AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: **MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TASK FORCE**

FROM: **KARLA JONES, TASK FORCE DIRECTOR**

DATE: **July 1, 2010**

RE: **35 DAY MAILING—2010 ANNUAL MEETING**

The American Legislative Exchange Council will host its 2010 Annual Meeting **August 8 - 8** at the **Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, CA.** The **International Relations Task Force** will meet from 9**:00am to 11:15am** on **Thursday, August 5**.

To that end, I've enclosed the following:

- Annual Meeting Agenda-at-a-Glance
- Registration and Housing Form for Attendees
- Registration and Housing Form for Spouse/Kids
- Scholarship Policies by Meeting
- Task Force Meeting Tentative Agenda
- Minutes from the Previous Task Force Meetings
- Drafts of Resolutions to Be Introduced
- ALEC Mission Statement
- ALEC Task Force Operating Procedures
- Other Items of Interest

Additionally, Senator Curt Bramble is currently sponsoring three resolutions, and we genuinely appreciate his support for increasing our roster of sound policy! He definitely wants to keep the resolution on Georgia as well as the one on Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals, however, he would be happy to transfer sponsorship to any other member that might be interested, of the resolution amending ALEC's current Resolution in Support of Final Ratification of a US-Colombia FTA. We want to bring this resolution up to date, as the Colombian Embassy uses our resolution in their promotional materials, and we believe that this is a good way to highlight the issue. Please contact me, if you would like to sponsor this resolution.

I look forward to seeing all of you next month, and if you have any questions or need anything further, do not hesitate to contact me at 202-742-8518 or by e-mail at kjones@alec.org.

All the best,

Karla Jones
International Relations Task Force Director

Agenda

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Board of Directors Reception, *by invitation only*	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Off-site
Board of Directors Dinner, *by invitation only*	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Off-site

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Registration Open	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Litrenta Foyer
Joint Board of Directors Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth FG
State Chairs Training Session	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Del Mar AB
NCHL Working Group	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Madeline ABC
Leadership Reception, *by invitation only*	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Foyer
Leadership Dinner, *by invitation only* *Sponsored by Reynolds American* *Speaker: Ms. Susan Ivey, Chairman, President and CEO, Reynolds American*	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Elizabeth GH
Hospitality Suite	9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Madeline ABC

Thursday, August 5, 2010

Registration Open	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Litrenta Foyer
State Chairs Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Elizabeth F
Task Force: International Relations	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	**Manchester H, I**
ALEC Exhibition Hall Open	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth ABCDE
Attendee Grab-N-Go Breakfast	8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Elizabeth ABCDE
Task Force Working Groups and Subcommittees	8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	
Fiscal Federalism Working Group	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth G
Environmental Health Working Group	8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Manchester G
Transportation Subcommittee	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Elizabeth H
Leadership Institute: New Media Workshop	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	George Bush
Public Pension Reform Working Group	9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Elizabeth G
Health Care Reform: Repeal vs. Implementation	9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Mohsen AB
Energy Subcommittee	10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Manchester G

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Working Group on Education Reform	10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Madeline AB
Corrections and Reentry Working Group	10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Elizabeth H
Cy Pres Working Group	10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Madeline CD
FIscal Policy Reform Working Group	10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Elizabeth G
Opening Luncheon, *sponsored by AT&T* *Speaker: Randall Stephenson, Chairman, CEO, and President, AT&T* *Keynote: Gov. Rick Perry (TX)*	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Douglas ABC
Workshop: *Transferring Credits: Easing the Burden of Students and Taxpayers*	1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Elizabeth F
Workshop: *Regional Climate Initiatives*	1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Elizabeth G
Workshop: *Panel on Prescription Drug Abuse: Good Medicines, Bad Behavior*	1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Elizabeth H
Workshop: Visa	3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Elizabeth F
Workshop: *Show Me the Money: Improving Budget Transparency in the States*	3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Elizabeth G
Workshop: *Restoring Good Faith to Insurance "Bad Faith" Legislation*	3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Elizabeth H
Diageo Wine and Cheese Reception *Open to all attendees*	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Elizabeth ABCDE
Chairman's Reception, *by invitation only* *Sponsored by AT&T*	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Ford ABC
International Relations Reception *Sponsored by Reynolds American*	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Terrace
California Welcome Reception aboard the *U.S.S. Midway, sponsored by California Host Committee*	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	*U.S.S. Midway*
Hospitality Suite	9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Ford ABC

Friday, August 6, 2010

Registration Open	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Litrenta Foyer

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Plenary Breakfast, *sponsored by Bayer Corporation* *Speaker: Greg Babe, President and CEO, Bayer Corporation* *Keynote: Gov. Joe Manchin (WV), invited*	8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Douglas ABC
ALEC Exhibition Hall Open	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth ABCDE
Workshop: *Cutting Crime and Budgets: Proven Solutions for Your State*	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Elizabeth F
Workshop: *The Changing Face of Journalism in the States*	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Elizabeth G
Workshop: *Creating True and Lasting Budget Reform in Your State*	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Elizabeth H
Task Force Chairs Meeting	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Mohsen AB
Workshop: *The 10th Amendment: Federalism and Restoring State Sovereignty*	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Elizabeth F
Workshop: *Building a Free-Market Movement in Your State*	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Elizabeth G
Workshop: *Protecting Philanthropic Freedom*	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Elizabeth H
Plenary Luncheon, *sponsored by Allergan* *Speaker: Lynn Salo, Vice President, Allergan Medical US Breast Aesthetics Division* *Keynote:*	12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Douglas ABC
Task Force: Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth G
Task Force: Civil Justice	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Manchester DE
Task Force: Education	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Manchester GH
Task Force: Telecom and IT	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Manchester AB
Education Task Force Reception, *by invitation only* *Sponsored by Bridgepoint Education*	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Manchester Foyer
Incoming Chairman's Reception, *by invitation only* *Sponsored by Reynolds American*	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Ford ABC
State Delegation Night	6:00 p.m.	Ford ABC
Hospitality Suite	9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	

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Saturday, August 7, 2010

Registration Open	7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Litrenta Foyer
ALEC Exhibition Hall Open	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth ABCD
Plenary Breakfast, *Sponsored by Pfizer*	8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Douglas ABC
Task Force: Public Safety and Elections	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Elizabeth H
Task Force: Health and Human Services	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Manchester AB
Task Force: Energy, Environment, and Agriculture	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Manchester GH
Task Force: Tax and Fiscal Policy	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Elizabeth G
Plenary Luncheon, *sponsored by Visa* *Speaker: Frm. Maj. Leader Dick Armey*	12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Douglas ABC
Closing Ceremonies	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	

Sunday, August 8, 2010

Prayer Service *Speaker: Cal Thomas, Syndicated Columnist*	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Ford ABC

ATTENDEE
REGISTRATION / HOUSING FORM

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

Early registration deadline: June 23, 2010
Standard registration deadline: July 12, 2010
Housing cut-off date: July 12, 2010

Manchester Grand Hyatt – San Diego, CA

Online www.alec.org | **Fax** *(credit cards only)* 202.331.1344 | **Phone / Questions** • Mon-Fri, 9am-5:30 pm Eastern 202.742.8538 | **Mail** • ALEC Registration & Housing P.O. Box 96754 • Washington, DC 20090–6754

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Prefix *(required)* ☐ Sen ☐ Rep ☐ Del ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Badge Nickname _____

Title _____

Organization *(required)* _____

Address _____ Suite # _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ ZIP/Postal code _____

Daytime phone _____ Fax _____ Alternate phone _____

Email *(confirmation will be sent by email)* _____

Spouse / Guest / Kids' Congress: Please complete the Spouse / Guest / Kids' Congress registration form.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

****Save $100 on registration by booking your hotel room in ALEC's headquarter hotel****

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES are extended only to registrants booking in ALEC's headquarter hotel. Your $100 savings will become valid when accommodations are confirmed.

