving a longterm reauthorization, how will it impact funding levels for states, what major changes were made and what new opportunities are there for states to invest their surface transportation systems.

Supreme Court Update

CLE

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 3

Hear the highlights of top cases before the court this term, sleeper cases that may emerge, and state-federal implications.

Health & Human Services Committee Federal Update and Policy Consideration

1:30pm – 4:45pm

Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 6

Building a Strategic Policy Front to Combat America’s Substance Use & Heroin Epidemic. Striking a balance in psychotropic medication use and management for children in foster care and medicaid. Reforming the provision of mental health: federal legislation and the task of mainstreaming services with primary care.

Data Breach Legislation

1:30pm – 2:45pm

Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 2

Congress is getting increasingly closer to passing national data breach legislation that could preempt all 47 states that currently have laws on the books. Do you want a seat at the table, or do you want to be served for dinner? Come find out how states can play a role in setting a national, state-based standard that could be introduced in 2016.
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Educational Pathways & the Workforce
1:30pm – 2:30pm
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 2
With the reauthorization of the federal workforce law (WIOA) behind us and the discussion surrounding higher education legislation coming to the forefront, the intersection of these two policy areas is more important than ever. Hear how education and the workforce are interacting in today's economy and how legislators can work to improve this relationship in their states.

Social Media Minefields
1:30pm – 2:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park HOOVER
Social media is a valuable outlet to promote your work and quickly engage constituents, but what happens when your post spirals out of control? Negative comments, hashtag backlash, and posts going viral (and not in a good way) can impact you and your work in the legislature. Learn strategies and best practices for handling social media minefields.

Legal Developments in Redistricting CLE
1:30pm – 2:30pm
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 1
Get an update on the flurry of court cases from 2015, and a preview of those on the docket for next year. Expect an up to the minute report on the Evenwel v. Abbott case out of Texas, to be argued before the Supreme Court on Dec. 8.

Competency-Based Education
2:30pm – 3:30pm
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 2
Learn about the Western Governors University and the work of its state based affiliates.

2:35pm – 3:35pm
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 1
2015 has seen a surprising number of legislative proposals for redistricting commissions. Look at who is considering commissions and what their options are. How? By hearing from states that have them, be they bipartisan, advisory only, or designed for independence.

Redesigning Drug Policy CLE
2:45pm – 4:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 3
Half of all states have revised penalties for drug crimes in recent years, often focusing prison space on traffickers and providing diversion and treatment options for others. Hear about prominent actions and what's happening at state and federal levels to address heroin use.

Municipal Broadband CLE
2:45pm – 3:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 2
State regulation of municipal broadband networks can be a good thing. Hear about the keys to success, as well as alternatives for states seeking to increase broadband deployment without being intimately involved. NCSL recently filed an amicus brief in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of North Carolina and Tennessee, urging the court to overturn the FCC’s order preempting both states from regulating their own municipal broadband networks.

Legislative Effectiveness Committee Business Meeting
3:00pm – 3:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park HOOVER
All interested attendees are welcome to welcome to discuss and set the agenda for future committee topics and activities.

State Efforts to Boost Retirement Savings: A Maryland Case Study (NCSL Foundation Retirement Security Partnership) CLE
3:30pm – 4:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 4
With many Americans facing retirement shortfalls, states are studying a variety of policy solutions, and some are stepping in to sponsor retirement savings programs for private sector workers. Join us for an update from Maryland, where state leaders are exploring how to enhance retirement savings, protect consumers and employers, and capitalize on existing market options.
Education Shark Tank
3:30pm – 4:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 2
You’re probably familiar with the concept from a hit ABC TV show: Entrepreneurs come before a panel of business experts to pitch their products, take questions, and find out whether or not their ideas are worth an investment. Now take that framework and apply it to education policy—that’s the idea behind this session. Discuss states’ innovative policies, talk about the difficulties and successes, and examine how they might be implemented in other states.

