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Canadian IPG Parliamentarians meet with State legislators from the U.S. West

From 6–9 September 2016, the Honourable Wayne Easter, P.C., M.P., Co-Chair of the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG), led a delegation to the 69th Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments–WEST (CSG-WEST) in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. The other members of the delegation were Senator Michael L. MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Senator Jim Munson and Mr. Kerry Diotte, M.P.

“I know that I speak on behalf of the entire delegation in saying that we’re always pleased to attend the annual meeting of CSG-WEST. We consistently find that most of the presentations at this meeting have great relevance for both Canada and the United States,” said Mr. Easter.

Mr. Easter concluded: “For example, this year, the North American Summit addressed such topics as measures to ensure that Canada, the United States and Mexico can work together in ensuring prosperity in all three countries and an ability to compete in the global marketplace. As well, I was honoured to be able to speak to the Canada Relations Committee about how Canada’s new federal government is working cooperatively with the United States in a number of areas, such as climate change and international security.”

CSG-WEST comprises the United States’ 13 western states. British Columbia and Alberta are associate members of CSG-WEST. Additional information on CSG-WEST can be found at www.csgwest.org.

The views expressed in this news release are specific to the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States IPG.

As such, they may not reflect the views of U.S. counterparts. The Canada–United States IPG aims to find points of convergence in respective national policies, to initiate dialogue on points of divergence, to encourage the exchange of information and to promote better understanding among legislators on shared issues of concern. Additional information on the Group can be found at www.parl.gc.ca/iia/us.

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Alaska

Arizona

California

Colorado

Hawaii

Idaho

Montana

Nevada

New Mexico

Oregon

Utah

Washington Wyoming