☐ I am already registered: Order # _____

*** Please note that member fees are subject to verification*

	EARLY until June 23	*STANDARD until July 12*	*ON-SITE begin July 13*	*DAILY*	*Amount*
☐ ALEC Legislative Member	$510	$610	$710	$395	$ _____
☐ Legislator / Non-Member	$625	$700	$850	$495	$ _____
☐ ALEC Private Sector Member	$840	$1090	$1800	$895	$ _____
☐ Private Sector / Non-Member	$1075	$1725	$2200	$1095	$ _____
☐ ALEC Non-Profit Member (501(c)(3) status required)	$615	$740	$940	$595	$ _____
☐ Non-Profit Non-Member (501(c)(3) status required)	$750	$950	$1150	$795	$ _____
☐ Legislative Staff / Government	$685	$785	$935	$595	$ _____
☐ ALEC Legacy Member	$0	$0	$0	$0	

Promo Code _____ **TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES:** **$** _____

METHOD OF REGISTRATION PAYMENT

Credit Card: Credit cards will be charged immediately. Please fax to the above number for processing.

☐ Amer Express ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card # _____

Cardholder *(please print)* _____

Exp Date *(mm/yy)* _____ Security Code_____

Signature _____

Checks: Payment must be in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Please make check payable to ALEC Registration and send to above address.

Note: Registration forms with enclosed payments must be received by 5pm Eastern on the following dates to be eligible for discounted registration rates: June 9, 2010, for early registration rates, or July 12, 2010, for standard registration rates. Forms and/or payments received beginning July 13, 2010, will be subject to the on-site registration rate. If registering after July 13, 2010, please bring completed form and payment to register on-site.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Online registrants will receive immediate email confirmation. If registering by form, confirmation will be emailed, faxed, or mailed within 72 hours of receipt of payment.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION / REFUND INFORMATION

Registrations cancelled prior to 5pm Eastern July 12, 2010 are subject to a $100 cancellation fee. Registrations are non-refundable after 5pm Eastern July 12, 2010.

HOUSING — RESERVATION CUTOFF FOR ALEC DISCOUNTED RATE IS 12pm Eastern July 12, 2010

****Save $100 on registration by booking your hotel room in ALEC's headquarter hotel****

☐ I do not require a reservation at this time.

Arrival Date _____ **Departure Date** _____

☐ Sharing room with _____

Room type

☐ Single	(1 person–1 bed)	$ 219
☐ Double	(2 persons–1 bed)	$ 239
☐ Dbl/Dbl	(2 persons–2 beds)	$ 239
☐ Triple	(3 persons–2 beds)	$ 259
☐ Quad	(4 persons–2 beds)	$ 259

Note: All rates DO NOT include sales tax *12.71% (subject to change)*

A limited number of **suites** are available upon request. Please call (800) 221-3531 for additional information.

Special requests

☐ ADA room required:
___ Audio ___ Visual ___ Mobile

☐ Rollaway / crib: _____

☐ Other:
_____
_____

METHOD OF HOUSING PAYMENT

☐ Please use the same method of payment as above.

Credit Card: Credit cards will be used to guarantee the reservation

☐ Amer Express ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Card # _____

Cardholder *(please print)* _____

Exp Date *(mm/yy)* _____ Security Code_____

Signature _____

Checks: Payment must be in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Please make check payable to ALEC and send to above address.

HOUSING CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Online reservations will receive immediate email confirmation. Reservations received by form will be confirmed via email, fax, or mail within 72 hours of receipt.

HOUSING CANCELLATION / REFUND INFORMATION

Credit cards will be charged one night room and tax in the event of a no show or if cancellation occurs within 72 hours prior to arrival. Departures prior to the departure date confirmed by the hotel at check-in will result in a charge of $100. Please obtain a cancellation number when your reservation is cancelled.

SPOUSE / GUEST KIDS' CONGRESS

REGISTRATION FORM

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IMPORTANT: *Please identify the ALEC attendee*

ALEC ATTENDEE Profile Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____ **REGISTRATION ORDER NUMBER** _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email (*Confirmation will be sent by email*) _____

SPOUSE / GUEST / KIDS' CONGRESS Registration Fees	(#) x	*EARLY until June 16*	*STANDARD until July 12*	*ON-SITE begin July 13*	*DAILY*	*Amount*
A. Spouse / Guest / Child 18 yrs or older	( ) x	$150	$150	$150	n/a	= $_____
B. Kid's Congress (6 months to 17 yrs) **for ALEC Members Full Conference Rate**	( ) x	$250	$350	$550	n/a	= $_____
C. Kid's Congress (6 months to 17 yrs) **for Non-ALEC Members Full Conference Rate**	( ) x	$350	$450	$650	n/a	= $_____
D. Kid's Congress (6 months to 17 yrs) **Day rate: Thurs., Fri., or Sat.**	( ) x	$100	$150	$250	n/a	= $_____

SPOUSE / GUEST / KID'S REGISTRATION FEE(s) TOTAL $ _____

Spouse / Guest / Child Names

Please list the names of the spouse / guest / children below

Spouse / Guest / Child Name	Child Date of Birth	Registration Type *A,B,C,D (above)*	Spouse / Guest / Child Name	Child Date of Birth	Registration Type *A,B,C,D (above)*
1.			5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Payment Information

Credit Card: Credit cards will be charged immediately. Please fax to the above number for processing.

- ☐ American Express
- ☐ Visa
- ☐ MasterCard

Card # _____

Cardholder (*please print*) _____

Exp Date (*mm/yy*) _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

Check / money order: Payment must be in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Please make check payable to ALEC Registration and send to above address.

Note: Registration forms with enclosed payments must be received by 5pm Eastern on the following dates to be eligible for discounted registration rates: June 9, 2010, for early registration rates, or July 12, 2010, for standard registration rates. Forms and/or payments received after July 12, 2010 will be subject to the on-site registration rate. If registering after July 12, 2010 please bring completed form and payment to register on-site.

Confirmation Information

Online registrants will receive immediate confirmation via email. If registering by written form, confirmation will be emailed (if address provided), faxed, or mailed within 72 hours of receipt of payment.

Cancellation / Refund Information

Registrations cancelled prior to 5:00 p.m. (EST) July 12, 2010 are subject to a $100 cancellation fee. Registrations are non-refundable after 5:00 p.m. (EST) July 12, 2010.

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SCHOLARSHIP POLICY BY MEETING

ALEC Spring Task Force Summit:

1. ***Spring Task Force Summit Reimbursement Form:*** ALEC Task Force Members are reimbursed by ALEC up to $350.00 for travel expenses. Receipts must be forwarded to the ALEC Policy Coordinator and approved by the Director of Policy.
2. ALEC Task Force Members' room & tax fees for a two-night stay are covered by ALEC.
3. *Official Alternate Task Force Members* (chosen by the State Chair and whose names are given to ALEC more than 35 days prior to the meeting to serve in place of a Task Force Member who cannot attend) are reimbursed in the same manner as Task Force Members.
4. ***State Scholarship Reimbursement Form***: Any fees above $350, or expenses other than travel and room expenses can be submitted by Task Force Members for payment from their state scholarship account upon the approval of the State Chair. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who will submit the signed form to the Director of Membership.
5. *Non-Task Force Members* can be reimbursed out of the state scholarship fund upon State Chair approval. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who will submit the appropriate signed form to the Director of Membership.

ALEC Annual Meeting:

State Scholarship Reimbursement Form: State scholarship funds are available for reimbursement by approval of your ALEC State Chair. Expenses are reimbursed after the conference, and may cover the cost of travel, room & tax, and registration. Receipts are to be submitted to the State Chair, who will then submit the signed form to the Director of Membership.

ALEC States & Nation Policy Summit:

1. ***States & Nation Policy Summit Reimbursement Form***: ALEC offers two scholarships per state to cover the cost of travel, room & tax, and registration not to exceed $1,000.00 per person for a total of $2,000.00 per state. ALEC scholarship recipients must be named by the ALEC State Chair. Expenses are submitted to the State Chair and reimbursed after the conference. The State Chair submits the signed form to the Director of Membership.
2. ***State Scholarship Reimbursement Form***: Any other fees or payments must come out of the state scholarship account, with the approval of the State Chair. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who submits the signed form to the Director of Membership.

ALEC Academies:

Academy Reimbursement Form: Attendees of ALEC Academies are reimbursed by the Task Force Committee hosting the Academy. Attendees will receive a form at the Academy, and will be reimbursed up to $500.00 for travel, and room & tax fees for a two-night stay by ALEC. Receipts must be forwarded to the appropriate Task Force Director and approved by the Director of Policy.

