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Governor Bill Richardson to Attend National Governor's Association Winter Meeting in Washington

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson will attend the National Governor's Association Winter Meeting in Washington D.C. beginning Saturday, Feb. 25.

The NGA's Winter Meeting includes four days of meetings at the JW Marriott Hotel. More than 45 governors are expected to participate in the meeting, which will include discussions with the President, members of the Administration, business executives and other experts for discussions on a host of issues and challenges facing states.

Improving the health of Americans is the key topic on the governors' meeting agenda this year. In addition, governors will explore global economic competitiveness, international education, Medicaid reform and emerging energy technologies during the four standing committee sessions: Economic Development and Commerce; Education, Early Childhood and Workforce; Health and Human Services; and Natural Resources. All four committees will meet Monday, Feb. 27.

On Sunday night, governors and their spouses will travel to the White House for a black-tie evening with President and Mrs. Bush. The following day, governors will return to the White House for meetings with the president and members of his cabinet regarding many of the critical issues topping the legislative agenda during the current Congress.

The winter meeting will conclude with a final plenary session Tuesday morning, February 28, featuring a keynote address by the Honorable William J. Clinton.

While in Washington, Governor Richardson will also attend a number of Democratic Governor's Association events. Governor Richardson currently serves as Chairman of the DGA. Events include:

Saturday, February 25:

What: News conference to unveil 2006 Democratic initiative and preview upcoming meeting with President Bush

When: 1:00 p.m. (sharp)

Set-up begins at 12:15

Where: Capitol Hilton—1001 16th Street NW, Washington, DC
Senate Room

Tuesday, February 28:

When: 8:30 a.m.

What: Press breakfast to discuss energy

Where: Center for American Progress (1333 H Street NW—10th Floor)

RSVP through Center for American Progress required.

Governor Richardson will return to New Mexico Tuesday. Governor Richardson's travel is being paid for by the DGA.

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