

出國報告（出國類別：其他）

出席「2011 年全美州議會聯合會(NCSL) 年會」報告

服務機關：臺灣省諮議會

姓名職稱：團長：魏早炳諮議員

團員：蘇主榮諮議員

團員：陳光琛諮議員

團員：李雪津秘書長

團員：何若珍科長

顧問：陳彥峯組長（駐休士頓辦事處）

派赴國家：美國

出國期間：100 年 8 月 6 日至 13 日

報告日期：100 年 9 月 20 日

摘要

臺灣省諮議會(以下簡稱本會)為貫徹政府總體外交政策，並鞏固與美國姊妹州議會間友誼，每年均藉由參加 NCSL 年會的機會，在國際場合現身及發聲，運用議會外交突顯臺灣之主體性，宣揚我民主及經濟成果，同時爭取國際正義與友誼。

本(2011)年本會循例組團參加 8 月 8 日至 11 日於德州聖安東尼奧(San Antonio)舉行之「2011 年全美州議會聯合會(NCSL)年會」，由魏早炳諮議員擔任團長，團員包括蘇主榮諮議員、陳光琛諮議員、李雪津秘書長及何若珍科長，在外交部北美司及駐休士頓台北經濟文化辦事處陳彥峯組長協助及陪同下，出席會議過程甚為順利。

此次出席年會期間，我團成員積極參加各項議程，充分掌握發言機會，並且與各國與會代表表達善意，加強溝通交流，圓滿達成議會外交之任務。

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壹、前言

全美州議會聯合會（The National Conference of State Legislatures，以下簡稱 NCSL）係為全美 50 州、7,382 位共和黨及民主黨州議員提供服務之跨黨派組織，每年 7、8 月間舉行國際性的立法高峰會議(Legislative Summit)，由各州輪流主辦，邀請世界各國(地區)議員就教育文化、醫藥保健、生態環保、能源科技及財稅立法等議題進行探討，此為 NCSL 每年最重要的活動之一，本(2011)年適輪由德克薩斯州(Texas)主辦。

德州是美國本土 48 州中面積最大的一州，也是全美第二大州，面積約為臺灣 19 倍，1988 年 6 月 13 日與臺灣省簽約締盟，成為本省第 30 個姊妹州，迄今已二十餘年，與我關係向來極為友好及密切，2010 年 6 月 20 日德州州長 Rick Perry 曾率團抵臺訪問 3 天，並晉見馬英九總統。

貳、目的

- 一、貫徹政府總體外交政策，協助政府爭取在國際場合現身及發聲的機會，運用議會外交突顯臺灣之主體性，宣揚我民主及經濟成果，並爭取國際正義與友誼。
- 二、延續辦理自臺灣省議會時期以至臺灣省諮議會(以下簡稱本會)數十年議會外交之傳統，積極鞏固與美國姊妹州會間友誼。
- 三、宣慰僑胞，傳遞國內政經文化等訊息，增加其對祖國之向心力及凝聚力。

參、過程

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一、2011 年 8 月 8 日(星期一)

(一)國際代表團迎賓會

我團在駐休士頓台北經濟文化辦事處陳彥鋒組長陪同下，出席由 NCSL 主席-馬薩諸塞州參議員 Richard T. Moore 及副主席-新罕布什爾州眾議員 Terie Norelli 共同主持之迎賓會儀式，由李雪津秘書長向與會貴賓介紹我

團成員。

本(2011)年參加年會之國家除我國外，另有阿富汗、澳大利亞、奧地利、亞塞拜然、巴西、加拿大、中國大陸、象牙海岸、德國、印尼、肯亞、墨西哥、奈及利亞、葡萄牙、俄羅斯聯邦、沙烏地阿拉伯、南非、蘇丹、敘利亞、辛巴威等 24 個國家代表及來自美國各州議會議員，參加人數超過 4,800 人，場面熱烈浩大。



2011.8.8 我團於 NCSL 年會會場合影



2011.8.8 我團參加 NCSL 年會國際代表團迎賓會

(二)國際圓桌研討會

由 NCSL 國際關係小組聯合主席-伊利諾州參議員 Pamela Althoff 主持，與會人員分組討論，我團成員與猶他州參議員 Hon.Curt Bramble、來自肯塔基州目前擔任 Legislative Record Compiler,Legislative Reserch Commission 的 Ms.Sheila Mason 及迦納的 The Honorable Joseph Boahen Aidoo,National Parliament 均分入"E"組，討論議題包括：