What To Do About Wildfires: An Examination into Costs and Funding Options
3:45pm – 4:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 5
The U.S. Forest Service is currently spending more than 50 percent of its budget on fire suppression costs, transferring more than $1 billion from other preventative programs to pay for fighting wildfires. How can the federal government fix the inadequate discrepancies in wildfire funding? Hear about options being discussed and what states can do.

Credit Card Safety: What’s this Chip?
3:45pm – 4:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 2
In recent years, there have been several high-profile security breaches targeting credit card payment systems. Financial institutions and retailers are migrating to an EMV chip system to replace the decades-old magnetic stripe technology. Hear about the EMV chip implementation and its impact on credit card data theft in the future.

Fundraising and Legislating: Two Jobs in One
3:45pm – 4:45pm
Marriott Wardman Park WASHINGTON 1
The cost of campaigning for legislative seats continues its trend upward. Learn how much campaigns cost in the states and discuss how the need to raise money impacts the legislative process and agenda. Hear from legislators from big states, small states, red states and blue states about how they balance fundraising and legislating roles.

Women’s Legislative Network Roundtable Discussion
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Marriott Wardman Park JOHNSON
Join the board of the Women’s Legislative Network to discuss your work in 2015 and look ahead to the 2016 sessions. Learn about other states and make new connections with women from around the country.

Steering Committee
5:00pm – 5:30pm
Marriott Wardman Park Lincoln 5
The steering committee includes the overall standing committee officers and the legislator and staff co-chairs of each standing committee. Members will set the calendars for the Capitol Forum Business Meeting.

NCSL Foundation Retirement Security Partnership Kickoff Meeting
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Marriott Wardman Park HARDING
Discuss the goals and work plan for the new NCSL Foundation Retirement Security Partnership.
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General Session Breakfast

The Sharing Economy
■ 8:00am – 9:15am
*Marriott Wardman Park THURGOOD BALLROOM*

The popularity and meteoric success of Uber, AirBnB, and Lyft made them economic powerhouses and challenged the culture and structure of prevailing business models. But fascination has given way to concerns about public safety, regulation, and serious implications for legislative policy.

- Speakers:
  - Adam Thierer, Mercatus Center
  - George Mason University

General Session Luncheon

The Shrinking Middle Class: Implications for the Future
■ 11:30am – 1:00pm
*Marriott Wardman Park THURGOOD BALLROOM*

From the halls of Congress to the campaign stump to Main Street, the discussion of income, wealth and prosperity has major implications for politics and policy. Will a strengthening economy put the debate to rest, or are reform strategies required to improve the prospects of the middle class and those at the bottom?

Speaker:
- Elise Gould, Economic Policy Institute
- Ramesh Ponnuru, American Enterprise Institute
Friday, Dec. 11
All sessions are at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel unless otherwise noted.

Registration
7:30am – 12:00pm
Marriott Wardman Park REGISTRATION A

Redistricting Working Session
9:30am – 10:30am
Marriott Wardman Park JACKSON
Join a core group of your fellow legislators and legislative staff to help NCSL provide the most comprehensive redistricting information available. Be prepared to work on NCSL’s Redistricting Law 2020 book (also known as the “Red Book”), help restructure and organize NCSL’s redistricting webpages, and plan for future discussions as states prepare for the 2020 redistricting cycle.

NCSL Capitol Forum Business Meeting
11:15am – 11:30am
Marriott Wardman Park
Thurgood Ballroom
The business meeting features consideration of policy directives and resolutions adopted in the standing committees.

Issue Forums

The Affordable Care Act’s Excise Tax on “Cadillac” Health Plans
9:30am – 11:00am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 5
Scheduled to take effect in 2018, the ACA’s “Cadillac tax” is a 40 percent, nondeductible excise tax on employer-sponsored health coverage—including coverage by state and local governments for their employees that provides high-cost benefits. Most states and cities offer healthcare plans to their employees, as well as healthcare coverage in retirement, and will be affected by the tax. Join a discussion on the implications of full implementation of the excise tax and policy considerations before Congress to lessen its impact.