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

International Relations Task Force Meeting
Federal Relations Working Group

Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
Thursday, August 5, 2010 – Manchester G-H
9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Public Co-Chair: Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)
Private Co-Chair: Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American Inc.)
Task Force Director: Karla Jones

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of the Minutes from the SNPS and Emergency Task Force Meetings

"Establishment of Reconstruction Opportunity Zones in Pakistan"
Assemblywoman Ayesha Javed (Punjab Provincial Assembly-Pakistan)

Taiwan Presentation
Presenter TBD (Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office [TECRO])

"ICAO Participation for Taiwan"
Representative Valentine Rausch (SD)

New Zealand Presentation on the TPP
Consul General John Mataira (New Zealand Consulate)

"Support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership"
Representative William A. Hamzy, Esq. (CT)

Presentation on Intellectual Property
Merrill Matthews, Jr. (Institute for Policy Innovation)

"Resolution on Plain Packaging Legislation"
Brandie Davis (Philip Morris International)

"Resolution to Counter Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals Worldwide"
Senator Curt Bramble (UT)

Presentation on US-EU Relations
The Honorable Michal Kaminski (Member of the European Parliament)
The Honorable Martin Callanan (Member of the European Parliament)

"Resolution to Deepen Trade Relations with Georgia"
Senator Curt Bramble (UT)

Presentation on US-Bahrain Relations
Ms. Rose Sager (Embassy of Bahrain to the US)

"Resolution to Update Our Current Colombia FTA Resolution"
Senator Curt Bramble (UT)

"Resolution Calling for Final Ratification of US-Panama FTA"
Senator Wayne Niederhauser (UT)

Federal Relations Working Group

"Resolution on Tenth Amendment Rights"
Representative David Reis (IL)

International Relations Task Force Meeting
Federal Relations Working Group Meeting

States and Nation Policy Summit, Washington, DC
Friday, December 4, 2009
3:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Public Co-Chair: Senate President Billy Hewes (MS)
Private Co-Chair: Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American Inc.)
Task Force Director: Karla Jones

Task Force Members in Attendance

Public Sector

Representative Linda Bacchiochi (CT)
Representative Liston Barfield (SC)
Senator Curt Bramble (UT)
Senator Robert L. Burns (AZ)
Senator Cale Case (WY)
Representative Gary Daniels (NH)
Representative Daniel Greenberg (AR)
Senator Jeffrey K. Haverly (SD)
Representative Chris N. Herrod (UT)
Representative Calvin Hill, Jr. (GA)
Representative Lance Kinzer (IN)
Representative Debra Lesko (AZ)
Representative Stephen McManus (TN)
Senator Alex Mooney (MD)
Senator Wayne Niederhauser (UT)
Representative Deb Peters (SD)
Representative John E. Piscopo (CT)
Representative Valentine B. Rausch (SD)
Senator Michael T. Rose (SC)
Senator Val A. Stevens (WA)
Representative P. Eric Turner (IN)
Representative Gene Ward (HI)

Senator Giles Ward (MS)
Representative Jeff Thompson (ID)
Representative C. Gene Whisnant (OR)

Private Sector

Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American, Inc.)

Speakers/Advisors

Mr. Chun Fu Chang (Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the U.S. – TECRO)
Roy B. Norton, Ph.D. (Embassy of Canada in the U.S.)
Jerry McGinn (Northrop Grumman)

Staff

Karla Jones (IRTF and FRWG Director)
Michael Bowman (Sr. Director of Policy and

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. David Powers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Speakers and Discussion

Mr. Chun Fu Chang gave a talk on **US-Taiwan Relations** outlining mutual challenges facing both countries such as job creation, economic recovery and reducing green house gas emissions. Mr. Chang called for strengthening the bilateral trade relations with the U.S. and highlighted the importance of further formal integration for both countries. Progress in U.S.-Taiwan relations would ensure access to wider Asia-Pacific business regions, would aid the development of critical energy solutions and would promote faster economic growth.

Representative Gene Ward (HI) introduced a **Resolution Urging the Obama Administration to Launch Negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with Taiwan.** Representative Ward re-emphasized the strategic importance of the U.S.-Taiwan relations and Taiwan's status as America's third largest trading partner.

The resolution passed unanimously without any amendments and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American, Inc.) introduced a **Resolution Urging the European Union to Remove Its Ban on the Sale of Smokeless Tobacco** which called for the removal of the EU-wide ban on snus products. He drew attention to EU studies which show a correlation between high sales of snus and a lower smoking rate and pointed out that snus is associated with fewer health risks than both cigarettes and other smokeless tobacco products. He also outlined the fact that restricting trade of such products is opposed to the founding principles of the EU which grant free movement of goods and services within the EU.

The resolution passed with one vote in opposition and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

Roy B. Norton, Ph.D gave a report on **U.S.-Canada Relations**. The issues which are currently co-managed include water management, transportation, infrastructure and air quality but the two countries also adopted common security and defense strategy and are crucial partners in energy supply and economic recovery.

Canada, with the second largest oil reserves in the world is a secure source of imported energy and currently supplies the U.S. with imported petroleum, natural gas, uranium and hydroelectric power.

The U.S. and Canada currently have 80 treaty-level defense agreements including the Smart Border Accord which has proved to be of high importance in terms of smooth and efficient running of the border as well as in decreasing the risk of terrorist actions.

Dr. Norton called for the importance of defense, trade and strategic alliance to be reinforced.

Senator Val Stevens (WA) introduced the **Resolution on Open and Reciprocal Trade with Canada**. The resolution passed unanimously following one amendment and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

Representative John E. Piscopo (CT) introduced a **Resolution Against U.S. Participation in International Agreement in Copenhagen**. Representative Piscopo expressed real concern about the validity of scientific methods used by the East Anglia Research Unit regarding official global temperature data since, as has previously been revealed, the data has been manipulated and destroyed.

Both the amended resolution and the additional amendment to the resolution concerning the debate about scientific methods and data used passed unanimously. The full amended resolution was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

In his presentation on **Good Governance Promotion in Iraq, Senator Curt Bramble (UT)** explained various reasons why and how the U.S. ought to be instrumental in educating newly elected Iraqi state legislators by training them in principles and good practices of governance, how to draft legislation and work effectively with the executive branch of their governments. He illustrated his points by describing his experiences working with the Baghdad Provincial Council in Iraq.

Representative Gene Ward introduced **a Resolution Establishing an American Legislative Exchange Council Democracy and Governance Program.** Representative Ward added that the five major legislative issues of the Iraqi government should also be addressed, namely unemployment, education, corruption, infrastructure and health care, respectively. He also suggested conducting this training of newly elected legislators partly in the U.S. and thus providing an example of good government practice.

A resolution to establish a good governance initiative unanimously passed the task force and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

Senator Alexander X. Mooney (MD) introduced a **Resolution to Reform Export Control Regulation of Dual-Use and Defense Items.** Since further clarification on the issue was needed a motion to carry over the resolution was made and unanimously approved. An amended resolution was introduced and considered at an emergency meeting of the International Relations Task Force on June 24, 2010 and passed unanimously. This resolution is still awaiting ALEC Board approval at the writing of these minutes.

Federal Relations Working Group

Representative Daniel Greenberg introduced a **Resolution on Article V of the U.S. Constitution** calling for ALEC to educate about the merits of **calling an Article 5 convention** to amend the constitution. The resolution passed unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

Resolution Calling for the Establishment of Reconstruction Opportunity Zones in Pakistan and the Elimination of US Tariffs on Pakistani Textiles

Submitted by: Member Punjab Provincial Assembly Ayesha Javed

Time and time again, increased trade and the economic growth this trade brings have proven much more successful than foreign aid in helping a country to achieve long-term stability. Further, stability in Pakistan is directly linked to achieving US objectives in Afghanistan. Therefore this resolution supports the Afghanistan and Pakistan Reconstruction Opportunity Zones Act of 2009 as it is currently stated in US Senate Resolution 496. Additionally, this resolution calls on the US Government to consider reducing tariffs on Pakistan's textiles which run about 10% and are about four times the average US tariff rate on imports from other countries.

This serves as a shell resolution for the 35-day mailing. The full text for the resolution will be forthcoming.

