

**Overview:**

Alana DeLong, MLA Calgary-Bow participated in Boise, Idaho's Canada Days annual event April 6-9. The annual Canada Week event covers a host of issues and topics related to Canada.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives as outlined below.

**Mission Objectives:**

The visit allowed Alberta to:

- Profile the province to Idaho legislators, municipal leaders and local citizens.
- Explore areas of mutual interest and opportunities to enhance cooperation between the two jurisdictions.
- Share that Alberta is a resourceful, responsible energy producer and that the province is a strong supporter of greater economic cooperation between the two jurisdictions.

**Results:**

The mission allowed MLA DeLong the opportunity to network with legislators, and local leaders, to discuss regional and current issues of the day such as energy, climate change, and the world financial crisis. It also provided opportunities to explore areas of mutual interest and opportunities to enhance cooperation.

MLA DeLong represented Alberta at a Seattle Consulate General of Canada Reception where she made a presentation on Alberta's role as a resourceful, responsible energy producer. She also highlighted that the province is a strong supporter of greater economic cooperation in the region.

On April 8, MLA DeLong participated in a panel titled "Legislative Power and Responsibilities in the US & Canada: Comparing Possible Actions in a Time of Economic Crisis." The panel was comprised of Idaho and Alberta Legislators, along with panelists from Boise State University to discuss the roles of provincial and state legislatures. The panel explored the tools and resources legislatures in both jurisdictions use to withstand the current economic downturn, such as budgetary measures and stimulus packages.

**Delegation:**

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