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House makes drastic cuts to rural development funds

By **ERIK JOHNSTON**
ASSOCIATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

The House has approved a significantly scaled-back FY12 agriculture spending bill with discretionary funding levels pegged at 13 percent (\$17.25 billion) below the FY11 level of \$19.92 billion. The bill provides \$2.1 billion for rural development programs, a 14 percent decrease of \$338 million from last year's level. This level of funding is \$876 million or 30 percent less than the NACo-supported FY10 level of \$2.96 billion.

The cuts to USDA rural development programs would severely hamper the economic develop-

ment efforts of rural counties.

In earlier committee action on the bill, the committee report language denied authorization for the NACo-supported Regional Innovation Initiative, which would give USDA the ability to target 5 percent of several rural development programs towards locally led priority projects of rural regions.

An amendment by Rep. Jim

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Role-reversal: Indian tribes help other governments

By **CHARLES TAYLOR**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Queen of Hearts turned out to be a lucky card for the Snohomish County, Wash. Sheriff's Office when it recently led to an arrest in a 1979 homicide case. Someone recognized a picture of Susan Schwarz, the victim, on a "cold case" playing card — decks of which are distributed to jails and prisons in the state — and tipped off police to a suspect.

But rather than thanking luck, Det. Joe Scharf is expressing gratitude to the people who — twice — purchased 5,000 decks of the cards for his office: The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians. Unable to afford the \$6,850 cards, the Sheriff's Office asked the Stillaguamish for help four years ago, and again last year.

"We're very grateful to them that they were willing to team up with us on this project, and it's paid off enormously," Scharf said. "We wouldn't have done

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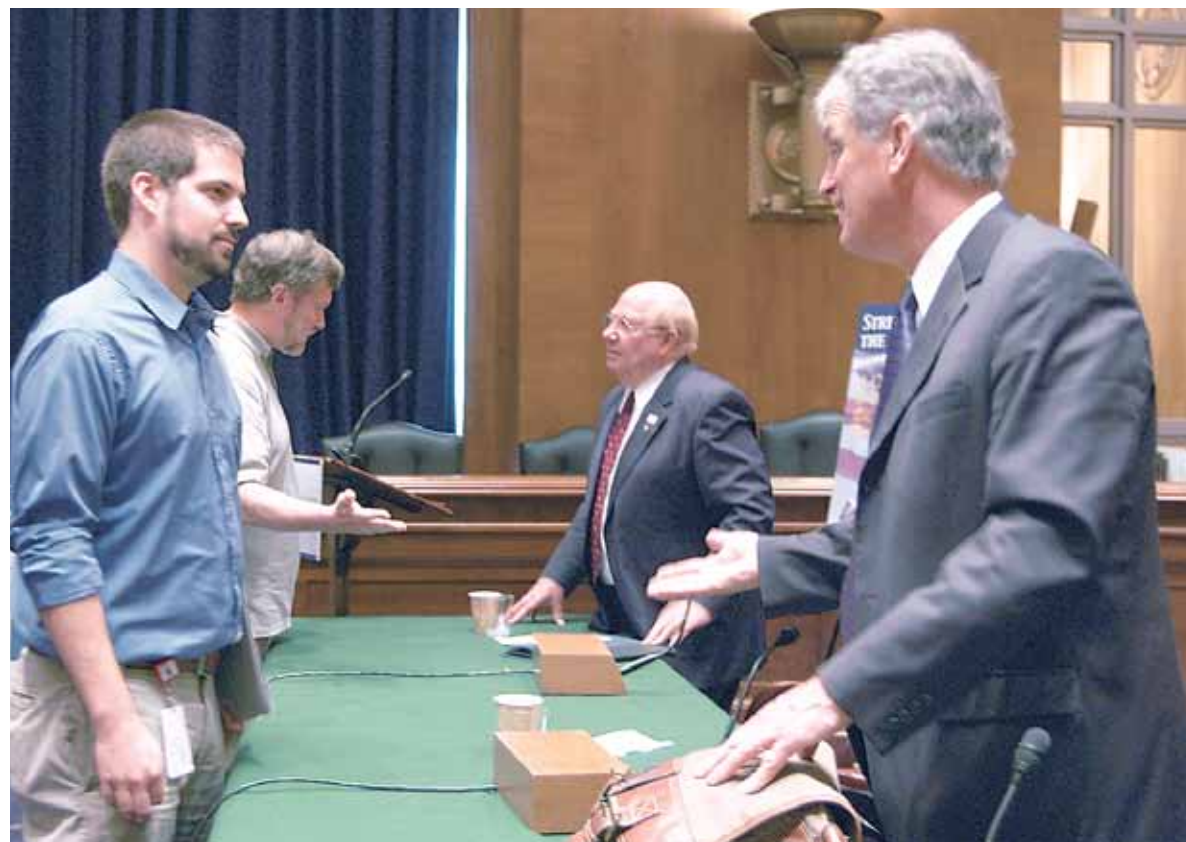


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Congressional staffers (l) discuss transportation policy with NACo's Transportation Steering Committee Chair Leo Bowman, (r-rear) and Vice Chair Peter McLaughlin. Bowman, Benton County, Wash. commissioner, and McLaughlin, Hennepin County, Minn. commissioner, along with Dan Fedderly, Dunn County, Wis. Transit Committee chair, briefed Hill staffers on NACo's transportation policy at a NACo-sponsored Strengthening the Partnership event June 10 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

By **ROBERT FOGEL**
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Passing multi-year highway-transit and aviation reauthorization bills has been a NACo priority for the last several years. However, after numerous short-term extensions in both programs, getting a bill to the president continues to be an elusive goal.

Let's start with the highway-transit bill, known as the federal surface transportation program or SAFETEA-LU. Since the program expired in September 2009, there have been seven short-term extensions, the latest of which expires on Sept. 30. Much of the discussion has been about funding and the ranges of options are very broad.

The House is rumored to be preparing a six-year bill totaling \$219 billion. This assumes no increase in

the gas tax and limits spending to current Highway Trust Fund revenues. It would also mean a substantial reduction from the current program, which has funded the program at \$286 billion over six years, another benchmark.

Several weeks ago in the Senate, the bipartisan leadership of the Environment and Public Works Committee announced support for a \$339 billion program but without many details of how these funds would be spent or the structure of the program.

The figure is based on current funding plus inflation but lacks details about how they propose to raise the estimated \$15 billion annually in new revenue needed to get to \$339 billion.

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Senate Commerce Committee backs D-block reallocation

By **JEFF ARNOLD**
DEPUTY LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Public safety communications networks got a boost in the Senate recently when, by a bipartisan vote of 21–4, the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved S. 911, the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act. It would reallocate the 700 megahertz (mHz) D-Block spectrum for public safety and create a mechanism for funding a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. NACo strongly endorsed this legislation, along with other associations representing local and state governments, and the public safety community.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W. Va.), the committee's chairman, said, "Today's vote and the strong endorsement of the public safety network get us closer to our goal — making things safer for

Americans and first responders.

"I strongly encourage my colleagues in the House to also move forward with this legislation so that we can sign it into law by September, the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks."

