



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Midwest-Canada Relations Committee

Sunday, July 11, and Tuesday, July 13, 2021

The Monument (convention/civic center)

Rapid City, South Dakota

Preliminary Agenda

Minister Kelvin Goertzen, Manitoba and Speaker Bob Cupp, Ohio, Co-Chairs

MPP Percy Hatfield, Ontario and Sen. Jim Stamas, Michigan, Co-Vice Chairs

Sunday, July 11

Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Welcome and introductions

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Reopening the Canada-U.S. Border: Next Steps to Rebuilding a Shared Prosperity

The pandemic led the governments of Canada and the United States to close the border in March 2020 to all but essential trade and travel. What has the impact been on businesses and supply chains? What are the next steps to safely reopen the border for business and tourism? What other measures should be taken to ensure that both nations share in the prosperity as our economies begin to rebound?

Maryscott (Scotty) Greenwood, CEO, Canadian American Business Council

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Business Session

- Consideration of proposed resolutions
 - Other business
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Tuesday, July 13

Midwest-Canada Relations Committee-Sponsored Session

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

“Ally-Shoring”: A Path to Rework Supply Chains and Rebuild Economies

This session will focus on ally-shoring, a plan to restore and rework critical supply chains post-pandemic, not by “on-shoring”, but by working with trusted friends. Ally-shoring addresses the need to disengage from countries seeking to undermine the interests of the U.S., Canada and other democratic countries. Ally-shoring can more effectively achieve both the economic goal of rebuilding our economies and the political and security goals of strengthening our alliance.

The presenters have written about the concept of ally shoring in a number of publications, including Barron’s and The Hill.

Mr. John Austin, Director, Michigan Economic Center

Ms. Elaine Dezenski, Senior Advisor, Center on Economic and Financial Power, Foundation for Defense of Democracies