



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Midwest-Canada Relations Committee

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

The Monument (Civic/Convention Center), 444 N. Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota

Agenda

Minister Kelvin Goertzen, Manitoba, and Speaker Bob Cupp, Ohio, Co-Chairs
Sen. Jim Stamas, Michigan, and MPP Percy Hatfield, Ontario, Co-Vice Chairs

Sunday, July 11

Committee Meeting – Rushmore Hall E, Upper Level

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. The presenters will discuss the impact of the closure on businesses and supply chains and what steps should be taken to safely reopen the border for business and tourism. They also will talk about other measures that could help ensure that both nations share in the prosperity as our economies begin to rebound.

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

Greg Webb, Vice President, State Government Relations, Archer Daniels Midland

Jon Sohn, Director of U.S. Government Relations, Capital Power

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Business Session

- Consideration of proposed resolutions
- Other business

Tuesday, July 13

Midwest-Canada Relations Committee-Sponsored Session Rushmore Hall F, Upper Level

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. The goals of ally-shoring include addressing the need to disengage from countries seeking to undermine the interests of the U.S., Canada and other democratic countries; strengthening alliances; and rebuilding stronger economies together. This session will take an in-depth look at this idea of ally-shoring.

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

John Austin, Director, Michigan Economic Center

Elaine Dezenski, Chief Growth Officer, Blank Slate Technologies and Senior Advisor, Center on Economic and Financial Power, Foundation for Defense of Democracies