The act would:

- allocate 10 mHz of spectrum, known as the "D-block," to public safety
- establish a framework for the deployment of a nationwide, interoperable, wireless broadband network for public safety
- direct the FCC to establish standards that allow public safety officials, when not using the network, to lease capacity on a secondary, but preemptible basis to non-public safety entities
- provide the FCC with incentive auction authority, which allows existing spectrum licensees to voluntarily relinquish their airwaves in exchange for a portion of the proceeds of the commercial auction of their spectrum. (This

provides new incentives for efficient use of spectrum. In addition, the funds from these incentive auctions, in conjunction with funds from the auction of other specified spectrum bands — plus funds earned from leasing the public safety network on a secondary basis — will be used to fund the construction and maintenance of the nationwide, interoperable, wireless broadband public safety network.)

- direct the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct cutting edge research into transformative wireless technologies, and

- direct surplus revenue from spectrum auctions, estimated to be more than \$10 billion, to the U.S. Treasury for deficit reduction.

NACo will continue to work to get this legislation passed in Congress before the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Amendment would curb some crop subsidies

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Moran (D-Va.) to continue defunding inspections of horses to be sent for slaughter for human consumption, which won with narrow support in the committee, survived the full House vote. Its passage means commercial horse slaughter will remain illegal in the United States.

However, two amendments that surprisingly passed in the committee did not survive the full House vote. Both had been offered by Rep. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.). One amendment would have banned payment of crop subsidies to anyone making more than \$250,000 per year.

Another Flake amendment that was ruled out of order before the full vote would have shifted more than \$140 million in cotton subsidies from U.S. farmers to pay for a World Trade Organization dispute with Brazil.

The focus now shifts to the

Senate, where grassroots action is needed to remind senators about the importance of rural development programs.

White House Rural Council

On June 9, the White House announced the establishment of the first White House Rural Council. The council will coordinate programs across government agencies to encourage public-private partnerships that promote economic prosperity and quality of life in rural communities.

Chaired by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, the council will provide recommendations for investment in rural areas and will coordinate federal engagement with a variety of rural stakeholders, including agricultural organizations, small businesses, and state, local and tribal governments.

Vilsack has promised to seek input from rural counties as the administration moves forward with the council, which will include regional roundtables.

County commissioner imbeds in workplaces

By **CHARLIE BAN**
STAFF WRITER

Fans of the international television franchise "Undercover Boss" can find a Way-Off-Broadway production in Miami-Dade County, Fla.

There, Commissioner Lynda Bell stars in what could be called "Imbedded Boss," stopping in various businesses and agencies for a day each month as part of her work day program. She recently spent a day answering residents' calls and complaints to the county's 3-1-1 Answer Center. She began her term as a county commissioner this year.

Bell started off by shadowing a call specialist for a few calls, until she was ready to take the reins.

"Thank you for calling Miami-Dade County 3-1-1, this is Commissioner Lynda Bell," she said to each caller, provoking some surprise and laughter. She took care of requests ranging from bulk trash pickup appointments to requests for bus route information. One of her district constituents called to complain about a neighbor's unsightly front yard, and she referred the case to the local neighborhood code enforcement office.

"You can't know what a business or agency goes through until you experience a day in their

operations," she said. "This is an important way to understand what I as a commissioner will be regulating or funding."

She saw a rebuttal to the complaints she heard that county government work is inefficient.

"I couldn't even take a breath between calls," she said. "There's no wasted time there."

Bell, who started the work day program while serving as councilwoman and the first female mayor of the city of Homestead, identifies herself as an experiential learner. She took her staff on a day-long van tour of her county district to be sure they were all on the same page for certain projects, and has made two similar tours of the county's parks.

Bell has also done shifts at a pediatric care facility and a deli. She said she was recognized a lot more during her shift at Lots of Lox.

"The reaction people have to seeing a county commissioner serve them bagels is priceless," she said.

This isn't just a field trip, though. She feels that her experiences, even for a day, will be valuable when considering the consequences of county legislation that will affect businesses. She is also coming out with an appreciation for her



Photo courtesy of Miami-Dade County, Fla.

Miami-Dade County, Fla. Commissioner Lynda Bell (r) shadows Senior Call Specialist Stephanie Katz during Bell's "work day" at the county's 3-1-1 Answer Center.

constituents' work ethic and said her experience will help bridge the disconnect between politicians and the rest of the working public.

"I was impressed with the amount of care each employee put into his or her work," she said. "They take pride in providing service, whether it is taking a complaint, serving lunch or treating a baby with a rare illness."

Her tour of local offices will take a brief hiatus this summer

while Bell recovers from major foot surgery, but she might adapt that challenge into a new pursuit. "It might be an opportunity to see how well our county complies with Americans with Disabilities Act regulations," she mused.

Her work days did not, however, include a shift at a crisis hotline the day after the Miami Heat lost in the NBA finals in early June.

"I'd be calling in myself," she said with a wistful laugh.

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Major differences remain in House, Senate aviation bills

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administration. Its surface transportation proposal recommends \$556 billion over six years, including \$336 billion for highways and bridges, \$119 billion for transit; \$53 billion for high-speed rail and \$30 billion for a national infrastructure bank. Again, no details on how this proposal would be financed.

In recent weeks, NACo has been active on several issues. NACo rallied support for a "Dear Colleague" letter supporting the off-system bridge program authored by Reps. Sam Graves (R-Mo.) and Tim Holden (D-Pa.) that garnered 18 signatures in the House. NACo also wrote a letter, which was signed by the National League of Cities, National Association of Regional Councils and the National Association of Development Organizations sent to the leadership and members of the House and Senate transportation committees, opposing any efforts to eliminate MPOs (metropolitan planning organizations) in regions of between 50,000–200,000, something that is rumored to be under consideration.

Both the House and Senate

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committees with major jurisdiction over this legislation have indicated that legislative proposals will be forthcoming very soon. However, even if these drafts are produced in the near future, many expect them to have details about program structure.

But they may not include funding distribution formulas for the highway and transit programs, and will likely not include specific details about how the programs will be financed, an issue the House and Senate tax-writing committees will decide. For many members of Congress, program structure means little and formulas for funding distribution are what

they look at along with proposals to raise revenue.

The aviation bill has made more progress, and both the House and Senate have passed bills (note: they both passed bills in the last Congress as well with no compromise reached). However, progress is a relative term since the program is on its 19th extension since the program expired on Sept. 30, 2007, this time through June 30.

While the congressional committees with jurisdiction over the aviation legislation have been trying to resolve differences between the two bills, major differences remain, including several provisions that could be very difficult to resolve. The Senate bill is for two years, the House bill is for four. The House bill cuts funding for Essential Air Service and eliminates the program in FY14, while the Senate bill continues EAS but eliminates a number of airports with low enplanements and some that are within 90 miles of a larger commercial airport. The Senate increases Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding to \$4.2 billion annually while the House cuts it to \$3.1 billion.

The House bill includes a provision opposed by labor that overturns a National Mediation Board ruling regarding how some union election votes are counted. This provision is strongly opposed by the Senate leadership, and President Obama has suggested he would veto any bill that overturned the board ruling.

It's hard to predict when a final compromise will occur, and it is likely that some members of Congress would prefer continuing the aviation program through more short-term extensions rather than see EAS eliminated, the AIP cut dramatically and the Mediation Board ruling reversed.

