

**Final Report**  
**Mission to PNWER State Capitals**  
**January 2009**



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**Overview:**

Alberta's legislative delegation to this year's PNWER State Capital Visits included MLAs Len Mitzel and Kyle Fawcett. The visits coincided with the Legislative sessions of each state to observe the US legislative process as well as meet with various committees, such as energy, transportation, and economic development.

Len Mitzel, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat, represented Alberta in Helena, Montana (January 7-9); Boise, Idaho (January 11-13); and Juneau, Alaska (January 21-23). Mitzel serves as the chair of Alberta's PNWER delegate council. Kyle Fawcett, MLA for Calgary-North Hill, represented Alberta in Salem, Oregon, (January 13-15) and Olympia, Washington, January (15-16).

**Mission Objectives:**

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives below:

- Profile the province to legislators in each state;
- Explore areas of mutual interest and opportunities to enhance cooperation in the region; and
- Share that Alberta is a resourceful, responsible energy producer and that the province is a strong supporter of greater economic cooperation in the Pacific Northwest.

**Results:**

The visits allowed Alberta MLAs the opportunity to network with US state legislators to discuss regional and current issues such as the world financial crisis and its impact across the PNWER region. The visit also allowed Alberta to explore areas of mutual interest and opportunities to enhance cooperation.

**Delegation:**

Leonard Mitzel, MLA Cypress-Medicine Hat  
Kyle Fawcett, MLA Calgary-North Hill