- 1、迎接挑戰：在您的國家(地區)司法權之下有何關鍵挑戰？您的立法機關能採取那些行動？
 - (1)您的國家(地區) 的立法作業如何結合婦女、少數民族、青少年及殘障者的心聲？
 - (2)您如何與政府其他部門結合或分工？
- 2、建構支援體系：立法者必須為所提議案建構組織內部及外部的支援體系。您如何在您的政黨、反對黨、社區及民間社團間尋求支持者？
- 3、立法機構職員的角色：在您的組織中職員扮演何種角色？
 - (1)您會僱用何類職員?同黨或非同黨?
 - (2)在您的國家誰指導職員工作？

(3)您如何保持員工品質？



2011.8.8 我團參加NCSL 年會國際圓桌研討會

分組討論過程中，蘇主榮諮議員詢問參議員 Hon.Curt Bramble：在美國如何處理兩黨議員意見不一致的情形？他幽默的表示：臺灣有時會以"打架"方式解決，不過美國是採兩黨議員坐下協商方式處理。在各組推派代表上臺分享分組討論結論後結束此研討會。

二、2011年8月9日(星期二)

(一)全體會議

首先登場的是 Bobby Henline，2007年他在伊拉克戰爭中受重傷，臉部、耳朵及頭皮等身體多處遭灼傷，左手肘之下被截肢，但他並未因此消沉，反而加入 Comedy Club，希以自身的故事及幽默感激勵失志者，全體觀眾均起立，以熱烈掌聲向他表達敬意。



2011.8.9 Bobby Henline 在NCSL 年會演講

其次由主講者 Jim Collins 發表演說，他於 2001 年發表暢銷書" Good to Great"，之後又陸續寫作了包括"Built to Last"及"How the Mighty Fall: And Why Some Companies Never Give In,"等多本提供企業、組織領導者忠

告的書籍，當天特與全場貴賓分享他多年對於提升領導者層次方面洞察力的研究心得。

他將領導者界定為 5 個層次：

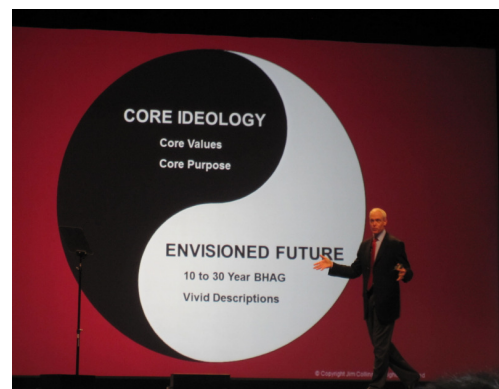
- 1、Level 1: Highly Capable Individual
- 2、Level 2: Contributing Team-Member
- 3、Level 3: Competent Manager
- 4、Level 4: Effective Leader
- 5、Level 5: Executive

此外，Jim Collins 亦論及企業如欲永續經營必須擁有 BHAG (Big, Hairy, Audacious Goals)，作為驅動組織、實現願景的有力手段。而卓越的 BHAG 應包含以下三要素：

- 1、**BHAG 涉及很長的時間**。如 10 年、30 年或更長。其最主要的目的是要在一段很長的時間內，大幅且澈底地提升或改變企業的競爭能力。若 BHAG 的期間設定得不夠長，企業很可能會為了追求短期的目標，而犧牲了長期的績效。
- 2、**BHAG 的含意必須很明顯、有強制性，且容易掌控**。領導者訂定 BHAG 的目的應是顯而易見，不容易混淆的明確目標。
- 3、**BHAG 能緊密連結企業的核心價值與目的**。應與企業根本的價值及創業宗旨相互呼應。