The long-term outlook on these

two bills is unclear, to say the least. Some analysts think that if the Senate and House cannot agree on an aviation bill, whose funding levels and distribution formulas are not tremendously contentious and whose overall political visibility is somewhat low, how can Congress ever reach consensus on a highway-transit bill that has much more at stake.

What most observers of these two bills agree on is that substantial progress needs to be made in 2011 because once the presidential and congressional campaigning starts heating up in 2012, transportation legislation will face even more daunting prospects.

In Case You Missed It ...

News to Use from Past County News

► NACo Board freezes dues for 2012

The NACo Board of Directors meeting at the Western Interstate Region Conference in Chelan County Wash. on May 19 approved a dues freeze for 2012. Understanding the harsh economic times for counties, the NACo Board voted to keep dues at the current level for 2012. The dues freeze was recommended by the Financial Committee. This will be the fifth year that dues have not increased.

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Incentive program helps create jobs for small businesses

By Christopher Johnson
Editorial Assistant

In this tough economic climate, counties are looking for ways to help jumpstart job creation with little cost.

Hillsborough County, Fla. began its small business reimbursement incentive program in March. The program promotes job creation by offering a wage reimbursement to small business owners. The county of 1.2 million is part of the Tampa metropolitan area.

The program reimburses small businesses up to 50 percent of three months' total salary of new jobs created, capped at \$3,900 per new employee. County officials estimate that the program will encourage the creation of approximately 200 jobs annually, offering a total of \$500,000 to local small business owners.

"Hillsborough County needs to grow its economic base and improve the opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs within the region," said Commissioner Sandra L. Murman. "This initiative will have a real impact on the opportunities for local growth in the small business sector."

Economic development officials estimate that 70 percent of the Hillsborough County work force is employed in small business. Murman did some brainstorming with those officials and crafted something that is deliberately simple but also limited in nature.

They identified \$500,000 that had been set aside in a pool for industry promotion that would fund the program. To qualify, small business owners would have to attend a minimum of four hours of business workshops or counseling sessions and meet specific requirements such as having 10 or fewer employees; new jobs must be full-time and continue the required three-month employment period; new employees must be residents of Hillsborough County and businesses must be located in Hillsborough County; and capping reimbursements at three created jobs.

As of June 16, the incentive program has received applications for 63 new employees from 37 businesses.

"That's the equivalent of a major corporation coming to town," added Murman. "It's a win-win for the county and small businesses."

Now that the county has a successful small business program, the city of Tampa is reaching out for help to create a similar program.

For additional information, contact Hillsborough County's Small, Minority Business Development Section at 813.914.4028.

Prosecutor went 'begging' to Stillaguamish Tribe for financial help

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this if we couldn't have gotten funding from an outside source."

Shawn Yanity, chairman of the Stillaguamish Tribal Council, said, "What we see there as a value is bringing closure to somebody's life. And as a government, helping out another government make a difference, solve one of these cases."

After hundreds of years on the receiving end of government help, some Native American tribes across the country are flexing their economic muscles as donors of government largesse, not recipients.

Joseph Kalt co-directs the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. He said many tribes that are flourishing economically can credit gaming revenues from casinos, and most are located near major metropolitan areas — Seattle, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Los Angeles, San Diego and Minneapolis, among others.

And he thinks their philanthropic motives are pure.

"It's not a cynical thing on the part of the tribe of 'let's just get some good public relations out of this;' rather, I think tribes are quite sincere in wanting to be good neighbors," he said.

In Snohomish County, the Sheriff's Office was not alone in



Courtesy of Stillaguamish Tribal Gaming Administration

The Angel of the Winds Casino, run by the Stillaguamish Tribe, has helped fuel tribal philanthropy benefiting Snohomish County, Wash.

benefiting from the Stillaguamish. County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Roe went to the tribe last year, "hat in hand," seeking funding to hire a District Court prosecutor. He asked the tribe for \$86,000 to keep from having to eliminate another position — after downsizing from 12 to eight prosecutors since 2009 because of budget cuts.

"They're a big part of our local community here in Snohomish County," Roe said of the Stillaguamish, a tribe with just 281

registered members but which employs more than twice that number, about 600 people. "They want to help. And knowing that, I just went begging." He'll ask again next year, if conditions don't improve. The Tulalip Tribe also has assisted his office, he said.

As with the cold case cards, the Stillaguamish — which operate the Angel of the Winds Casino in Arlington, Wash., in the county — were more than happy to help.

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Profiles in Service



» Debbie Stoutamire

NACo
Human Resources Director

- Number of years at NACo:** 3
- Education:** MBA, Ph.D.
- The hardest thing I've ever done:** watch my daughter leave for college and realize that she doesn't need me as much
- Three people (living or dead) I'd invite to dinner:** Nelson Mandela, Bill Cosby and Oprah Winfrey
- A dream I have is to:** hit the lottery.
- You'd be surprised to learn that I:** like to roller skate.
- The most adventurous thing I've ever done is:** travel to Mexico alone.
- My favorite way to relax is:** read and hand or line dancing.
- I'm most proud of:** my children and grandchildren.
- Every morning I read:** *The Washington Post*.
- My favorite meal is:** lunch.
- My pet peeve is:** when people don't plan accordingly, yet they expect me to rush.
- My motto is:** "It doesn't cost anything to be nice."
- The last book I read was:** *Henrietta Lacks*.
- My favorite movie is:** *Gone with the Wind*.
- My favorite music is:** Jazz — Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn and Nat King Cole, etc.
- My favorite president is:** I don't have a favorite. They're all great in some way.

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Some tribes prosper as others remain mired in poverty

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Arlington is about an hour north of Seattle.

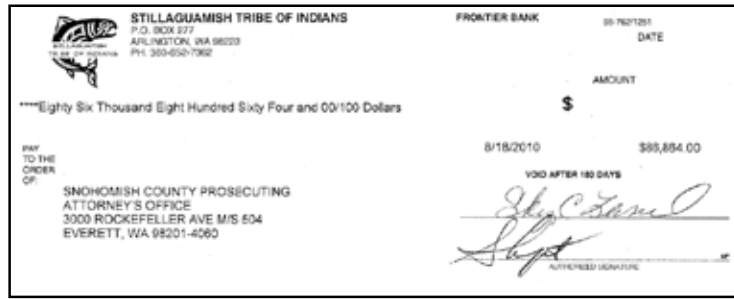
"That's what we promised to do almost 10 years ago when we started to grow economically, and that's what we're going to continue to do," Yanity said.

Not all tribes have been so fortunate. On the whole, Native Americans remain the poorest minority group in the nation. The poverty rate among Indian people is 25.9 percent, compared to the national rate of 11.3 percent, according to *Tribal Philanthropy in Arizona*, a 2010 report.

For those whose economies are strong, Kalt said tribes' helping state and local governments is "a very common process," which occurs formally and informally in three primary ways.

First, the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) governs the type of gaming tribes can enter into, and the relationship between gaming tribes and their states, he said. Under IGRA, gaming tribes are required to enter into compacts that determine what payments the tribe will make to the state in lieu of taxes. Often, the tribes negotiate with their states, but payments go to towns, cities and counties.