Resolution Supporting Taiwan's Meaningful Participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

WHEREAS, Taiwan, with a population of 23 million, has worked tirelessly to improve cross-Strait relations since President Ma Ying-Jeou came to power in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Taiwan have recently completed negotiations on an Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) resulting from closer cross-Strait ties; and

WHEREAS, the UN's stated purpose is "To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples … [and] to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic … character … [and] to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) invited Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) to attend the 62nd World Health Assembly in April 2009 as an observer, setting a precedent for UN specialized agencies of recognition of Taiwan as an entity; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from UN specialized agencies, like the ICAO, has had adverse effects on Taiwan's development and is inconsistent with Chapter 1 of the UN Charter's stated Purposes and Principles; and

WHEREAS, aviation safety is a global issue that requires all members of the global community to take part in the ICAO in order to best serve the interests of every passenger; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's Taoyuan International Airport is a key air transport hub in the Asia Pacific region, with the Taipei Flight Information Region (Taipei FIR) ranked the world's 15th largest by cargo volume in 2008; and

WHEREAS, 365,000 Americans traveled to Taiwan for business and leisure during 2009, making aviation safety in Taiwan a priority for Americans' safety and best interests; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan makes meaningful contributions to the world community through foreign aid and its position as a major transport hub both of which could be facilitated by an ability to work within UN frameworks; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Taiwan in ICAO is consistent with the ICAO's stated purpose of ensuring that "international civil aviation be developed in a safe and orderly manner and that international air transport services may be established on the basis of equality of opportunity and operated soundly and economically";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ALEC supports Taiwan's Meaningful Participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ALEC urges the State Department to make appropriate arrangements to facilitate Taiwan's participation in ICAO's meetings, mechanism, and activities, for the purposes of international aviation safety and security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, to the U.S. Ambassador to the ICAO, to the U.S. Trade Representative and to the Secretary of Transportation.

Resolution Urging Congress to Pass the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)

WHEREAS, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) policy on Free Trade acknowledges "the imposition of artificial barriers to free and open trade…are deterrents to American economic interests"; and

WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) is a highly sophisticated agreement that will create a free trade partnership between the United States, New Zealand, Chile, Singapore, Brunei, Australia, Vietnam, and Peru; and

WHEREAS, the TPP is structured to allow for and, indeed, encourage expansion to other likeminded partner nations; and

WHEREAS, the TPP is an all-encompassing trade agreement that includes liberalization on all tariff lines with standards higher than the World Trade Organization (WTO) for competition, intellectual property rights, government procurement, and dispute settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific region accounts for nearly 60 percent of world GDP and almost half of all global trade; and

WHEREAS, U.S. exports to Asia-Pacific increased by 63 percent in the last five years; and

WHEREAS, the TPP will boost exports from the United States by up to $25 billion annually, helping to shore up the American domestic economy on the heels of a recession; and

WHEREAS, a 2008 University of Michigan study estimates that an Asia-Pacific trade agreement would increase real U.S. income by 1.2 percent; and

WHEREAS, successful conclusion of the TPP negotiations will provide economically significant new market access opportunities for America's workers, farmers, ranchers, service providers and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the TPP will integrate the American economy across the Pacific Rim, fully engaging the United States both economically and politically across four continents; and

WHEREAS, the TPP will reduce the risk of exclusionary Asian trade blocs such as Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), and the East Asia Summit (EAS); and

WHEREAS, the TPP will give the United States more engagement and leadership in Asian economies, countering the growing power of the People's Republic of China; and

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WHEREAS, the Obama Administration supports the expedited approval of the TPP as one-part of its strategy to increase competitiveness and employment in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the TPP will be an impetus for further bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, to the benefit of the United States, in the Asia-Pacific region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ALEC calls on Congress to support negotiations for a comprehensive, high-standard and ambitious Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement that will provide a platform for regional trade and economic integration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the U.S. Senate Finance and the U.S. House Ways & Means Committees, to the U.S. Trade Representative, and to the Secretary of Commerce.

Resolution Urging Congress to Pass a Ban on "Plain Packaging"

Submitted by: Ms. Brandie Davis (Philip Morris International)

Among the countries considering plain packaging bills are Canada, the UK and Australia, and if passed, plain packaging regulations could effectively deprive corporations of what is often their most valuable asset, their brand, trademark and/or logo. Much of this legislation is inconsistent with the various multilateral agreements that address intellectual property rights, such as the Paris Convention, the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) Agreement and the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement. Additionally, plain packaging legislation is inconsistent with the intellectual property provisions contained in the many bilateral free trade agreements into which the United States has entered. Compliance with plain packaging regulations would increase the risk of product counterfeiting thus reducing consumer confidence in the origins and quality of these products. A stated goal of plain packaging legislation is to decrease consumption of the product being plain packaged. However, there is mounting evidence that plain packaging has the opposite effect and actually increases consumption of plain-packaged products. This resolution calls on ALEC to oppose plain packaging bills in legislatures around the world.

This serves as a shell resolution for the 35-day mailing. The full text for the resolution will be forthcoming.

Resolution Calling for Efforts to Reduce Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals Worldwide

Submitted by: Senator Curt Bramble (UT)

Counterfeit pharmaceuticals exact an unacceptable cost on people around the world. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of people die each year from counterfeit drugs lacking the correct active ingredient and/or accurate dosage of the active ingredient, and counterfeit pharmaceuticals are projected to result in lost revenues of $75 billion in 2010. This is money that pharmaceutical companies will not be able to devote to research and development of new medications. Strong regulations protecting drug patents are needed in many of the countries where counterfeit pharmaceuticals are particularly problematic. Although a number of countries with thriving counterfeit pharmaceutical operations have adequate regulations in place but, these regulations are not adequately enforced. This resolution calls for the U.S. and the other nations that have negotiated the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement to sign and ultimate ratify it. This resolution also calls on ALEC to partner with likeminded legislators and other officials working on intellectual property enforcement around the world to engage and work on establishing ways to counter the proliferation of counterfeit pharmaceuticals.

This serves as a shell resolution for the 35-day mailing. The full text for the resolution will be forthcoming.

Resolution in Support of Deepening U.S-Georgia Trade Relations

Whereas, the United States and Georgia signed the Charter on Strategic Partnership in January 2009; and

Whereas, Georgia has been developing its democratic and free market institutions for over a decade; and

Whereas, Georgia's achievements have been duly appreciated by relevant international agencies and institutions; and

Whereas, Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index shows considerable positive movement for Georgia to a ranking of 66 in to 2009 from one of 133 in 2009; and

Whereas, the World Bank ranked Georgia 11 out of 183 in its Ease of Doing Business Index giving Georgia the highest ranking of all Central and Eastern European Countries; and

Whereas, Georgian municipal elections on May 30, 2010 marked an important milestone in the process of democratic transformation of Georgia and were described by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) observer mission as "transparent" and demonstrated "evident progress towards meeting international standards"; and

Whereas, Russia's invasion of Georgia in August 2008 and the subsequent worldwide economic crisis negatively affected Georgia's economy; and

Whereas, Georgia's positive economic reforms, including the privatization of state enterprises and the institution of a flat tax, have encouraged strong economic growth and foreign direct investment; and

Whereas, a significant segment of Georgian territory remains under Russian occupation in violation of international law and the 2008 ceasefire agreement between Georgia and Russia which was mediated by French (and then EU) President Nicolas Sarkozy; and

Whereas, the U.S. firmly supports Georgia's territorial integrity and sovereignty as evidenced by a statement made by the White House on June 24, 2010 calling on Russia "to end its occupation of the Georgian territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia"; and

Whereas, Georgia contributes to Euro-Atlantic peace and security and participates in NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) operation in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, NATO agreed in the Bucharest Summit Declaration of April 2008 that Georgia will become a member of NATO; and

Whereas, strengthening U.S.-Georgia relations are in the best interest of the U.S. in terms of support of democratic developments in the region and regional security stabilization in Eastern European and Central Asian nations; and

Whereas, strong economic growth and investment would provide the optimal environment for Georgia to further strengthen its democratic institutions; and

Whereas, closer U.S. engagement with Georgia through trade negotiations would encourage even greater reform in Georgia and build its capacity to further modernize and liberalize its economy;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that ALEC calls on the Administration to further deepen the economic and trade relations with the country of Georgia and to start negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with Georgia; and

Be it further resolved, that ALEC calls on the U.S. Congress to support S.RES.136 and H.RES 414 initiating negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with the country of Georgia.