然而，他強調重點不在於訂定 BHAG，而端視企業能否長期致力於追求達成 BHAG，亦即檢視該企業有無建立催化機制的觀念與決心。

Jim Collins 以豐富的表情、多變的肢體語言闡述成功的領導者及企業的要件，令全場觀眾留下深刻的印象。



2011.8.9 Jim Collins 在 NCSL 年會發表演講

值得一提的是：來自臺灣現為德州唯一華裔女性眾議員陳筱玲女士 (Angie Chen Button) 特來與我團成員握手，表達誠摯歡迎之意。

(二) 參訪德州議會大廈

德州議會大廈位於該州首府-奧斯汀，距離聖安東尼奧約 1 小時 20 分鐘車程。大廈完成於 1888 年，外型採文藝復興時期建築風格，1986 年以"對美國歷史的特殊意義及貢獻"被指定為國定古蹟，其面積為所有州議會中最大者，僅次於 Washington, D.C. 國會大廈；內部涵蓋參、眾兩議院、最高法院、刑事上訴法院及 1915 年即成立之州立圖書館(現為立法參考書閱覽室)等。



德州議會大廈外觀

三、2011 年 8 月 10 日(星期三)

(一) 全體會議

首先全體觀眾起立為擔任最後一次太空梭飛行任務的亞特蘭提斯號 Capt. Christopher Ferguson 等 4 位太空人鼓掌。



亞特蘭提斯號 Chris Ferguson、Doug Hurley、Sandy Magnus、Rex Walheim(由右至左)4 名太空人之後由德州州長 Rick Perry 發表演說，他認為聯邦政府應給予州政府

更大的權力及自由，以解決他們自己的問題。他很自豪的宣布：即使在經濟不景氣期間，德州的工作機會仍成長；過去兩年來，德州提供全國 40%的工作機會。德州現正致力於推動減少繁瑣費時手續的政策，希望小型企業能賺到更多的錢。事實上，政府無需創造工作，只需創造就業的環境，而交由私部門創造工作，因所獲得之利益非僅屬於個別家庭，而是屬於整個社會的。Rick Perry 已於 8 月 13 日宣布角逐共和黨總統候選人提名，正式加入 2012 年總統選戰。



2011.8.10 德州州長 Rick Perry 在 NCSL 年會發表演講

(二)參觀 Alamo

Alamo 在德州獨立戰爭中扮演舉足輕重的地位，該場戰役發生於 1836 年，Alamo 守軍雖戰敗，但其以小擊大、以弱搏強英雄式的犧牲，至今仍令德州人民引以為榮，不吝於向參觀者傳頌這座表彰德州自由的聖堂及人民爭取自由的事蹟。



Alamo

四、2011 年 8 月 11 日(星期四)

(一)接受 San Antonio Express-News Colin McDonald 訪問

我團李雪津秘書長於 8 月 11 日接受 San Antonio Express-News Colin McDonald 訪問，除表明全團來自臺灣，介紹同團諮議員外，亦簡要說明本會的性質。另提及會議中最重要應學習的是如何改進政府支出的透明化。相關報導已刊登於該報 8 月 12 日電子報 (<http://www.mysanantonio.com/default/article/Legislators-take-a-bike-tour-1890262.php>)。



2011.8.11 我團接受 San Antonio Express-News 訪問

(二)州及聯邦政府發生災害時之緊急通訊支援

主席：華盛頓州眾議員 John McCoy

參加者：科羅拉多州 Ryan McGill, Sprint

(三)祝賀堪薩斯州參議會議長 Stephen R.Morris 當選 NCSL 第 39 屆主席



2011.8.11 我團與 NCSL 新任主席-堪薩斯州參議會議長 Stephen R.Morris (右三)、新任準主席-新罕布什爾州眾議員 Terie Norelli (右四)及執行處處長 William T.Pound (左三)合影

(四)拜訪聖安東尼奧臺商會許超傑會長



我團與聖安東尼奧臺商會許超傑會長伉儷合影

五、會晤 NCSL 高領導階層

(一)



2011.8.8 我團與德州眾議員 Senfronia Thompson 合影

(二)



2011.8.8 我團與 NCSL Director Kathy Wiggins 聯誼

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2011.8.8 我團與 NCSL 副主席-新罕布什爾州眾議員 Terie Norelli 合影

(四)



2011.8.9 我團致贈德州眾議員 Senfronia Thompson 紀念品

(五)