Secondly, smaller tribes may also



Above is a facsimile of the check from the Stillaguamish Tribe that helped the Snohomish County, Wash. prosecutor fill a vacant position.

benefit neighboring local governments through direct payments for services such as "rent a sheriff," Kalt said. A tribe with a small police department might enter into a service agreement for the county to provide law enforcement to the tribe. The same is true of other municipal services a tribe might require, such as fire protection, road maintenance and waste disposal.

On the other hand, sometimes these arrangements run in the other direction, he added, and the tribe is the one with the solid waste disposal facility, selling services back to a county or city. Such is the case in Menominee County, Wis., whose boundaries are the same as the Menominee Nation's, and the county's 2010 population was 87.5 percent Native American. The tribe handles solid waste and recycling pickup for the county.

Kalt said the Stillaguamishes' charity falls into a third category: "voluntary contributions." "It's very common now for tribes to be making contributions to the United Way, to other local charitable organizations, and so forth," he said.

In Washington state, tribes like the Stillaguamish have focused much of their giving on police and public safety agencies, according to Yanity. He said his tribe has purchased thermal imaging cameras, a hovercraft, a rescue boat and a new Jaws of Life for police or fire departments.

For the Stillaguamish, Yanity said their desire to help begs the ongoing question: "How do we help out; how do we become a part of the solution instead of part of the problem? In some people's eyes, unfortunately, that's the way they see it: Tribe builds a casino, we're building a problem," he said.

Kalt sees a poignant irony in this reversal of roles. "It's a pride of saying, 'We're still here,' and in fact in this period in which tribes have been growing economically — not just

Tribes bolster economies of Wisconsin counties

In Wisconsin, the positive effects from Indian gaming "extend far beyond reservation or trust land borders," according to the February 2011 report, *Tribes of Wisconsin*, by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Intergovernmental Affairs.

There are 11 federally recognized tribes in the state, all of which have entered into compacts with the state to operate 23 casinos among them.

Nine tribes were the largest employers in 10 counties in the first quarter of 2010. According to the report, they are:

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Ashland County
- Forest County Potawatomi Community, Forest County
- Ho-Chunk Nation, Sauk and Jackson counties
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sawyer County
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Vilas County
- Menominee Nation, Menominee County
- Mohican Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Band, Shawano County
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Bayfield County
- St. Croix Band of Chippewa Indians, Burnett County

Tribes are also significant employers in Brown and Barron counties. The counties' non-Native American populations have also benefited from jobs in the gaming industry, often in rural and economically depressed areas. "Outside contracts generated from the gaming industry further fuel a positive economy. The tourism industry has also benefited substantially," the report stated.

the gaming tribes but non-gaming tribes as well — they finally have the resources that allow them to step out into the community in a way that isn't in the role as second-class citizen, which has been forced on tribes for so long in prior history."

Yet even with the relative prosperity of some tribes, Yanity said much work remains to be done before

Indian nations to reach their full potential.

"We're still not up to par; we're still not up to where we should be as nations that ceded... land for certain promises," he said. "But we're doing the best we can, and we still know part of that is getting along with our local communities... It's better to get along than it is to build fences."

What's in a Seal?

» Fresno County, Calif.

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Fresno County was formed in 1856 from parts of Mariposa, Merced and Tulare counties. The county is named after Fresno Creek. *Fresno* in Spanish signifies "ash tree," the creek's name, due to the abundance of mountain ash or ash trees in the county.

Residents brought irrigation, electricity and extensive agriculture to the area. Moses Church developed the first canals, called "Church Ditches," for irrigation. These canals transformed the barren desert of Fresno County into rich soil, thus enabling extensive wheat farming. Frances Eisen, leader of the wine industry in the county, also began the raisin industry in 1875, when he accidentally let some of his grapes dry on the vine. A.Y. Easterby and Clovis Cole (aka the "Wheat King of the Nation") developed extensive grain and cattle ranches.

The seal shows gears on the left, grapes on the right and an irrigation system that is helping water the crops as the sun rises over the mountains in the center. These symbols signify Fresno as one of the nation's leading agricultural regions.

(If you would like your county's seal featured, please contact Christopher Johnson at 202.942.4256 or cjohnson@naco.org.)



Photo by Erik Johnston

Donald Larson (l), commissioner, Brookings County, S.D., told a national forum that cuts in federal rural development programs would handcuff counties during a difficult period of declining local revenues and increased demand for public services. Larson, who chairs NACo's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee, spoke during a Farm Foundation national forum, "Rural Development in a Time of Fiscal Constraints," June 14 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

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NACo member counties elect officers, as well as vote on NACo policy positions and bylaws changes at the Annual Meeting. Following are the number of votes for each NACo member county, parish or borough. The list is current as of June 6, 2011.

As prescribed by NACo's bylaws, a county must be a member of NACo, current with NACo dues and have at least one paid registration to the NACo Annual Conference in order to vote. Questions can be directed to Ilene Manster, membership coordinator, at imanster@naco.org or toll-free 1.888.407.NACo (6226), ext. 291.

► Alabama	
Autauga County	2
Baldwin County	6
Barbour County	2
Bibb County	1
Blount County	2
Bullock County	1
Butler County	1
Calhoun County	5
Chambers County	2
Cherokee County	1
Chilton County	2
Choctaw County	1
Clarke County	2
Clay County	1
Cleburne County	1
Coffee County	2
Colbert County	3
Conecuh County	1
Coosa County	1
Covington County	2
Crenshaw County	1
Cullman County	4
Dale County	3
Dallas County	3
DeKalb County	3
Elmore County	3
Escambia County	2
Etowah County	5
Fayette County	1
Franklin County	2
Geneva County	2
Greene County	1
Hale County	1
Henry County	1
Houston County	4
Jackson County	3
Jefferson County	29
Lamar County	1
Lauderdale County	4
Lawrence County	2
Lee County	5
Limestone County	3
Lowndes County	1
Macon County	2
Madison County	12
Marengo County	1
Marion County	2
Marshall County	4
Mobile County	17
Monroe County	2
Montgomery County	10
Morgan County	5
Perry County	1
Pickens County	1
Pike County	2
Randolph County	1
Russell County	3
Shelby County	6
St. Clair County	3
Sumter County	1

Talladega County	4
Tallapoosa County	2
Tuscaloosa County	7
Walker County	3
Washington County	1
Wilcox County	1
Winston County	2
Total	216
► Alaska	
Aleutians East Borough	1
Anchorage Borough	11
Bristol Bay Borough	1
City and Borough of Juneau	2
City and Borough of Sitka	1
City and Borough of Wrangell	1
Denali Borough	1
Fairbanks North Star Borough	4
Haines Borough	1
Kenai Peninsula Borough	2
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	1
Kodiak Island Borough	1
Lake And Peninsula Borough	1
North Slope Borough	1
Northwest Arctic Borough	1
Skagway Borough	1
Total	31
► Arizona	
Apache County	3
Cochise County	5
Coconino County	5
Gila County	3
Graham County	2
Greenlee County	1
La Paz County	1
Maricopa County	91
Mohave County	6
Navajo County	4
Pima County	33
Pinal County	7
Santa Cruz County	2
Yavapai County	6
Yuma County	6
Total	175
► Arkansas	
Arkansas County	1
Ashley County	2
Baxter County	2
Benton County	6
Boone County	2
Bradley County	1
Calhoun County	1
Carroll County	1