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Resolution Urging Congress to Pass the Colombia Free Trade Agreement -- Revised

WHEREAS, President Bush transmitted to Congress implementing legislation for the United States-Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on April 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the current Administration has openly voiced its support for the passage of the Colombia FTA and has asked the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to resolve outstanding issues to allow for its approval; and

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WHEREAS, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) policy on Free Trade acknowledges "the imposition of artificial barriers to free and open trade…are deterrents to American economic interests"; and

WHEREAS, entry into force of the Colombia FTA, will give instant duty-free access to over 80 percent of U.S. exports of consumer and industrial goods to Colombia; and

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WHEREAS, the comprehensive free trade agreement between the United States and Colombia will eliminate tariffs and barriers to goods and services, while promoting economic growth and stability to the country of Colombia; and

WHEREAS, Colombia is the longest standing democracy in South America and it is the strongest ally to the United States in the region; and

WHEREAS, between 2000 and 2010, the United States appropriated over $7 billion in aid to Colombia and continues to support on-going development work and security support within the country; and

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WHEREAS, the U.S.-Colombia FTA is designed to both strengthen civil society in Colombia and open economic opportunities for U.S. producers; and

WHEREAS, the total trade for 2009 between the United States and Colombia was estimated at $20.1 billion with imports accounting for $11.3 billion and exports at $8.75billion, an overall increase of $6.3 billion in just four years (or an overall increase of 13% in the last four years); and

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WHEREAS, the United States is Colombia's largest trading partner as of 2009, representing 39% of Colombia's exports and 29% of its imports, similarly, Colombia is America's fourth largest export market in the Western hemisphere trailing only behind Canada, Mexico, and Brazil; and

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WHEREAS, since enactment of the Andean Trade Preferences Act of 1991, 90 percent of Colombia's exports already enter the United States duty free; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Colombia FTA levels the playing field and enhances competition, moving the United States-Colombia commercial relationship beyond a one-way preference to full partnership and reciprocal commitments; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Colombia FTA commits parties to effectively enforce their own domestic environmental and labor laws and adopt, maintain, and implement laws, regulations, and all other measures to fulfill obligations under covered multilateral environmental and labor agreements; and

WHEREAS, the security situation has improved in Colombia significantly since 2002, with kidnappings down by 88 percent, terror attacks down by 84 percent, and homicides down by 45 percent – the lowest rates in 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Colombia has proven itself worthy of America's support. In recent years, Colombia's democratically-elected President has taken courageous steps to stop drug traffickers, rein in paramilitary groups, and enforce the law;

WHEREAS, the decrease in overall violence paired with a protection program aimed at vulnerable groups of the population has led to an 86% reduction in the number of union member homicides between 2002 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, of the 234 sentences issued by prosecutors for the murder of union members, 99% were issued after 2002, the year that President Uribe came to office, a positive trend that continues as evidenced by the 69 sentences issued last year; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe has seen to an increase in the budget of the prosecutor general's office every year since taking office, and created a special unit to prosecute labor murders; and

WHEREAS, Colombian President Uribe has worked to offer Colombians better alternatives to a life of violence and drugs, including new jobs and economic opportunities that would come from a trade agreement with the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Colombia has shown itself to be a successful democratic nation, peacefully transferring power to the newly elected President, Juan Manuel Santos, in early August 2010, after eight years under the direction of President Uribe; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Colombia FTA would be similar in value to free trade agreements already in place with Chile and Peru; and

WHEREAS, with passage of the U.S. Colombia FTA, U.S. exports will increase by over $1 billion; and

WHEREAS, the FTA between Canada and Colombia is already approved in Canada and will soon be in force, threatening US market share in Colombia for US agricultural exports; and

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WHEREAS, approval of the U.S.-Colombia FTA will ensure that Colombia continues to make progress in reducing violence while improving economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators adopted a resolution supporting passage of the U.S.-Colombia FTA in November 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives suspended the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) rules requiring that trade deals sent to Congress under TPA rules cannot be amended and must be voted upon within 90 days; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ALEC calls on Congress to re-instate the TPA rules and that Congress hold a Floor vote on the U.S.-Colombia FTA as it was negotiated under TPA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ALEC call on Congress to pass and the President to sign implementing legislation for the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the U.S. Senate Finance and the U.S. House Ways & Means Committees, to the U.S. Trade Representative, to the Secretary of Commerce, to the Secretary of Labor, and to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the National Security Council and the Department of State.

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Resolution Urging Congress to Pass the Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA)

WHEREAS, The United States and Panama signed a trade promotion agreement on June 28, 2007, and it was approved by Panama on July 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) policy on free trade acknowledges "the imposition of artificial barriers to free and open trade . . . are deterrents to American economic interests"; and

WHEREAS, the Panama TPA will provide duty-free access to markets providing immediate elimination of duties on 88 percent of current U.S trade, which if the Panama TPA had been signed in 2008, would have saved U.S. exporters over $170 million in tariff fees; and

WHEREAS, Under the Caribbean Basin Initiative, almost 96% of all Panamanian exports already enter the United States duty-free; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive trade promotion agreement between the United States and Panama will encourage expansion and diversification of trade, eliminating trade barriers and facilitating cross-border movements of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, The Martinelli Administration, Panama's democratically elected government, is committed to expanding Panama's commercial ties with the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Panama TPA is designed to both strengthen civil society in Panama and open economic opportunities for U.S. producers; and

WHEREAS, imports from Panama account for $379 million a figure which is up by 3.8% ($14 million) from 2007 and up 17% over the last 14 years, and exports to Panama are at $4.9 billion, which is up by 30.7% ($1.1 billion) from 2007 and by 283% from 1994 (the year prior to Uruguay Round); and

WHEREAS, the United States is Panama's largest trading partner as of 2009, representing 39.2% of Panama's exports and 29.7% of its imports; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the U.S. had a trade surplus with Panama totaling $4.3 billion, the eighth largest trade surplus maintained with any U.S. global trading partner; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Panama received more U.S foreign direct investment (FDI) as a percentage of GDP than any other country in Latin America and more U.S. FDI than the rest of the Central American countries combined; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Panama TPA will enhance Panama's legal framework and business environment, which are important to encourage investments and protect

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intellectual property rights, increase transparency and strengthen protections for workers and the environment; and

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WHEREAS, the U.S.-Panama TPA would expand opportunities for American workers, consumers, farmers, manufacturers, ranchers, investors and service providers; and

WHEREAS, the government procurement provisions of the U.S.-Panama TPA guarantee non-discriminatory access for U.S. goods, services, and suppliers to a broad range of public sector entities in Panama, such as the Panama Canal Authority; and

WHEREAS, Panama is undertaking a $5.25 billion expansion of the Panama Canal that will double the Canal's capacity by its completion in 2014 and allow access to vessels twice the size of current Panamax ships, aiding the transit of larger U.S. military ships and enhancing the productivity, reliability and efficiency of a very important U.S. trade route; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Panama TPA levels the playing field and enhances competition, moving the United States-Panama commercial relationship beyond a one-way preference to full partnership and reciprocal commitments; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Panama TPA increases the protection and promotion of workers' rights and environmental standards as part of the provisions on the May 10 agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement establishes a legal framework for US and Panamanian investors, providing greater legal stability and security for U.S. investors in general; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ALEC calls on the President of the United States to send the U.S. – Panama TPA implementing legislation to the U.S. Congress for a vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ALEC calls on the U.S. Congress to ratify the U.S. – Panama TPA and the President of the United States to sign the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement into law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the U.S. Senate Finance and the U.S. House Ways & Means Committees, to the U.S. Trade Representative, to the Secretary of Commerce, to the Secretary of Labor, and to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Resolution Reaffirming Tenth Amendment Rights

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States specifically provides that, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people”; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment was part of the original Bill of Rights, which was proposed on September 25, 1789, ratified by three-fourths of the states, and went into effect on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment limits the scope of federal power and prescribes that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states, rather than the states being agents of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, when taking the oath of office, all members of the General Assembly of **[Insert State]** solemnly swear that they will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of **[Insert State]**; and

WHEREAS, many federal mandates are in direct violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and infringe upon both the reserved powers of **[Insert State]** and the people’s reserved powers; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court ruled in New York v. United States, 505 U.S. 144 (1992), that Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states by compelling them to enact and enforce regulatory programs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court, in Printz v. United States/Mack v. United States, 521 U.S. 898 (1997), reaffirmed that the Constitution of the United States established a system of “dual sovereignty” that retains “a residuary and inviolable sovereignty” by the states;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **[Insert State]** hereby claims sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall serve notice to the federal government of our demand to maintain the balance of powers where the Constitution of the United States established it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we state our intentions to ensure that all government agencies and their agents and employees operating within the geographic boundaries of **[Insert State]**, or whose actions have an effect on the inhabitants, lands, or

water of **[Insert State]**, shall operate within the confines of the original intent of the Constitution of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the congressional delegation of **[Insert State]**.