2011.8.10 我團與 NCSL 主席-馬薩諸塞州參議員 Richard T. Moore 合影

肆、心得及建議

- 一、此次年會期間，我團踴躍出席各項議程，充分掌握發言機會，並向各國與會代表及 NCSL 成員表達善意，積極溝通交流，圓滿達成議會外交任務。
- 二、此次年會期間，中國大陸代表團展現主動靈活的外交手腕，我團則採不亢不卑

的態度，向與會代表宣示我國的民主、自由成果，同時爭取與當地媒體交流互動的機會。

- 三、臺灣省曾與美國 42 州分別締結為姊妹省(州)，精省前，雙方交流頻繁，不定期互訪，情誼深厚;精省後，除參與 NCSL 年會外，已鮮有互動，臺美關係亦未若中美關係熱絡，建請寬列本會出國考察經費，除加強拜會姊妹省州議會，邀請互訪，強化與美方經貿、文化、科技交流等實質關係外，亦可宣慰僑胞，提升其對祖國之凝聚力。
- 四、美國民主制度實施已久，人民的民主素質普遍極高，對於民主、共和兩黨意見不一致時，彼此共聚一堂協商尋求共識之作法，值得借鏡。

伍、附錄

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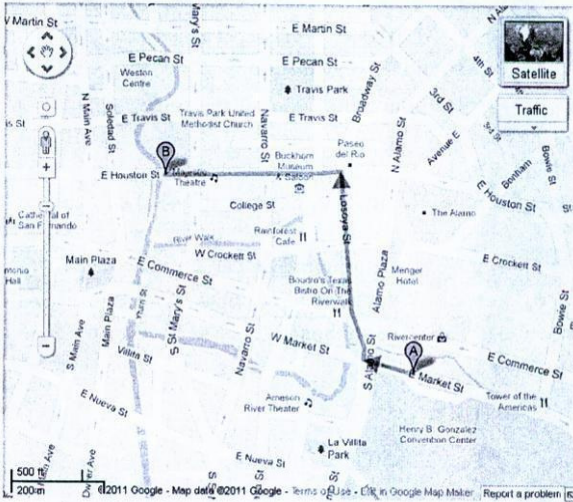
Please see official program for a complete agenda.

Sunday, August 7

All day	International Delegates arrive in San Antonio
4:00 – 7:00 pm	International Attendee Registration Bridge Hall, Convention Center
6:00 – 7:30 pm	International Attendee Reception Republic ABC, Grand Hyatt Hotel

Monday, August 8

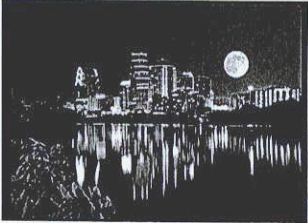
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	International Attendee Registration
8:30 – 10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions Room # 005 <i>Presiding:</i> Sen. Pam Althoff, State Senator, Illinois, Co-Chair of NCSL's International Relations Task Force Rep. Terie Norelli, House Minority Leader, New Hampshire, Vice-President, NCSL, Co-Chair of NCSL's International Relations Task Force
10:00 – 11:30 am	International Comparison: Sharing Solutions through Roundtable Discussions Room # 004 <i>Presiding:</i> Sen. Pam Althoff, State Senator, Illinois, Co-Chair of NCSL's International Relations Task Force Rep. Terie Norelli, House Minority Leader, New Hampshire, Vice-President, NCSL, Co-Chair of NCSL's International Relations Task Force International Legislators and staff will participate in small group discussions with NCSL's U.S. State Legislators and staff. Topics include: Meeting Challenges, Building Coalitions and Garnering Support, and The Role of Staff in the Legislative Institution.
11:30 – 11:45 am	<i>Break</i>
11:45 am – 1:15 pm	International Trade Panel Room # 004 <i>Moderator:</i> Senator David Ulibarri, New Mexico <i>Panelists:</i> Hon. Ken Allred, MP, Alberta, Canada Hon. Reinhold Bocklet, First Vice President of the Bavarian Legislature Hon. Alexander Torshin, Acting Chairman of the Council of the Federation, Russia Hon. Luciano Nunes Santos Filho, Deputy, Treasurer, UNALE Mr. Al Busyra Basnur, Indonesian Consul General in Houston