Chicot County	1
Clark County	1
Clay County	1
Cleburne County	1
Cleveland County	1
Columbia County	2
Conway County	1
Craighead County	4
Crawford County	3
Crittenden County	3
Cross County	1
Dallas County	1
Desha County	1
Drew County	1
Faulkner County	4
Franklin County	1
Fulton County	1
Garland County	4
Grant County	1
Greene County	2
Hempstead County	1
Hot Spring County	2
Howard County	1
Independence County	2
Izard County	1
Jackson County	1
Jefferson County	4
Johnson County	1
Lafayette County	1
Lawrence County	1
Lee County	1
Lincoln County	1
Little River County	1
Logan County	1
Lonoke County	2
Madison County	1
Marion County	1
Miller County	2
Mississippi County	3
Monroe County	1
Montgomery County	1
Nevada County	1
Newton County	1
Ouachita County	2
Perry County	1
Phillips County	2
Pike County	1
Poinsett County	2
Polk County	1
Pope County	3
Prairie County	1
Pulaski County	16
Randolph County	1
Saline County	4
Scott County	1
Searcy County	1
Sebastian County	5
Sevier County	1
Sharp County	1
St. Francis County	2
Stone County	1
Union County	2
Van Buren County	1
Washington County	7
White County	3
Woodruff County	1
Yell County	1
Total	144
► California	
Alameda County	58
Alpine County	1

Amador County	2
Butte County	9
Calaveras County	2
Colusa County	1
Contra Costa County	38
Del Norte County	2
El Dorado County	7
Glenn County	2
Humboldt County	6
Inyo County	1
Kern County	27
Kings County	5
Lake County	3
Lassen County	2
Los Angeles County	112
Marin County	11
Mariposa County	1
Merced County	9
Mono County	1
Monterey County	16
Napa County	5
Orange County	91
Placer County	9
Plumas County	1
Riverside County	59
Sacramento County	49
San Benito County	2
San Bernardino County	68
San Diego County	91
San Francisco City and County	32
San Joaquin County	23
San Luis Obispo County	10
San Mateo County	30
Santa Barbara County	17
Santa Clara County	68
Santa Cruz County	11
Shasta County	7
Sierra County	1
Siskiyou County	2
Solano County	16
Sonoma County	19
Sutter County	4
Tehama County	3
Trinity County	1
Tulare County	15
Tuolumne County	3
Ventura County	31
Yolo County	7
Total	991
► Colorado	
Adams County	14
Alamosa County	1
Arapahoe County	20
Archuleta County	1
Baca County	1
Bent County	1
Boulder County	12
Broomfield City and County	2
Chaffee County	1
Cheyenne County	1
Clear Creek County	1
Conejos County	1
Costilla County	1
Crowley County	1
Custer County	1
Delta County	2
Denver City and County	23

Dolores County	1
Douglas County	5
Eagle County	2
El Paso County	21
Elbert County	1
Fremont County	2
Garfield County	2
Gilpin County	1
Grand County	1
Gunnison County	1
Hinsdale County	1
Huerfano County	1
Jackson County	1
Jefferson County	22
Kiowa County	1
Kit Carson County	1
La Plata County	2
Lake County	1
Larimer County	10
Las Animas County	1
Lincoln County	1
Logan County	1
Mesa County	5
Mineral County	1
Montezuma County	1
Montrose County	2
Morgan County	2
Otero County	1
Ouray County	1
Park County	1
Phillips County	1
Pitkin County	1
Prowers County	1
Pueblo County	6
Rio Blanco County	1
Rio Grande County	1
Routt County	1
Saguache County	1
San Juan County	1
San Miguel County	1
Sedgwick County	1
Summit County	1
Teller County	1
Washington County	1
Weld County	7
Yuma County	1
Total	205
► Delaware	
Kent County	6
New Castle County	21
Sussex County	6
Total	33
► District of Columbia	
District of Columbia	25
Total	25
► Florida	
Alachua County	9
Baker County	1
Bay County	7
Bradford County	2
Brevard County	20
Broward County	62
Calhoun County	1
Charlotte County	6
Citrus County	5
Clay County	6
Collier County	9
Columbia County	3

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DeSoto County	2
Dixie County	1
Duval County/City of Jacksonville	31
Escambia County	12
Flagler County	2
Franklin County	1
Gadsden County	2
Gilchrist County	1
Glades County	1
Gulf County	1
Hamilton County	1
Hardee County	2
Hendry County	2
Highlands County	4
Hillsborough County	39
Holmes County	1
Indian River County	5
Jackson County	2
Jefferson County	1
Lafayette County	1
Lake County	8
Lee County	17
Leon County	10
Levy County	2
Liberty County	1
Madison County	1
Manatee County	11
Marion County	10
Martin County	5
Miami-Dade County	90
Monroe County	4
Nassau County	3
Okaloosa County	7
Okeechobee County	2
Orange County	34
Osceola County	6
Palm Beach County	44
Pinellas County	39
Polk County	20
Putnam County	3
Santa Rosa County	5
Sarasota County	14
Seminole County	15
St. Johns County	5
St. Lucie County	8
Sumter County	2
Suwannee County	2
Taylor County	1
Union County	1
Volusia County	18
Wakulla County	1
Walton County	2
Washington County	1
Total	635
► Georgia	
Appling County	1
Athens-Clarke County	5
Atkinson County	1
Augusta-Richmond County	9
Bacon County	1
Baker County	1
Baldwin County	2
Banks County	1
Barrow County	2
Bartow County	3
Ben Hill County	1
Berrien County	1
Bibb County	7
Bleckley County	1
Brantley County	1
Brooks County	1
Bryan County	1
Bulloch County	3
Burke County	1
Butts County	1

Calhoun County	1
Camden County	2
Candler County	1
Carroll County	4
Catoosa County	3
Charlton County	1
Chatham County	10
Chattahoochee County	1
Chattooga County	2
Cherokee County	5
Clay County	1
Clayton County	9
Clinch County	1
Cobb County	23
Coffee County	2
Colquitt County	2
Columbia County	4
Columbus-Muscogee County	8
Cook County	1
Coweta County	4
Crawford County	1
Crisp County	1
Dade County	1
Dawson County	1
Decatur County	2
DeKalb County	27
Dodge County	1
Dooley County	1
Dougherty County	5
Douglas County	4
Early County	1
Echols County	1
Elbert County	1
Emanuel County	1
Evans County	1
Fannin County	1
Fayette County	4
Floyd County	4
Forsyth County	3
Franklin County	1
Fulton County	32
Gilmer County	1
Glascocock County	1
Glynn County	3
Grady County	1
Greene County	1
Gwinnett County	20
Habersham County	2
Hall County	5
Hancock County	1
Haralson County	1
Harris County	1
Hart County	1
Heard County	1
Henry County	4
Houston County	5
Irwin County	1
Jackson County	2
Jasper County	1
Jeff Davis County	1
Jefferson County	1
Jenkins County	1
Johnson County	1
Jones County	1
Lamar County	1
Lanier County	1
Laurens County	2
Lee County	1
Liberty County	3
Long County	1
Lowndes County	4
Lumpkin County	1
Macon County	1
Madison County	2
Marion County	1
McDuffie County	1
McIntosh County	1
Meriwether County	1

