

AGENDA

January 28, 2004

1:15 pm **Welcome**

Opening Keynote

Shirley Neeley

Texas Commissioner of Education

1:30 pm **Taxing Texans**

The Honorable Kent Grusendorf, moderator

The Honorable Carl Isett

Caroline Hoxby, *Harvard University*

Dick Lavine, *Center for Public Policy Priorities*

Grover Norquist, *Americans for Tax Reform*

3:15 pm **Public Education Spending**

The Honorable Talmadge Heflin, moderator

Eric Hanushek, *Hoover Institution*

Harrison Keller, *Office of the Speaker*

Drew Scheberle, *Texas Business and Education Coalition*

Richard Vedder, *Ohio University*

4:45 pm **Choice in Education?**

The Honorable Glenn Lewis, moderator

Catherine Clark, *Texas Association of School Boards*

Caroline Hoxby, *Harvard University*

Paul Peterson, *Hoover Institution*

6:00 pm **Unveiling the Texas Tax Model**

David Tuerck, *Beacon Hill Institute*

6:15 pm **Reception**

7:00 pm **Dinner**

Keynote Address

The Honorable David Dewhurst

Lieutenant Governor of Texas

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7:15 am **Breakfast**

Keynote Address

The Honorable Maurice McTigue

Former Member of New Zealand Parliament

8:30 am **Water for the 21st Century**

The Honorable Jerry Patterson, moderator

The Honorable Frank Madla

The Honorable Robert Puente

The Honorable J.E. "Buster" Brown

Milton Holloway, *Resource Economics, Inc.*

10:00 am **Controlling Health Care Costs**

The Honorable Dianne White Delisi, moderator

The Honorable Susan Combs

Chris Britton, *Employee Partners*

Anne Dunkelberg, *Center for Public Policy Priorities*

Haavi Morreim, *University of Tennessee*

11:30 am

Concurrent Panels

Telecommunications: Speaking to the Future

The Honorable Phil King, moderator

Raymond Gifford, *Progress & Freedom Foundation*

Bruce Fein, *Fein & Fein*

Adam Thierer, *Cato Institute*

(11:30 cont.)

Next Steps for Insurance

The Honorable Gene Seaman, moderator

The Honorable Larry Taylor

Patrick Brockett, *University of Texas*

José Montemayor, *Texas Commissioner of Insurance*

12:30 pm **Luncheon**

Keynote Address

The Honorable Rick Perry

Governor of Texas

1:45 pm

Concurrent Panels

Transportation: Containing Congestion

The Honorable Mike Krusee, moderator

Wendell Cox, *Public Purpose*

Shirley Ybarra, *Former Secretary, Virginia DoT*

Asbestos and Its Impact on Texas

The Honorable Kyle Janek, moderator

The Honorable Bill Keffer

Ed Pickle, *Shell Oil Company*

Kay Andrews, *Brown McCarroll, LLP*

3:00 pm **Conclusion**