	An interactive and practical discussion of how to increase international trade and build business ties between our communities.
1:30 – 3:00 pm	<p>Luncheon at Acenar 146 E. Houston St. San Antonio, TX 78205-2223 (210) 222-2362</p>  <p>Directions from Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center (200 E. market St.):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Head west on E. Market St toward Convention Way 2. Turn right onto Losoya St 3. Turn left onto E. Houston St <p><i>Speaker:</i> Rep. Senfronia Thompson, Texas</p>
6:00 – 7:30 pm	<p>President Elect Reception Lonesome Dove, Convention Center</p> <p><i>Hosted by:</i> The Honorable Stephen Morris, State Senator, Kansas</p>

Tuesday, August 9

7:45 – 8:45 am	Orientation for New Attendees
9:00 – 10:30 am	<p>General Session</p> <p>Jim Collins, author of the mega-hit book “Good to Great,” is an expert on how great businesses—led by great leaders—endure, grow and maintain top</p>

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	performance. Join him and other special guests in this first of three general sessions.
10:30 – 10:45 am	<p>International Delegates Tour the State Capitol in Austin</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Buses for this tour will pick up at the E. Market Street Entrance of the Convention Center, in an area called “Convention Way.” Please bring photo ID for this tour. This tour is on a very tight schedule. The buses will not wait for any participants after 10:45am.</p> </div> <p>In the late 1700’s, the Spanish set up temporary missions in what is today Austin. In the 1830’s the first permanent Anglo settlers arrived and called their village Waterloo. In 1839, tiny Waterloo was chosen to be the capital of the New Republic of Texas. A new city was built, named after Stephen F. Austin, “the father of Texas.” When Texas was annexed by the United States in 1845, it took two statewide elections to keep Austin the capital city.</p> <p>In 1888 Austin’s capitol building was built, advertised as the “7th largest building in the world.” In addition to the city’s landmark, Austin is historic in that its original avenues and street plans remain very much the same as when they were built. In 1893 the city of Texas constructed the Great Granite Dam on the Colorado River. The dam stabilized the river and provided hydraulic power to generate electricity, which in turn attracted manufacturers.</p> <p>In addition to Austin’s advances in technology and manufacturing, it is also home to much political success. Barbara Johnson, citizen of Texas, became the first African American woman to be elected to the Texas State Senate, where she served from 1966 to 1972.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Source: Biruta Celmins Kearl, Austin History Center</i></p>
12:15 – 1:15 pm	<p>Lunch in the Capitol <i>Speaker:</i> Sen. Kirk Watson</p>
1:30 – 3:30 pm	Capitol Tour & Briefings
3:45 pm	Buses Return to San Antonio
6:00 – 8:00 pm	<p>An Evening in Old San Antonio</p> <p>Delight in the flavors, vibrant colors, sounds and tastes that make San Antonio</p>

	<p>unique. The historic downtown village of La Villita will be transformed into an authentic Mexican fiesta representing the diverse customs of the city. From brightly colored piñata poles, mariachi music and the delicious menu, you will salsa your way through the heritage-themed plaza and streets. Viva NCSL!</p>
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Wednesday, August 10

6:30 – 8:00 am	<p>Walk for Wellness</p> <p>Stretch your legs and join your friends at the Walk for Wellness, a 5K walk (or run) through HemisFair Park, dedicated to raising awareness of chronic diseases and health disparities. At 6:30 a.m., meet at the Tower of the Americas in HemisFair Park, next to the convention center and a short walk from NCSL hotels. Follow the signs to the HemisFair Park from the Convention Center. Bus transportation will not be provided. The Walk for Wellness is open to all Summit attendees and preregistration is not required.</p>
7:00 – 8:30 am	<p>ABA Breakfast on the Grotto CC Grotto, River Level</p> <p>Join us for a healthy breakfast on the Grotto! NCSL gratefully acknowledges American Beverage Association for sponsoring this breakfast.</p>
8:30 – 9:45 am	<p>General Session Room# CC Lila Cockrell Theater, Street Level</p> <p>Texas Governor Rick Perry is “Fed Up” with Washington regulations, mandates and intrusion into state decisions. Author of Fed Up! Our Fight to Save America From Washington, Perry is a staunch advocate of the 10th Amendment, believing that states should have the freedom to determine programs that best fit their respective state.</p>
10:00 – 11:30 am	<p>Return on Investment: Improving Results and Saving Money Room# CC213, Concourse Level 2</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Senator John Whitmire, Texas <i>Panelists:</i> Steve Aos, Washington State Institute for Public Policy Tina Chiu, Vera Institute of Justice, New York Senator Joe Negron, Florida</p> <p>From corrections and education to children’s programs, evidence-based research, use of data and cost-benefit analysis are emerging as key tools for state legislatures to improve results and save money, and the most impressive examples to date are in adult and juvenile corrections.</p>

