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New Hampshire Legislators Help Mark Historic 50th Anniversary of NCSL

Concord, NH — New Hampshire lawmakers and staff proudly joined fellow leaders from across the country at the 2025 National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Legislative Summit, held August 4–6 in Boston, Massachusetts. And what a celebration it was!

This year marked NCSL's 50th anniversary, and the summit broke attendance records with over 9,000 participants—making it the largest in the organization's history. It also drew the highest number of legislators from across the country ever to attend an NCSL event. New Hampshire played a starring role, sending the largest delegation of staff and legislators we've ever had at a summit. Our presence was strong, engaged, and deeply involved in shaping the future of state legislatures nationwide.

One of the highlights? Former New Hampshire House Speakers George Roberts and Terie Norelli were honored on the national stage, recognized among a select group of past NCSL Presidents. Their leadership continues to inspire, and it was a proud moment to see them celebrated for their service not just to our state, but to the entire country through NCSL.

The summit also marked the conclusion of three years of outstanding service on the NCSL Executive Committees by Speaker Sherman Packard and House Clerk Paul Smith. Both brought New Hampshire values, perspective, and leadership to the national table, and we thank them for their dedication and representation.

Continuing our strong tradition of leadership at the national level, Speaker Pro Tempore Jim Kofalt was selected to serve on the NCSL Executive Committee—ensuring New Hampshire remains a key voice in guiding NCSL’s mission.

Several delegation members participated as panelists on a wide range of topics. From the best legislative practices to policy innovations, Granite Staters were actively contributing to national conversations.

During the business meeting, NCSL member states voted to adopt a resolution brought forward by New Hampshire legislators on electromagnetic pulses and solar flares—an important and forward-thinking policy achievement!

Reflecting on the summit, Speaker Sherman Packard offered, “We couldn’t be prouder of our team and the impact they had at this year’s summit. The event provided an exceptional opportunity for professional development, policy collaboration, and celebrating 50 years of legislative excellence—and New Hampshire made its mark every step of the way.”

Background: NCSL serves as the voice of state legislatures across the U.S., territories, and commonwealths. Its mission is to strengthen legislative institutions through research, education, and collaboration. This 50th Anniversary Summit was a milestone moment—and Boston proved to be a perfect host for this historic celebration. Here’s to the next 50 years—and to New Hampshire continuing to lead the way!

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