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

Mission Statement

The American Legislative Exchange Council's mission is…

To advance the Jeffersonian Principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty through a nonpartisan public-private partnership among America's state legislators, concerned members of the private sector, the federal government, and the general public.

To promote these principles by developing policies that ensure the powers of government are derived from, and assigned to, first the People, then the States, and finally the Federal Government.

To enlist state legislators from all parties and members of the private sector who share ALEC's mission.

To conduct a policy making program that unites members of the public and private sector in a dynamic partnership to support research, policy development, and dissemination activities.

To prepare the next generation of political leadership through educational programs that promote the principles of Jeffersonian democracy, which are necessary for a free society.

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TASK FORCE OPERATING PROCEDURES

I. MISSION OF TASK FORCES

Assume the primary responsibility for identifying critical issues, developing ALEC policy, and sponsoring educational activities which advance the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty. The mission will be accomplished through a non-partisan, public and private partnership between ALEC's legislative and private sector members in the specific subject areas assigned to the Task Force by the Board of Directors.

II. TASK FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Task Forces have the primary responsibility for identifying critical issues and developing ALEC's official policy statements and model legislation appropriate to the specific subject areas of the Task Force.

B. Task Forces serve as forums for an exchange of ideas and sharing of experiences between ALEC's state legislator and private sector members.

C. Task Forces are responsible for developing and sponsoring the following educational activities appropriate to the specific subject area of the Task Force:

- publications that express policy positions, including, but not limited to State Factors and Action Alerts;
- educational communication and correspondence campaigns;
- issue specific briefings, press conferences and press campaigns;
- witness testimony and the activities of policy response teams;
- workshops at ALEC's conferences; and
- specific focus events.

D. The Executive Director is to ~~Task Forces are responsible for~~ develop~~ing~~ an annual budget~~s,~~ which shall include expenses associated with Task Force meetings and educational activities. A funding mechanism to finance all meetings and educational activities proposed by Task Forces must be available before they can be undertaken.

III. GENERAL PROCEDURES

A. Requests from ALEC members for policy statements, model legislation and educational activities shall be directed by the Executive Director to the appropriate Task Force, or the Board of Directors if the issue does not fall within the jurisdiction of any Task Force. The appropriate Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs determine the agenda for each Task Force meeting, and the meetings will be called and conducted in accordance with these Operating Procedures.

The Director of Policy with the consent of the Executive Director assigns a model bill or resolution to the most appropriate Task Force based on Task Force content and prior jurisdictional history 35 days before a Task Force Meeting. All Task Force Co-Chairs will be provided an email or fax summary of all model bills and resolutions 35 days before the Task Force meeting

If both the Co-Chairs of a Task Force are in agreement that they should have jurisdiction on model legislation or a resolution, the legislation or resolution will be considered by the Task Force. If the other Task Force Co-Chairs believe they should have jurisdiction or if the author of the model bill or resolution does not agree on the jurisdictional assignment of the bill, they will have 10 days after the 35-day mailer deadline to submit in writing or by electronic appeal to the Director of Policy their intent to challenge the jurisdiction assignment. The Director of Policy will notify the Executive Director who will in turn notify the National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair. The National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair will in turn refer the matter in question to the Board of Directors Task Force Board Committee. The Director of Policy will establish a conference call for the Task Force Board Committee co- chairs, the author, the affected Task Force Co-Chairs and the Director of Policy at a time convenient for all participants.

The Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs shall listen to the jurisdictional dispute by phone or in person within 10 days of the request. If both Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs are in agreement that the Director of Policy made an incorrect jurisdictional referral, only then will the model bill or resolution be reassigned to a committee as they specify once agreed upon by the National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair. The bill or model resolution is still eligible to be heard in whatever Task Force it is deemed to be assigned to as if submitted to the correct Task Force for the 35-day mailer. The National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair decision is final on this model bill or resolution.

Joint referral of model legislation and/or resolutions are allowed if all the affected Task Force Co-Chairs agree. All model legislation and resolutions that have been referred to, more than one Task Force must pass the identical language in both Task Forces within two consecutive Task Force meetings. It is at the Task Force

Co-Chairs discretion how they will handle the hearings of the model legislation or resolution. Both sets of co-chairs have the ability to call a working group, subcommittee, or simply meet consecutively or concurrently if necessary.

If the Task Force co-chairs both agree to waive jurisdiction, they may do so as long as another Task Force still has jurisdiction.

The National Chair and the Private Sector Board Chair will rely upon the Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs for advice and recommendations on model legislation or resolutions when no jurisdiction in any of the existing Task Forces in operation can be found. The Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs will work with the Executive Director and the Director of Policy to identify public and private sector Task Force members (not alternates) from the existing Task Forces should their expertise be of assistance to the Task Force Board Committee in reaching a determination and recommendation for approval by the National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair.

B. The National Chair and the Private Sector Board Chair will rely upon the Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs for advice and recommendations on model legislation or resolutions when no jurisdiction in any of the existing Task Forces in operation can be found. The Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs will work with the Executive Director and the Director of Policy to identify public and private sector Task Force members (not alternates) from the existing Task Forces should their expertise be of assistance to the Task Force Board Committee in reaching a determination and recommendation for approval by the National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair.

C. The Board of Directors shall have ultimate authority over Task Force procedures and actions including the authority to create, to merge or to disband Task Forces and to review Task Force actions in accordance with these Operating Procedures. Nothing in these Operating Procedures prohibits the Board of Directors from developing ALEC policy; however, such a practice should be utilized only in exceptional circumstances. Before the policy is adopted by the Board of Directors, it should be sent to the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs under whose jurisdiction the matter falls for review and comment back to the Board of Directors.

D. The operating cycle of a Task Force is two years. A new operating cycle begins on January 1 of each odd numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following even numbered year. Task Force activities shall be planned and budgeted on an annual basis within each two-year operating cycle.

E. ~~At the ALEC Annual Meeting, each Task Force will be responsible for determining an operating budget for the succeeding calendar year. The Executive Director will notify the Task Force Co-Chairs, at the ALEC Annual Meeting, what inflation factor will be used by the Task Force to determine the operating~~

~~and programming budgets. Task Force membership and budget information will be reported to the Executive Director by the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs. The Executive Director will present this information to the Board of Directors at its regular fall meeting.~~

F. If a Task Force is unable to develop an operating budget, the Board of Directors will determine whether to continue the operations of the Task Force. This determination will be made according to: (1) the level of membership on the Task Force, and (2) the need for continued services developed by the Task Force for ALEC.

G. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to allocate limited general support funds to finance the annual operating budget of Task Forces that meet the requirements prescribed in Section III (E). The Executive Director shall determine, and report to the Board of Directors, the amount of general support funds available to underwrite such Task Forces.

IV. MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The membership of a Task Force consists of legislators who are members in good standing of ALEC and are duly appointed to the Task Force, in accordance with Section VI (A) and private sector organizations that are full members of ALEC, contribute to the assessment for the Task Force operating budget, and are duly appointed to the Task Force, in accordance with Section VI (B). Private sector organizations that were full members of ALEC and contributed the assessment for the Task Force's operating budget in the previous year, can be appointed to the Task Force for the current year, conditional upon renewal of full ALEC membership and receipt of the current year's assessment for the Task Force operating budget prior to March 31st, unless an alternative date has been approved by the Executive Director.

B. Each Task Force shall have <u>least</u> two Co-Chairs; a Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair and a Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair. The Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair must be a member of the Task Force and appointed in accordance with Section VI (A). The Private Sector Co-Chair must represent a private sector member of the Task Force and be appointed in accordance with Section VI(B). The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for:

(1) calling the Task Force and the Executive Committee meetings to order, setting the agenda and co-chairing such meetings;
(2) appointing and removing legislators and private sector members to and from the Task Force Executive Committee and subcommittees;
(3) creating subcommittees, and determining each subcommittee's mission, membership limit, voting rules, deadlines, and term of service; and

(4) selecting Task Force members to provide support for and against Task Force policies during formal Board reviews.