10:00 – 11:30 am	<p>U.S. Nuclear Energy Outlook Room # CC214D, Concourse Level 2</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> David Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington, D.C. Michael Weber, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Maryland</p> <p>The U.S. nuclear energy industry is currently facing the challenges of aging power plants, license extensions, planning new facilities and options for waste disposal. Examine the outlook for nuclear energy in the U.S. and steps being taken to avoid a Japan nuclear situation.</p>
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	<p>Exhibit Hall Lunch</p>
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	<p>Women's Legislative Network Lunch and Business Meeting Room #201</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Rebecca Hooper, Center for the Intrepid, Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas Kimberly Olson, Grace After Fire, Texas</p> <p>Join the Women's Legislative Network for lunch and our annual business meeting and elections, followed by keynote presentations about the Center for the Intrepid at Brooke Army Medical Center and an organization that supports female veterans.</p>
1:00 – 2:15 pm	<p>Is Technology Transforming Government? Room # CC214B, Concourse Level 2</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Senator Pamela J. Althoff, Illinois <i>Panelists:</i> Phineas Baxandall, U.S. PIRG, Federation of State of PIRG's, Massachusetts Representative Peggy M. Welch, Indiana Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas</p> <p>Collaborative social media pages, transparency websites and other open government initiatives have the potential to improve public trust and promote civic engagement. Explore institutional, cultural and policy implications of these new technologies, and identify elements of successful initiatives.</p>
1:00 – 2:15 pm	<p>The Art of Public Speaking Room# CC213, Concourse Level 2</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Stephen Lucas, University of Wisconsin</p> <p>In this informative and entertaining workshop, Professor Stephen Lucas outlines</p>

	practical tips for transforming your speeches into memorable moments, which he illustrates with video clips from the great speeches of our time.
2:30 – 3:45 pm	<p>Global Perspectives on the Legislative Institution Room#214B</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Robert Marchant, Senate Legislative Operations, Wisconsin Legislature <i>Speakers:</i> Mr. Peter Alcock, Clerk, House of Assembly, Parliament of Tasmania, Australia Mr. Ilgar Farzaliyev, Director, HR Department, Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan Republic Ms. Nerusha Naidoo, Secretary, KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature, South Africa</p> <p>Compare how legislatures and parliaments around the world handle Member and staff turnover and "talk shop" with international visitors to learn about each others' strategies for achieving pressing policy goals.</p>
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Illinois Reception
6:00 – 8:00 pm	<p>Private After-Hours Tour of the Alamo</p> <p>Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Texas Revolution Join the Texas Host Committee in a private after-hours tour of the Alamo, the birthplace of the world-renowned battle cry "Remember the Alamo", as Texas celebrates the 175th anniversary of the Texas Revolution and the storied battle at this shrine of liberty.</p>

Thursday, August 11

6:15 – 8:00 am	<p>Bipartisan Bike Ride</p> <p>Join the Bipartisan Bike Ride going along the San Antonio River and down the historic Mission Trail in San Antonio. Bikes, helmets and water are provided by BikeTexas. All abilities and ages are welcome. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided. Pre-registration is required, with priority given to legislators and their families. Space is limited! Contact Douglas Shinkle at Douglas.Shinkle@ncsl.org for information.</p>
8:00 – 9:15 am	<p>Education Reform Through Choice, Charters and Vouchers Room# CC217BC, Concourse Level 2</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Cameron Evans, Microsoft Corporation, Washington Betheny Gross, Center on Reinventing Public Education, Washington Representative Sid Miller, Texas Jennifer Rippner, Education Council, Washington, D.C.</p>

