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NCOIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY MEETS

Outlines Goals of Special Committee

Manasquan, NJ – LA Sen. Dan “Blade” Morrish, NCOIL President, presided over the first meeting of the NCOIL Special Committee on Natural Disaster Recovery at the 2019 Spring Meeting in Nashville, TN. There are more than a dozen legislators from 10 states currently serving on the committee representing coastal and inland states that have suffered flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires in the past few years.

“It is important for NCOIL to examine these issues and discuss beforehand solutions for states to have in place for use after a natural disaster occurs” said LA Sen. Dan “Blade” Morrish, NCOIL President. “The goal of the committee is to create a roadmap to help recovery occur more quickly.”

The first piece of business that the Special Committee discussed at the Spring Meeting are proposed amendments to NCOIL State Flood Disaster Mitigation and Relief Model Act. David Maurstad, Chief Executive of the NFIP and Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance & Mitigation, FEMA; Lisa Miller, President & CEO, Lisa Miller & Associates; Austin Perez, Senior Policy Rep., Federal Policy & Industry Relations, National Association of Realtors (NAR); Paul Martin, Regional VP – Southwestern Region, NAMIC; and Ron Jackson, VP, State Affairs – Southeast Region, APCI all testified before the special committee.

“We expect the number of participating legislators to increase as they learn about the formation of the committee” said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. “This is a great opportunity to create resources for states to have in place to implement in the event of a natural disaster.”

The committee will hold an interim committee call before it meets again at the NCOIL Summer Meeting in Newport Beach, CA. Information will be listed at ncoil.org when announced.

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