

Preliminary Program

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 am - 10:00 am Registration

10:00 am - 12 Noon GENERAL SESSION

Opening remarks: Honorable Farris Bryant, Chairman
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

Organizing State Legislatures for Effective Operation
in the Federal System

(What is the role of the legislative branch? To identify emerging problems, conduct research and develop solutions or simply to review and pass judgment on the proposals of others. How may legislatures be strengthened? Remove limits on length and frequency of sessions? Provide adequate staff during sessions? During interims? Revise procedures? Provide adequate pay? Utilize automated information systems? Improve public understanding of the legislative process? etc.)

Program suggestions:

(A 15 minute presentation by Chancellor Heard who edited the background volume used in the recent American Assembly meetings on State legislatures, outlining the nature and extent of the organizational and operational problems facing State legislatures. This to be followed by a panel of State legislative leaders, perhaps the 3 State legislators who are members of the Commission.)

12:15 pm

LUNCHEON SESSION
(Speaker to be announced)

Program suggestions:

(An address by Attorney General Ramsey Clark on
law enforcement ~~in~~ the administration of justice.)

2:00 - 4:30 pm

GENERAL SESSION

Federal-State Legislative Relationships

(How may a closer working relationship be developed
between the State legislatures and the Congress?
How may State legislatures keep abreast of proposals
before Congress? What are the crucial points in the Con-
gressional law-making process? What sources of informa-
tion are available to State legislatures? How may the
State legislatures make their views known to Congress
on pending matters?)

Program suggestions:

(A 15 minute presentation by Senator Mansfield and
Representative Ford, followed by general discussion
led by a panel drawn from the Congressional members
of ACIR.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 am - 12:15 pm

GENERAL SESSION

Revenue Sharing

(What are the pros and cons of the several revenue
sharing proposals? What is their impact likely to
be on State revenue systems and expenditure policies?
What are the prospects for the enactment of such
proposals?)

Program suggestions:

(Presentations by Joseph Pechman and Representative
Curtis, followed by general discussion.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 (Continued)

Impact on the State Legislative Process of Federal
Grants-in-aid

(How may State legislatures equip themselves to meet the problems posed by grant programs? To coordinate grant program fiscal requirements and the State fiscal cycle? To provide adequate time and staff to analyze programs and determine degree of State participation? To assure proper oversight of federally assisted State activities? etc.)

Program suggestions:

(Presentations by a State Budget Officer--Bill Cobb of Texas or Norman Hurd of New York, a State legislative fiscal analyst such as Alan Post of California and a knowledgeable Federal official, perhaps someone from BOB.)

12:30 pm

CLOSING LUNCHEON SESSION
(Speaker to be announced)

Program Suggestions:

(The Vice President. Preliminary inquiries indicate that he will be available.)

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