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### **CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS ATTEND WINTER MEETING OF U.S. GOVERNORS**

From 20–23 February 2015, Senator Janis Johnson, Co-Chair of the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG), led a delegation to the winter meeting of the National Governors Association in Washington, D.C. The other delegates were Senator Daniel Lang and Mr. John Carmichael, M.P.

“As is always the case, this meeting of governors provided members of the IPG with an unparalleled opportunity to speak with governors – particularly those who were recently sworn in – about the scope and depth of the bilateral relationship that Canada shares with the United States and with their state. Many governors were attending an NGA meeting for the first time, and it was wonderful to begin what members of the IPG’s Canadian Section hope will be a mutually beneficial relationship,” said Senator Johnson.

Senator Johnson concluded: “As well, we were pleased to attend a reception in honour of the U.S. governors at the Canadian Embassy. Co-hosted by the Canadian and Mexican ambassadors to the United States, Ambassador Gary Doer and Ambassador Eduardo Medina Mora, the reception was attended by 27 of the governors at the NGA meeting, which – I hope – indicates a high level of interest by them in North American cooperation. We were fortunate to be able to both renew our friendships with some governors and meet, for the first time, some of those who were elected in November 2014.”

Founded in 1908 when President Theodore Roosevelt gathered state governors in order to discuss the nation’s resources, the National Governors Association is the collective voice of U.S. governors from the 50 states, three territories and two commonwealths. It is also a public policy organization that represents the governors on Capitol Hill and before the U.S. Administration on federal issues that affect them, and that develops and implements solutions to public policy challenges. More information about the NGA can be found at: [www.nga.org](http://www.nga.org).

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