Miller County	1
Mitchell County	1
Monroe County	1
Montgomery County	1
Morgan County	1
Murray County	2
Newton County	3
Oconee County	1
Oglethorpe County	1
Paulding County	3
Peach County	1
Pickens County	1
Pierce County	1
Polk County	2
Pulaski County	1
Putnam County	1
Quitman County	1
Rabun County	1
Randolph County	1
Rockdale County	3
Schley County	1
Screven County	1
Seminole County	1
Spalding County	3
Stephens County	2
Stewart County	1
Sumter County	2
Talbot County	1
Taliaferro County	1
Tattnall County	1
Taylor County	1
Terrell County	1
Thomas County	2
Tift County	2
Toombs County	2
Towns County	1
Treutlen County	1
Troup County	3
Turner County	1
Twiggs County	1
Union County	1
Upson County	2
Walker County	3
Walton County	3
Ware County	2
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Wayne County	2
Wheeler County	1
White County	1
Whitfield County	4
Wilcox County	1
Wilkes County	1
Wilkinson County	1
Total	382
► Hawaii	
Hawaii County	7
Honolulu City and County	38
Kauai County	3
Maui County	6
Total	54
► Idaho	
Ada County	11
Adams County	1
Bannock County	4
Bear Lake County	1
Benewah County	1
Bingham County	2
Blaine County	1
Boise County	1
Bonner County	2
Bonneville County	4
Boundary County	1
Butte County	1
Camas County	1
Canyon County	5
Caribou County	1
Cassia County	1

Clark County	1
Clearwater County	1
Custer County	1
Elmore County	2
Franklin County	1
Fremont County	1
Gem County	1
Gooding County	1
Idaho County	1
Jefferson County	1
Jerome County	1
Kootenai County	4
Latah County	2
Lemhi County	1
Lewis County	1
Lincoln County	1
Madison County	2
Minidoka County	1
Nez Perce County	2
Oneida County	1
Owyhee County	1
Payette County	1
Power County	1
Shoshone County	1
Teton County	1
Twin Falls County	3
Valley County	1
Washington County	1
Total	75
► Illinois	
Adams County	3
Alexander County	1
Bond County	1
Boone County	2
Brown County	1
Bureau County	2
Calhoun County	1
Carroll County	1
Cass County	1
Champaign County	8
Christian County	2
Clark County	1
Clay County	1
Clinton County	2
Coles County	3
Cook County	107
Crawford County	1
Cumberland County	1
De Witt County	1
DeKalb County	4
Douglas County	1
DuPage County	37
Edgar County	1
Edwards County	1
Effingham County	2
Fayette County	1
Ford County	1
Franklin County	2
Fulton County	2
Gallatin County	1
Greene County	1
Grundy County	2
Hamilton County	1
Hancock County	1
Hardin County	1
Henderson County	1
Henry County	3
Iroquois County	2
Jackson County	3
Jasper County	1
Jefferson County	2
Jersey County	1
Jo Daviess County	1
Johnson County	1
Kane County	16
Kankakee County	5
Kendall County	2
Knox County	3
Lake County	25

LaSalle County	5
Lawrence County	1
Lee County	2
Livingston County	2
Logan County	2
Macon County	6
Macoupin County	3
Madison County	11
Marion County	2
Marshall County	1
Mason County	1
Massac County	1
McDonough County	2
McHenry County	10
McLean County	7
Menard County	1
Mercer County	1
Monroe County	2
Montgomery County	2
Morgan County	2
Moultrie County	1
Ogle County	3
Peoria County	8
Perry County	1
Piatt County	1
Pike County	1
Pope County	1
Pulaski County	1
Putnam County	1
Randolph County	2
Richland County	1
Rock Island County	7
Saline County	2
Sangamon County	9
Schuyler County	1
Scott County	1
Shelby County	1
St. Clair County	12
Stark County	1
Stephenson County	3
Tazewell County	6
Union County	1
Vermilion County	4
Wabash County	1
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Whiteside County	3
Will County	18
Williamson County	3
Winnebago County	12
Woodford County	2
Total	440
► Indiana	
Adams County	2
Allen County	14
Bartholomew County	3
Benton County	1
Blackford County	1
Boone County	2
Brown County	1
Carroll County	1
Cass County	2
Clark County	4
Clay County	2
Clinton County	2
Crawford County	1
Daviess County	2
Dearborn County	2
Decatur County	2
DeKalb County	2
Delaware County	6
Dubois County	2
Elkhart County	8
Fayette County	2
Floyd County	3
Franklin County	1

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Fulton County	1
Gibson County	2
Grant County	4
Greene County	2
Hamilton County	7
Hancock County	3
Harrison County	2
Hendricks County	4
Henry County	3
Howard County	4
Huntington County	2
Indianapolis and Marion County	36
Jackson County	2
Jasper County	2
Jay County	1
Jefferson County	2
Jennings County	2
Johnson County	5
Knox County	2
Kosciusko County	3
LaGrange County	2
Lake County	21
LaPorte County	5
Lawrence County	2
Madison County	6
Marshall County	2
Martin County	1
Miami County	2
Monroe County	5
Montgomery County	2
Morgan County	3
Newton County	1
Noble County	2
Ohio County	1
Orange County	1
Owen County	1
Parke County	1
Perry County	1
Pike County	1
Porter County	6
Posey County	2
Pulaski County	1
Putnam County	2
Randolph County	2
Rush County	1
Scott County	1
Shelby County	2
Spencer County	1
St. Joseph County	12
Starke County	1
Steuben County	2
Sullivan County	1
Switzerland County	1
Tippecanoe County	7
Tipton County	1
Union County	1
Vanderburgh County	8
Vermillion County	1
Vigo County	5
Wabash County	2
Warren County	1
Warrick County	3
Washington County	2
Wayne County	4
Wells County	2
White County	2
Whitley County	2
Total	291
► Iowa	
Adair County	1
Adams County	1
Allamakee County	1
Appanoose County	1
Audubon County	1
Benton County	2
Black Hawk County	6

Boone County	2
Bremer County	1
Buchanan County	1
Buena Vista County	1
Butler County	1
Calhoun County	1
Carroll County	1
Cass County	1
Cedar County	1
Cerro Gordo County	3
Cherokee County	1
Chickasaw County	1
Clarke County	1
Clay County	1
Clayton County	1
Clinton County	3
Crawford County	1
Dallas County	2
Davis County	1
Delaware County	1
Des Moines County	2
Dickinson County	1
Dubuque County	4
Emmet County	1
Fayette County	1
Floyd County	1
Franklin County	1
Fremont County	1
Greene County	1
Grundy County	1
Guthrie County	1
Hamilton County	1
Hancock County	1
Hardin County	1
Harrison County	1
Henry County	1
Howard County	1
Humboldt County	1
Ida County	1
Iowa County	1
Jackson County	1
Jasper County	2
Jefferson County	1
Johnson County	5
Jones County	1
Keokuk County	1
Kossuth County	1
Lee County	2
Linn County	8
Louisa County	1
Lucas County	1
Lyon County	1
Madison County	1
Mahaska County	1
Marion County	2
Marshall County	2
Mills County	1
Mitchell County	1
Monona County	1
Monroe County	1
Montgomery County	1
Muscatine County	2
O'Brien County	1
Osceola County	1
Page County	1
Palo Alto County	1
Plymouth County	2
Pocahontas County	1
Polk County	16
Pottawattamie County	4
Poweshiek County	1
Ringgold County	1
Sac County	1
Scott County	7
Shelby County	1
Sioux County	2
Story County	4
Tama County	1
Taylor County	1