C. Each Task Force shall have an Executive Committee appointed by the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs that is appropriate in number to carry out the work product and strategic plan of ALEC and the Task Force. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Public Sector Task Force Co-chair, the Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair, the subcommittee co-chairs, and the remainder will be an equal number of legislative and private sector Task Force members. The Executive Committee will be responsible for determining the operating budget and proposing plans, programs and budgets for the succeeding year in accordance with (Section V (B); determining if a proposed educational activity conforms to a previously approved model bill, resolution or policy statement in accordance with (Section IX (F); and determining if an emergency situation exists that justifies waiving or reducing appropriate time limits in accordance with (Section VIII (H)).

D. Each Task Force may have any number of subcommittees, consisting of Task Force members and advisors to focus on specific areas and issues and make policy recommendations to the Task Force. The Task Force Co-chairs, shall create subcommittees and determine each subcommittee's mission, membership limit, voting rules, deadlines, and term of service. Any model bill, resolution or policy statement approved by a subcommittee must be approved by the Task Force before it can be considered official ALEC policy.

E. Each Task Force may have advisors, appointed in accordance with Section VI (G). Advisors shall assist the members and staff of the Task Force. They shall be identified as advisors on official Task Force rosters, included in all official Task Force mailings and invited to all Task Force meetings. Advisors may also have their expenses paid at Task Force meetings covered by the Task Force operating budget with the approval of the Task Force Co-Chairs. An advisor cannot be designated as the primary contact of a private sector Task Force member, cannot be designated to represent a private sector Task Force member at a Task Force, Executive Committee, or subcommittee meeting, and cannot offer or vote on any motion at a Task Force, Executive Committee, or subcommittee meeting.

V. Task Force Budgets

A. Each Task Force shall develop and operate a yearly budget to fund meetings.

B. The operating budget shall be used primarily to cover expenses for Task Force meetings, unless specific funds within the budget are authorized for other use by the Task Force. The operating budget shall be assessed equally among the private sector members of the Task Force. The Executive Director, in consultation with the Task Force Co-Chairs shall determine which costs associated with each meeting will be reimbursed from the operating budget. Any funds remaining in a

Task Force's operating budget at the end of a year are transferred to ALEC's general membership account.

C. The operating budget shall not be used to cover Task Force meeting expenses associated with alternate task force members' participation, unless they are appointed by their State Chair to attend the Spring Task Force Summit with the purpose to serve in place of a Task Force Member who is unable to attend. Task Force meeting expenses of alternate task force members shall be covered by their state's scholarship account.

D. The programming budget shall be used to cover costs associated with educational activities. Contributions to the programming budget are separate, and in addition to operating budget contributions and annual general support/membership contributions to ALEC. The Executive Director shall determine the contribution required for each educational activity.

VI. PROCESS FOR SELECTING TASK FORCE MEMBERS, CHAIRS, COMMITTEES AND ADVISORS

A. Prior to February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the current and immediate past National chairman will jointly select and appoint in writing three legislative members and three alternates to the Task Force who will serve for the current operating cycle, after receiving nominations from ALEC's Public and Private State Chairs, the Executive Director and the ALEC Public and Private Sector members of the Board. At any time during the year, the National Chairman may appoint in writing new legislator members to each Task Force, except that no more than three legislators from each state may serve as members of any Task Force, no legislator may serve on more than one Task Force and the appointment cannot be made earlier than thirty days after the new member has been nominated. In an effort to ensure the nonpartisan nature of each Task Force, it is recommended that no more than two legislators of any one political party from the same state be appointed to serve as members of any Task Force. A preference will be given to those ALEC legislator members who serve on or chair the respective Committee in their state legislature. A preference will be given to legislators who sponsor ALEC Task Force model legislation in the state legislature.

B. Prior to January 10 of each odd-numbered year, the current and immediate past National Chairman will jointly select and appoint in writing the Task Force Chair who will serve for the current operating cycle, after receiving nominations from the Task Force. Nominations will be requested by the outgoing Task Force Chair and may be placed in rank order prior to transmittal to the Executive Director no later than December 1 of each even-numbered year. No more than five names may be submitted in nomination by the outgoing Task Force chair. The current and immediate past National Chairmen will jointly make the final selection, but

should give strong weight to the recommendations of the outgoing Task Force Chair. In an effort to empower as many ALEC leaders as possible, State Chairs and members of the Board of Directors will not be selected as Task Force Chairs. Task Force Chairs shall serve for one operating cycle term. Where special circumstances warrant, the current and immediate past National Chairmen may reappoint a Task Force Chair to a second operating cycle term.

C. Prior to February 1 of each odd numbered year, the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs will select and appoint in writing the legislative and private sector members of the Task Force Executive Committee, who will serve for the current operating cycle. The Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs will select and appoint in writing the legislative and private sector members and advisors to any subcommittee.

D. Prior to February 1 of each year, the Private Enterprise Board Chair and the immediate past Private Enterprise Board Chair will select and appoint in writing the private sector members to the Task Force who will serve for the current year. The appointment letter shall be mailed to the individual designated as the primary contact for the private sector entity. At any time during the year, the Chair of the Private Enterprise Board may appoint in writing new private sector members to each Task Force, but no earlier than thirty days after the new member has qualified for full membership in ALEC and contributed the assessment for the appropriate Task Force's operating budget.

E. Prior to January 10 of each odd-numbered year, the Chair of the Private Enterprise Board and the immediate past Private Enterprise Board Chair will select and appoint in writing the Task Force Private Sector Co-Chair who will serve for the current operating cycle, after receiving nominations from the Task Force. Nominations will be requested by the outgoing Task Force Private Sector Chair and may be placed in rank order prior to transmittal to the Chair of the Private Enterprise Board. The Chair and the immediate past Chair of the Private Enterprise Board will make the final selection, but should give strong weight to the recommendations of the outgoing Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair. In an effort to empower as many ALEC private sector members as possible, Private Enterprise State Chairs and members of the Private Enterprise Board will not be selected as Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs. Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs shall serve for one operating cycle term. Where special circumstances warrant, the current and immediate past Chair of the Private Enterprise Board may reappoint a Task Force Private Sector Chair to a second operating cycle term.

F. Prior to February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Task Force Private Sector Co-Chair will select and appoint in writing the private sector members of the Task Force Executive Committee, who will serve for the current operating cycle. The Task Force Private Sector Co-Chair shall select and appoint in writing the private sector members of any subcommittees.

G. The Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs, may jointly appoint subject matter experts to serve as advisors to the Task Force. The National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair may also jointly recommend to the Task Force Co-Chairs subject matter experts to serve as advisors to the Task Force.

VII. REMOVAL AND VACANCIES

A. The National Chair may remove any Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair from his position and any legislative member from a Task Force with or without cause. Such action will not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such Chair or member whose removal is proposed. For purposes of this subsection, cause may include failure to attend two consecutive Task Force meetings.

B. The Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair may remove any legislative member of an Executive Committee or subcommittee from his position with or without cause. Such action shall not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such member whose removal is proposed. For purposes of this subsection, cause may include failure to attend two consecutive meetings.

C. The Chairman of the Private Enterprise Board may remove any Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair from his position and any private sector member from a Task Force with cause. Such action shall not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such Chair or member whose removal is proposed. For purposes of this subsection, cause may include but is not limited to the non-payment of ALEC General Membership dues and the Task Force dues. .

D. The Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair may remove any private sector member of an Executive Committee or subcommittee from his position with cause. Such action shall not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such member whose removal is proposed. For purposes of this subsection, cause may include but is not limited to the non-payment of ALEC General Membership dues and the Task Force dues.

E. The Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs may remove an advisor from his position with or without cause. Such action shall not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such advisor whose removal is proposed.

F. Any member or advisor may resign from his position as Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair, Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair, public or private sector Task Force member, Task Force advisor, Executive Committee member or subcommittee member at any time by writing a letter to that effect to the Public Sector and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs. The letter should specify the effective date of the resignation, and if none is specified, the effective date shall be the date on which the letter is received by the Public and Private Task Force Co-Chairs.

G. All vacancies for Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair, Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair, Executive Committee member and subcommittee member shall be filled in the same manner in which selections are made under Section VI. All vacancies to these positions must be filled within thirty days of the effective date of the vacancy.