	<p>Legislators remain interested in providing school choice to students, especially those in low performing schools. Hear experts discuss recent state efforts to provide more choice through charters, vouchers and parent trigger laws, and the legal implications. Also explore the role technology plays in these reform efforts.</p>
8:00 – 9:15 am	<p>Is it Possible to Craft a Sensible Energy Policy? Room# CC216, Concourse Level 2</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Senate President Stephen Morris, Kansas; NCSL President Elect <i>Speaker:</i> John Hofmeister, Citizens for Affordable Energy, Texas</p> <p>America doesn't suffer from a shortage of energy, but from a lack of coherent energy policy. Former Shell President John Hofmeister, who founded and now heads Citizens for Affordable Energy, will lead a lively discussion on practical and cost-effective approaches to shaping our energy future, and how to avoid the all-too-common partisan rhetoric—especially in Washington, D.C.—that serves only to stifle solutions.</p>
9:30 – 10:30 am	<p>General Session – State Legislatures Presents: Politics, Policy and Polls – What Americans Think Today Room #CC Lila Cockrell Theater, Street Level</p> <p><i>Presiding:</i> Representative Terie T. Norelli, New Hampshire; NCSL Vice President <i>Speakers:</i> Jay Dick, Americans for the Arts Senator Roger Reitz, Kansas Peter Hart Neil Newhouse</p> <p>Pollsters Peter Hart and Neil Newhouse know better than anyone what's on the minds of Americans. This Republican and Democratic duo reveal the people's pulse on the economy, what's happening in Washington, D.C. and who's likely to win in the next elections.</p> <p>We'll also present the State Legislator National Public Leadership in the Arts Award, given by Americans for the Arts in partnership with NCSL. The award recognizes a state lawmaker who has played an important and consistent role in advancing the arts and arts education.</p> <p>The session is sponsored by NCSL's State Legislatures, the national magazine of policy and politics.</p>
2:15 - 3:45 pm	<p>Emergency Communications Support for State and Federal Disasters</p>

	<p>Room # CC 218, Concourse Level 2 Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Committee Task Force on Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Representative John McCoy, Washington</p> <p>You'll receive a hands-on look at Sprint's emergency response system that deploys multiple satellite cell on light trucks (SatCOLTS) providing wireless voice coverage and data coverage for first responders, public safety and emergency medical personnel.</p>
2:15 – 3:45 pm	<p>Salute to Legislative Staff</p>
4:00 - 5:30 pm	<p>Moving Beyond PowerPoint Fatigue Room # CC 216, Concourse Level 2</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Walker Reagan, Research Division, North Carolina <i>Speaker:</i> Mark Leutwyler, Dell Inc., Texas</p> <p>We've all sat through presentations that were sabotaged by the accompanying PowerPoint slides: sometimes boring, sometimes distracting, but all too often, just ineffective. Look at techniques for improving PowerPoint presentations and explore other options to present information effectively.</p>
4:00 - 5:30 pm	<p>Social Media and Mobile Technologies: Legislative Game-Changers American Room # CC 217BC, Concourse Level 2</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Chuck Truesdell, Legislative Research Commission, Kentucky <i>Panelists:</i> Robert Haney, House of Representatives, Texas Mark Humphrey, Information Systems, Legislative Council, Texas Chris McCroskey, Idea Loop, LLC, Texas Delegate Meshea Poore, West Virginia</p> <p>Social media and mobile devices are changing the way legislators and staff do their work and communicate with constituents and each other. Learn ways to adapt to this "new normal" and provide services to remain relevant.</p>
6:00 – 9:30 pm	<p>Texas Dancehall Revue</p> <p>Grab your cowboy hat and boots and get ready for a boot scootin' good time. Everyone will enjoy Grammy award-winning artist Ray Benson and his band, Asleep at the Wheel, along with musical performances by Pat Green, Rick Trevino, The Texas Tornados, The Trishas, Ruthie Foster and The Quebe Sisters.</p>

International Attendee Agenda

We'll honor the legacy of the dancehall in Texas' heritage by creating one of the biggest ones you'll ever experience. Dance demos will have y'all two-stepping in no time. And if dancin' isn't your thing, place a bet at the armadillo races or have your photo taken with a real Texas longhorn. Mouth-watering barbecue and toe-tappin' music will get everyone in the historic Freeman Coliseum in a Texas state of mind. Yee-haw!

Everything in Texas is big, and this night will not disappoint.