Union County	1
Van Buren County	1
Wapello County	2
Warren County	2
Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Webster County	2
Winnebago County	1
Winneshiek County	1
Woodbury County	5
Worth County	1
Wright County	1
Total	166
► Kansas	
Allen County	1
Anderson County	1
Atchison County	1
Barber County	1
Barton County	2
Bourbon County	1
Brown County	1
Butler County	3
Chase County	1
Chautauqua County	1
Cherokee County	1
Cheyenne County	1
Clark County	1
Clay County	1
Cloud County	1
Coffey County	1
Comanche County	1
Cowley County	2
Crawford County	2
Decatur County	1
Dickinson County	1
Doniphan County	1
Douglas County	4
Edwards County	1
Elk County	1
Ellis County	2
Ellsworth County	1
Finney County	2
Ford County	2
Franklin County	2
Geary County	2
Gove County	1
Graham County	1
Grant County	1
Gray County	1
Greeley County	1
Greenwood County	1
Hamilton County	1
Harper County	1
Harvey County	2
Haskell County	1
Hodgeman County	1
Jackson County	1
Jefferson County	1
Jewell County	1
Johnson County	18
Kearny County	1
Kiowa County	1
Labette County	1
Lane County	1
Leavenworth County	3
Lincoln County	1
Linn County	1
Logan County	1
Lyon County	2
Marion County	1
Marshall County	1
McPherson County	2
Meade County	1
Miami County	2
Mitchell County	1
Montgomery County	2
Morris County	1
Morton County	1
Nemaha County	1

Neosho County	1
Ness County	1
Norton County	1
Osage County	1
Osborne County	1
Ottawa County	1
Pawnee County	1
Phillips County	1
Pottawatomie County	1
Pratt County	1
Rawlins County	1
Reno County	3
Republic County	1
Rice County	1
Riley County	3
Rooks County	1
Rush County	1
Russell County	1
Saline County	3
Scott County	1
Sedgwick County	19
Seward County	1
Shawnee County	8
Sheridan County	1
Sherman County	1
Smith County	1
Stanton County	1
Stevens County	1
Sumner County	2
Trego County	1
Unified Govt. of Wyandotte County and Kansas City	7
Wabaunsee County	1
Wallace County	1
Washington County	1
Wichita County	1
Wilson County	1
Woodson County	1
Total	177
► Kentucky	
Adair County	1
Allen County	1
Anderson County	1
Ballard County	1
Barren County	2
Bath County	1
Bell County	2
Boone County	3
Bourbon County	1
Boyd County	3
Boyle County	2
Bracken County	1
Breathitt County	1
Breckinridge County	1
Bullitt County	3
Butler County	1
Caldwell County	1
Calloway County	2
Campbell County	4
Carlisle County	1
Carroll County	1
Carter County	2
Casey County	1
Clark County	2
Clay County	2
Clinton County	1
Crittenden County	1
Cumberland County	1
Daviess County	4
Edmonson County	1
Elliott County	1
Estill County	1
Fleming County	1
Floyd County	2
Franklin County	2
Fulton County	1
Gallatin County	1
Grant County	1
Graves County	2
Grayson County	1

Green County	1
Greenup County	2
Hancock County	1
Hardin County	4
Harlan County	2
Harrison County	1
Hart County	1
Henderson County	2
Hickman County	1
Hopkins County	3
Jackson County	1
Jessamine County	2
Johnson County	2
Kenton County	7
Knott County	1
Knox County	2
Laurel County	3
Lawrence County	1
Lee County	1
Letcher County	2
Lexington-Fayette County	11
Lincoln County	1
Livingston County	1
Logan County	2
Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government	30
Madison County	3
Magoffin County	1
Marion County	1
Marshall County	2
Mason County	1
McCracken County	3
McCreary County	1
McLean County	1
Meade County	2
Menifee County	1
Mercer County	1
Metcalfe County	1
Montgomery County	1
Morgan County	1
Muhlenberg County	2
Nelson County	2
Nicholas County	1
Ohio County	1
Oldham County	2
Owen County	1
Pendleton County	1
Pike County	4
Powell County	1
Pulaski County	3
Robertson County	1
Rockcastle County	1
Rowan County	1
Russell County	1
Scott County	2
Shelby County	2
Simpson County	1
Spencer County	1
Taylor County	1
Todd County	1
Trigg County	1
Trimble County	1
Union County	1
Warren County	4
Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Webster County	1
Whitley County	2
Wolfe County	1
Woodford County	1
Total	211
► Louisiana	
Acadia Parish	3
Ascension Parish	3
Avoyelles Parish	2

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Beauregard Parish	2
Bienville Parish	1
Bossier Parish	4
Caddo Parish	11
Calcasieu Parish	8
Caldwell Parish	1
Cameron Parish	1
Catahoula Parish	1
Claiborne Parish	1
Concordia Parish	1
DeSoto Parish	2
East Baton Rouge Parish	18
East Carroll Parish	1
East Feliciana Parish	1
Evangeline Parish	2
Franklin Parish	1
Grant Parish	1
Iberia Parish	4
Iberville Parish	2
Jackson Parish	1
Jefferson Davis Parish	2
Jefferson Parish	20
Lafayette Consolidated Government	8
Lafourche Parish	4
LaSalle Parish	1
Lincoln Parish	2
Livingston Parish	4
Madison Parish	1
Morehouse Parish	2
Natchitoches Parish	2
Orleans Parish	22
Ouachita Parish	7
Plaquemines Parish	2
Pointe Coupee Parish	1
Rapides Parish	6
Red River Parish	1
Richland Parish	1
Sabine Parish	1
St. Bernard Parish	3
St. Charles Parish	2
St. Helena Parish	1
St. James Parish	1
St. John The Baptist Parish	2
St. Landry Parish	4
St. Martin Parish	2
St. Mary Parish	3
St. Tammany Parish	8
Tangipahoa Parish	5
Tensas Parish	1
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	5
Union Parish	1
Vermilion Parish	3
Vernon Parish	3
Washington Parish	2
Webster Parish	2
West Baton Rouge Parish	1
West Carroll Parish	1
West Feliciana Parish	1
Winn Parish	1
Total	211
► Maine	
Androscoggin County	5
Aroostook County	4
Cumberland County	11
Franklin County	2
Hancock County	3
Kennebec County	6
Knox County	2
Lincoln County	2
Oxford County	3
Penobscot County	7
Piscataquis County	1
Sagadahoc County	2
Somerset County	3