VIII. MEETINGS

A. Task Force meetings shall only be called by the joint action of the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs. Task Force meetings cannot be held any earlier than thirty-five days after being called, unless an emergency situation has been declared pursuant to Section VIII(H), in which case Task Force meetings cannot be held any earlier than ten days after being called. It is recommended that, at least once a year, the Task Forces convene in a common location for a joint Task Force Summit. Executive Committee meetings shall only be called by the joint action of the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs and cannot be held any earlier than three days after being called, unless the Executive Committee waives this requirement by unanimous consent.

B. At least forty-five days prior to a task force meeting any model bill, resolution or policy must be submitted to ALEC staff that will be voted on at the meeting. At least thirty-five days prior to a Task Force meeting, ALEC staff shall distribute copies of any model bill, resolution or policy statement that will be voted on at that meeting. This requirement does not prohibit modification or amendment of a model bill, resolution or policy statement at the meeting. This requirement may be waived if an emergency situation has been declared pursuant to Section VIII(H).

C. All Task Force meetings are open to registered attendees and invited guests of ALEC meetings and conferences. Only regular Task Force Members may introduce any resolution, policy statement or model bill._ Only Task Force members will be allowed to participate in the Task Force meeting discussions and be seated at the table during Task Force meetings, unless otherwise permitted by the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs.

D. ALEC private sector member organizations may only be represented at Task Force and Executive Committee meetings by the individual addressed in the appointment letter sent pursuant to Section VI(D) or a designee of the private sector member. If someone other than the individual addressed in the appointment letter is designated to represent the private sector member, the designation must be submitted in writing to the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs before the meeting, and the individual cannot represent any other private sector member at the meeting.

E. All Task Force and Executive Committee meetings shall be conducted under the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided in these Operating Procedures. A copy of the Task Force Operating Procedures shall be included in the briefing packages sent to the Task Force members prior to each meeting.

F. A majority vote of legislative members present and voting and a majority vote of the private sector members present and voting, polled separately, are required to approve any motion offered at a Task Force or Executive Committee meeting. A vote on a motion to reconsider would be only with the sector that made the motion. Members have the right, in a voice vote, to abstain and to vote present by roll-call vote. In all votes a member can change their vote up until the time that the result of the vote is announced. Only duly appointed members or their designee as stated in Section VIII (D) that are present at the meeting may vote on each motion. No proxy, absentee or advance voting is allowed.

G. The Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair and the Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair, with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee, polled in accordance with Section VIII (F), may schedule a Task Force vote by mail or ~~fax~~ <u>any form of electronic communication</u> on any action pertaining to policy statements, model legislation or educational activity. The deadline for the receipt of votes can be no earlier than thirty-five days after notification of the vote is mailed or ~~faxed~~ <u>notified by any form of electronic communication</u>, unless an emergency situation is declared pursuant to Section VIII (H), in which case the deadline can be no earlier than ten days after notification is mailed or ~~faxed~~ <u>notified by any form of electronic communication</u>. Such votes are exempt from all rules in Section VIII, except: (1) the requirement that copies of model legislation and policy statements be mailed or ~~faxed~~ <u>notified by any form of electronic communication</u> with the notification of the vote and (2) the requirement that a majority of legislative members voting and a majority of the private sector members voting, polled separately, is required to approve any action by a Task Force.

H. For purposes of Sections VIII(A), (B) and (G), an emergency situation can be declared by:

(1) Unanimous vote of all members of the Task Force Executive Committee present at an Executive Committee meeting prior to the meeting at which the Task Force votes on the model bill, resolution or policy statement; or

(2) At least three-fourth majority vote of the legislative and private sector Task Force members (voting in accordance with Section VIII (F)) present at the meeting at which the members vote on the model bill, resolution or policy statement.

I. Ten Task Force members shall constitute a quorum for a Task Force meeting. One-half of the legislative and one-half of the private sector members of an Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for an Executive Committee meeting.

IX. *REVIEW AND ADOPTION PROCEDURES*

A. All Task Force policy statements, model bills or resolutions shall become ALEC policy either: (1) upon adoption by the Task Force and affirmation by the Board of Directors or (2) thirty days after adoption by the Task Force if no member of the Board of Directors requests, within those thirty days, a formal review by the Board of Directors. General information about the adoption of a policy position may be announced upon adoption by the Task Force.

B. The Executive Director shall notify the Board of Directors of the approval by a Task Force of any policy statement, model bill or resolution within ten days of such approval. Members of the Board of Directors shall have thirty days from the date of Task Force approval to review any new policy statement, model bill or resolution prior to adoption as official ALEC policy. Within those thirty days, any member of the Board of Directors may request that the policy be formally reviewed by the Board of Directors before the policy is adopted as official ALEC policy.

C. A member of the Board of Directors may request a formal review by the Board of Directors. The request must be in writing and must state the cause for such action and a copy of the letter requesting the review shall be sent by the National Chairman to the appropriate Task Force Chair. The National Chairman shall schedule a formal review by the Board of Directors no later than the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

D. The review process will consist of key members of the Task Force, appointed by the Task Force Chair, providing the support for and opposition to the Task Force position. Position papers may be faxed or otherwise quickly transmitted to the members of the Board of Directors. The following is the review and adoption procedures:

- Notification of Committee: Staff will notify Task Force Chairs and the entire task force when the Board requests to review one of the Task Forces' model bills or resolutions.

- Staff Analysis: Will be prepared in a neutral fashion. The analyses will include:
    - History of Task Force action
    - Previous ALEC official action/resolutions
    - Issue before the board
    - Proponents arguments

- Opponents arguments

- Standardized Review Format: To ensure fairness, a set procedure will be used as the format to ensure the model bill/resolution has a fair hearing before the Board.
  - Task Force Chair(s) will be invited to attend the Board Review
  - Task Force Chair(s) will decide who will present in support and in opposition for the model bill/resolution before the Board.
  - Twenty minutes that is equally divided will be given for both sides to present before the Board.
  - It is suggested that the Board not take more than twenty minutes to ask questions of the presenters.
  - Presenters will then be excused and the Board will have a suggested twenty more minutes for discussion and vote.
  - All votes will be recorded for the official record.

- Notification of Committee: The Director of Policy will notify presenters immediately after the vote. If the Board votes to send the model bill/resolution back to the task force, the Board will instruct the Director of Policy or another board member what to communicate.

E. The Board of Directors can:

(1) Vote to affirm the policy or affirm the policy by taking no action, or
(2) Vote to disapprove the policy, or
(3) Vote to return the policy to the Task Force for further consideration providing reasons therefore.

F. Task Forces may only undertake educational activities that are based on a policy statement, model bill or resolution that has been adopted as official ALEC policy, unless the Task Force votes to undertake the educational activity, in which case the educational activity is subjected to the same review process outlined in this Section. It is the responsibility of the Task Force Executive Committee to affirm by three-fourths majority vote conducted in accordance with Section VIII that an educational activity conforms to a policy statement, model bill or resolution.

X. EXCEPTIONS TO THE TASK FORCE OPERATING PROCEDURES.

Exceptions to these Task Force Operating Procedures must be approved by the Board of Directors.

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

International Relations Emergency Task Force Meeting
Conference Call
Thursday, June 24, 2010 – 12:00pm EDT

Public Co-Chair: Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)
Private Co-Chair: Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American Inc.)
Task Force Director: Karla Jones

Task Force Members in Attendance

Public Sector
Senator Curt Bramble (UT)
Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)
Representative Chris N. Herrod (UT)
Representative Calvin Hill, Jr. (GA)
Representative Lance Kinzer (IN)
Representative Rita Martinson (MS)
Representative Mary Sue McClurkin (AL)
Senator Wayne Niederhauser (UT)
Representative Dennis Richardson (OR)
Representative Jim Ritchie (SC)
Representative P. Eric Turner (IN)
Representative Linda Upmeyer (IA)
Representative C. Gene Whisnant (OR)

Private Sector
Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American, Inc.)

Staff
Karla Jones (IRTF and FRWG Director)

Welcome and Introduction
Representative Harold Brubaker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Discussion
Representative Gene Whisnant introduced the resolution explaining the importance of reforming the current export control system. He also added that given the almost universal agreement that the system is desperately in need of overhaul, the chances for genuine reform of the export control process was more likely now than ever before. Representative Brubaker invited questions from attendees. Senator Bramble made a motion to vote on the resolution which was seconded. A voice vote by acclamation was held and the resolution passed unanimously – 14:0.