



GREETINGS FROM THE SUMMIT CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR:

Thank you for your interest in the Senate Hispanic Leadership Summit on September 27-28, 2005, in Washington, D.C. We were pleased to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with so many dedicated and talented individuals like you. Hispanics continue to positively influence communities across the United States, and the Summit provided a forum for the exchange of your concerns and ideas.



U.S. Senate Majority Leader William H. Frist, M.D., U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona, and SBA Administrator Hector Barreto attend the Welcome Reception.

With the active participation of many outstanding community and business leaders, the Summit generated a constructive dialogue with approximately 400 attendees from 35 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. We were honored to have U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez as our keynote speaker.

Other inspiring speakers included VADM Richard Carmona, U.S. Surgeon General; Hector Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration; U.S. Senators Pete Domenici, Orrin Hatch, and Jon Kyl; U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, and Dr. Antonia Novella, Commissioner, New York State Department of Health.



State and regional delegations assemble at the networking lunch.



U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez and U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX) and Mel Martinez (FL) lead the business program.

We heard your comments and suggestions at the Summit, and the evaluation forms you completed will help us improve our future efforts. On page 2, we have listed your top legislative priorities with some of your written ideas from the Summit evaluations. Photographs from Tuesday evening's Welcome Reception on Capitol Hill appear on page 3. For additional photos from the Summit, please visit <http://hutchison.senate.gov> where you may download pictures.



U.S. Senators Orrin Hatch (UT) and Pete Domenici (NM) update attendees during the issue sessions.

Thank you again for your feedback and for the opportunity to work together. We will keep you informed about future events and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Kay Bailey Hutchison

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Summit Chair

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Summit Co-Chair

POLICY SURVEY AND EVALUATION RESULTS

Thank you to those attendees who completed the Summit evaluation and the policy questionnaire. Your feedback is an invaluable tool in helping us refine the agenda and goals for future Summits.



SBA Administrator Hector Barreto makes opening remarks during the Economic Growth panel. He is joined by Alan Castillo, President of Castillo Technologies, and panel moderator Massey Villarreal, President of Precision Task Group.

Based on evaluations completed to date, the top five issues of importance to you are:

1. Education Improvements
2. Immigration Reform
3. Defense/War on Terror
4. Economic Growth/Job Creation
5. Health Care Access/Affordability



Kathleen Leos, Associate Assistant Deputy Secretary, and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of English Language Acquisition, U.S. Department of Education, takes audience Q & A during the Education panel.

Some of your suggestions for addressing these issues were:

- “Evaluate and quantify the value and impact of educated immigrants and continue to put as many resources in that regard as placed on defense and economic development.”
- “Make immigration reform, with a realistic, reasonable and humane policy, a priority.”
- “Provide funds to ongoing military operations; support U.S. troops.”
- “Issue long term ‘War Bonds’ sold to the average citizen.”
- “Less tax, more help for small businesses. At present, there are too many overburdening regulations that small business can ill afford.”
- “Create a government fund to be the health insurer of last resort. Force insurance companies to be more competitive and sell basic health coverage.”



U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Richard Carmona, makes opening remarks on the Health Care panel along with Dr. Antonio Novella, Commissioner, New York State Department of Health, and Harris County Hospital District President David Lopez.



U.S. Senator Jon Kyl (AZ) opens the Immigration Reform panel with Michael Barrera, President and CEO, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, José Gómez, Senior Director of Diversity, Chili's Grill & Bar, and Prakash Khatri, Ombudsman, Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

CAPITOL HILL WELCOME RECEPTION



U.S. Senate Majority Leader William H. Frist, M.D. (TN) greets Raul de Arriz and another Summit attendee.



U.S. Senator Mike Crapo (ID) chats with participants.



U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee (RI) welcomes Cristina Llusia and Miryam Miguel.



U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson (GA) visits with Miguel Candelaria and Josefa Sanchez.



U.S. Senator Larry Craig (ID) speaks with Heladio Zavala and another community leader.



U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander (TN) joins Marisol Jimenez and Sonia Sasse.



U.S. Senator John Ensign (NV) meets Evelia Gonzalez Porto.



U.S. Senator Richard Burr (NC) greets U.S. Representative Pete Sessions (TX) and Norma Alvarez.



U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss (GA) confers with Jaime Cuneo.

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