What States Can Learn About Education Reform from the Top Performing Countries: A Special Briefing from the NCSL International Education Study Group
9:30am – 11:00am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 6
Over the past two years, NCSL’s International Education Study Group examined how top performing countries organize and implement education reform to better understand strategies that dramatically improve student outcomes. The bipartisan study group includes 24 experienced state legislators and six legislative staff. They have developed a first-ever, thoughtful, fact-based, and bipartisan set of ideas for states to consider that might take education reform in a new direction. Join members of the study group to talk about their observations and hear from some of the international experts who have helped inform their thinking.

More on the Sharing Economy
9:30am – 11:00am
Marriott Wardman Park LINCOLN 3 and 4
While the emergence of the Sharing Economy has been felt across numerous industries, its impact is perhaps no more prevalent than in the areas of housing and transportation. Hear from experts from the lodging and transportation industries share their perspectives on what state policymakers need to know about these new forms of travel.
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**Standing Committees**

1. Unless otherwise directed by the NCSL Executive Committee, only the Standing Committees may develop policy directives and resolutions that place NCSL on record on a matter of public policy.

2. Policy directives and resolutions are assigned to committees by the legislator co-chairs of the Standing Committees.

3. Policy directives and resolutions are limited to those directed at the federal government dealing with issues that affect the states.

4. Although all committee meetings are open, only legislator members are entitled to vote. Appointments to committees must be made in writing by the legislature’s presiding officer (or other appointing authority). Appointments must be delivered to the committee chair prior to the start of the committee business meeting.

5. A quorum in committee consists of representation of at least ten member jurisdictions. Voting in committee is by voice vote, unless two member jurisdictions request a roll call vote. The presiding officer also has the option of calling for a roll call vote.

6. Voting is by member jurisdiction, with each state having one undivided vote. A jurisdiction whose delegation is equally divided on the question must pass.

7. Committees may (a) approve a policy directive or resolution; (b) approve it with amendments; (c) postpone consideration; or (d) table it.

8. Motions to amend, postpone or table require a simple majority vote.

9. Adoption of a policy directive or resolution requires a ¾ vote of member jurisdictions responding to the most recent quorum call.

**Steering Committee**

10. The Steering Committee establishes the calendar for the business meeting. By a majority vote, it may remove a policy directive or resolution from the consent calendar and place it on the debate calendar.
11. The Steering Committee makes decisions regarding joint and re-referral of policy directives and resolutions. In the case of jointly referred policy directives and resolutions, it designates a lead (or primary) committee, whose version of the policy is considered first at the business meeting.

Capitol Forum and Annual Business Meetings

12. The first item of business is consideration of the consent calendars. They consist of policy directives and resolutions adopted unanimously by the committee of jurisdiction. Policy directives and resolutions may be removed from the consent calendars at the request of three member jurisdictions.

13. The second item of business is consideration of the debate calendar, where each policy directive or resolution is taken up separately.

14. The third item is consideration of items on the memorial calendar, which is made up of resolutions that do not instruct the federal government. Resolutions on the memorial calendars are considered together in one motion.

15. A quorum at the business meetings is representation of at least 20 member jurisdictions.

16. Voting is by voice, unless a roll call is requested by the chair or by five member jurisdictions. Only legislator members are entitled to vote and all legislators registered for the Capitol Forum or the Legislative Summit may vote at the Business Meeting.

17. Voting is by member jurisdiction, with each member jurisdiction casting one undivided vote.

18. During roll call voting, each jurisdiction selects a spokesperson, who announces that jurisdiction’s vote. When a jurisdiction is called during a roll call, the spokesperson for the delegation states his or her name and then announces the vote. A majority vote within a jurisdiction prevails.

19. Approval requires a 3/4 majority of member jurisdictions responding to the most recent quorum call.

20. Only legislators and staff are allowed on the floor of the business meeting.

For additional information, contact NCSL Washington, D.C., Office Directors Neal Osten and Molly Ramsdell.
Go to www.ncsl.org/forumresources15
to find links to the 2015 NCSL Capitol Forum resources such as PowerPoints and handouts from the meeting in Washington, D.C.