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SEN. LEAVELL TAKES ON NCOIL PRESIDENCY: ANNOUNCES 2012 LEADERSHIP AND PRIORITIES

Troy, New York, November 29, 2011—New Mexico Senator Carroll Leavell took over as NCOIL President during the organization's recent Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico—vowing to amplify NCOIL efforts to preserve and enhance state regulation. The slate of incoming NCOIL officers also includes Sen. Vi Simpson (IN) as President-Elect, Rep. Charles Curtiss (TN) as Vice President, Rep. Greg Wren (AL) as Secretary, and Sen. Neil Breslin (NY) as Treasurer.

After taking the gavel on November 20, Sen. Leavell announced 2012 Committee leadership:

<i>Financial Services & Investment Products:</i>	Sen. Ruth Teichman (KS)
<i>Health, Long-Term Care & Health Retirement Issues:</i>	Sen. Jake Corman (PA)
<i>International Insurance Issues:</i>	Sen. Travis Holdman (IN)
<i>Life Insurance & Financial Planning:</i>	Sen. Mike Hall (WV)
<i>Natural Disaster Insurance Legislation: (Subcommittee)</i>	Rep. William Sandifer III (SC)
<i>NCOIL-NAIC Dialogue:</i>	Rep. George Keiser (ND)
<i>Property-Casualty Insurance:</i>	Rep. Steve Riggs (KY)
<i>State-Federal Relations:</i>	Sen. Keith Faber (OH)
<i>Workers' Compensation Insurance:</i>	Rep. Barry Hyde (AR)

Sen. Leavell said, "NCOIL will be a vital resource for state legislators as we address the policy implications of an increasingly intrusive federal government that seems bent on empowering itself at the expense of state authority. From healthcare reform to the Dodd-Frank Act's financial services regulatory overhaul, state legislators must be prepared to deal with the countless rules and regulations coming out of Washington."

"In the coming year," Leavell added, "NCOIL will evaluate and respond to the FIO's forthcoming report on U.S. insurance regulation. We will augment our efforts on SLIMPACT—the only surplus lines reform initiative that fully responds to Dodd-Frank—and we will seek to further enhance regulatory uniformity and reciprocity in certain key areas. Our robust system of state-based insurance oversight has been a resounding success and state legislators will continue to reject unnecessary federal preemption."

In addition, the new president said he looks forward to NCOIL action on certificate of insurance, state catastrophe fund, and international trade agreement proposals. He welcomes, he said, the opportunity to tackle issues like market conduct reform, physician dispensing, producer licensing, life settlements, and third-party litigation financing, among others.

Sen. Leavell then thanked outgoing President Rep. George Keiser (ND) for shepherding NCOIL through a challenging 2011. "Rep. Keiser," he said, "made it an NCOIL priority to guide legislators through federal healthcare reform and was unafraid to protect state legislative authority in any forum. Along with Past President Rep. Robert Damron (KY), he spearheaded SLIMPACT in the states, and he was at the forefront of NCOIL models on balance billing, unclaimed life insurance benefits, and workers' comp for truckers and couriers, among other issues."

2012 Committee chairs will also include:

Articles of Organization/Bylaws Revision:

Budget/Audit:

Business Planning:

Membership:

Legislators' Roundtable:

Rep. Ron Crimm (KY)

Sen. Vi Simpson (IN)

Sen. Carroll Leavell (NM)

Rep. Charles Curtiss (TN)

Assem. Nancy Calhoun (NY)

NCOIL is an organization of state legislators whose main area of public policy interest is insurance legislation and regulation. Most legislators active in NCOIL either chair or are members of the committees responsible for insurance legislation in their respective state houses across the country. More information is available at www.ncoil.org.

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