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NCSL APPROVES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY AT ANNUAL MEETING

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) adopted a number of policy resolutions that will guide the organization's lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C. The legislators debated and voted on resolutions during the annual business session of the meeting, which was held in Reno, Nevada, July 24-29.

Environmental policies on solid waste management, the abandoned mined land program, and recreation and park resources were approved at the meeting.

The comprehensive solid waste management policy contains specific proposals that: 1) urge Congress to stimulate recycling and source reduction and to develop comprehensive solid waste management plans and programs; 2) urge the EPA to significantly increase technical assistance to state and local governments in developing comprehensive source reduction, reuse and recycling programs while fully recognizing the primacy of state and local governments in solid waste management; and 3) emphasize that tax and financial incentives should be developed to stimulate source reduction, reuse and recycling programs.

In another resolution, delegates urge Congress to adopt a policy calling for release of federal funds from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program to ensure that states can continue their programs to eliminate hazards to the public health, safety, and environment caused by abandoned mines.

The recreation and park resources policy encourages Congress and the Executive Branch to take action to adequately fund a grant program that can be used to establish and maintain a nationwide system of parks, recreational areas and historic sites.

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