Waldo County	2
Washington County	2
York County	8
Total	63
► Maryland	
Allegany County	4
Baltimore City	30
Baltimore County	32
Calvert County	3
Caroline County	2
Carroll County	6
Cecil County	4
Charles County	5
Dorchester County	2
Frederick County	8
Garrett County	2
Harford County	9
Howard County	10
Kent County	1
Montgomery County	35
Prince George's County	33
Queen Anne's County	2
Somerset County	2
St. Mary's County	4
Talbot County	2
Washington County	6
Wicomico County	4
Worcester County	2
Total	208
► Massachusetts	
Barnstable County	1
Bristol County	1
Dukes County	1
Nantucket County	1
Norfolk County	1
Plymouth County	1
Suffolk County	1
Total	7
► Michigan	
Alcona County	1
Alger County	1
Allegan County	5
Alpena County	2
Antrim County	1
Arenac County	1
Baraga County	1
Barry County	3
Bay County	5
Benzie County	1
Berrien County	7
Branch County	2
Calhoun County	6
Cass County	3
Charlevoix County	2
Cheboygan County	2
Chippewa County	2
Clare County	2
Clinton County	3
Crawford County	1
Delta County	2
Dickinson County	2
Eaton County	5
Emmet County	2
Genesee County	19
Gladwin County	2
Gogebic County	1
Grand Traverse County	4
Gratiot County	2
Hillsdale County	2
Houghton County	2
Huron County	2
Ingham County	13
Ionia County	3
Iosco County	2
Iron County	1
Isabella County	3
Jackson County	7
Kalamazoo County	10
Kalkaska County	1

Kent County	24
Keweenaw County	1
Lake County	1
Lapeer County	4
Leelanau County	1
Lenawee County	5
Livingston County	6
Luce County	1
Mackinac County	1
Macomb County	33
Manistee County	1
Marquette County	3
Mason County	2
Mecosta County	2
Menominee County	2
Midland County	4
Missaukee County	1
Montcalm County	3
Montmorency County	1
Muskegon County	8
Newaygo County	2
Oakland County	50
Oceana County	2
Ogemaw County	1
Ontonagon County	1
Osceola County	1
Oscoda County	1
Otsego County	1
Ottawa County	10
Presque Isle County	1
Roscommon County	1
Sanilac County	2
Schoolcraft County	1
Shiawassee County	4
St. Clair County	7
Tuscola County	3
Van Buren County	4
Washtenaw County	13
Wayne County	91
Wexford County	2
Total	438
► Minnesota	
Aitkin County	1
Anoka County	12
Becker County	2
Beltrami County	2
Benton County	2
Big Stone County	1
Blue Earth County	3
Brown County	2
Carlton County	2
Carver County	3
Cass County	2
Chippewa County	1
Chisago County	2
Clay County	3
Clearwater County	1
Cook County	1
Cottonwood County	1
Crow Wing County	3
Dakota County	14
Dodge County	1
Douglas County	2
Faribault County	1
Fillmore County	1
Freeborn County	2
Goodhue County	2
Grant County	1
Hennepin County	47
Houston County	1
Hubbard County	1
Isanti County	2
Itasca County	2
Jackson County	1
Kanabec County	1
Kandiyohi County	2
Kittson County	1
Koochiching County	1
Lac Qui Parle County	1

Lake County	1
Lake of the Woods County	1
Le Sueur County	2
Lincoln County	1
Lyon County	2
Mahnomen County	1
Marshall County	1
Martin County	1
McLeod County	2
Meeker County	1
Mille Lacs County	1
Morrison County	2
Mower County	2
Murray County	1
Nicollet County	2
Nobles County	1
Norman County	1
Olmsted County	5
Pennington County	1
Pine County	2
Pipestone County	1
Polk County	2
Pope County	1
Ramsey County	22
Red Lake County	1
Redwood County	1
Renville County	1
Rice County	3
Rock County	1
Roseau County	1
Scott County	4
Sherburne County	3
Sibley County	1
St. Louis County	9
Stearns County	6
Steele County	2
Stevens County	1
Swift County	1
Todd County	2
Traverse County	1
Wabasha County	1
Wadena County	1
Waseca County	1
Washington County	8
Watsonwan County	1
Wilkin County	1
Winona County	3
Wright County	4
Yellow Medicine County	1
Total	244
► Mississippi	
Adams County	2
Alcorn County	2
Amite County	1
Attala County	1
Benton County	1
Bolivar County	2
Calhoun County	1
Carroll County	1
Chickasaw County	1
Choctaw County	1
Claiborne County	1
Clarke County	1
Clay County	1
Coahoma County	2
Copiah County	2
Covington County	1
DeSoto County	4
Forrest County	4
Franklin County	1
George County	1
Greene County	1
Hancock County	2
Harrison County	8
Hinds County	11
Holmes County	1
Humphreys County	1
Issaquena County	1

Itawamba County	1
Jackson County	6
Jasper County	1
Jefferson County	1
Jefferson Davis County	1
Jones County	3
Kemper County	1
Lafayette County	2
Lauderdale County	4
Lawrence County	1
Leake County	1
Lee County	4
Leflore County	2
Lincoln County	2
Lowndes County	3
Madison County	3
Marion County	2
Marshall County	2
Monroe County	2
Montgomery County	1
Neshoba County	2
Newton County	1
Noxubee County	1
Oktibbeha County	2
Panola County	2
Pearl River County	2
Perry County	1
Pike County	2
Pontotoc County	2
Prentiss County	2
Quitman County	1
Rankin County	5
Scott County	2
Sharkey County	1
Simpson County	2
Smith County	1
Stone County	1
Sunflower County	2
Tallahatchie County	1
Tate County	1
Tippah County	1
Tishomingo County	1
Tunica County	1
Union County	1
Walthall County	1
Warren County	3
Washington County	3
Wayne County	1
Webster County	1
Wilkinson County	1
Winston County	1
Yalobusha County	1
Yazoo County	2
Total	151
► Missouri	
Adair County	2
Andrew County	1
Atchison County	1
Audrain County	2
Barry County	2
Barton County	1
Bates County	1
Benton County	1
Bollinger County	1
Boone County	6
Buchanan County	4
Butler County	2
Caldwell County	1
Callaway County	2
Camden County	2
Cape Girardeau County	3
Carroll County	1
Carter County	1
Cass County	4
Cedar County	1
Chariton County	1
Christian County	2

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Clark County	1
Clay County	8
Cole County	3
Cooper County	1
Crawford County	1
Dade County	1
Dallas County	1
Daviess County	1
DeKalb County	1
Dent County	1
Douglas County	1
Dunklin County	2
Franklin County	4
Gasconade County	1
Gentry County	1
Greene County	10
Grundy County	1
Harrison County	1
Henry County	1
Hickory County	1
Holt County	1
Howard County	1
Howell County	2
Iron County	1
Jackson County	28
Jasper County	5
Jefferson County	8
Johnson County	2
Knox County	1
Laclede County	2
Lafayette County	2
Lawrence County	2
Lewis County	1
Lincoln County	2
Linn County	1
Livingston County	1
Macon County	1
Madison County	1
Maries County	1
Marion County	2
McDonald County	1
Mercer County	1
Miller County	1
Mississippi County	1
Moniteau County	1
Monroe County	1
Montgomery County	1
Morgan County	1
New Madrid County	1
Newton County	3
Nodaway County	1
Oregon County	1
Osage County	1
Ozark County	1
Pemiscot County	1
Perry County	1
Pettis County	2
Phelps County	2
Pike County	1
Platte County	3
Polk County	2
Pulaski County	2
Putnam County	1
Ralls County	1
Randolph County	2
Ray County	1
Reynolds County	1
Ripley County	1
Saline County	2
Schuyler County	1
Scotland County	1
Scott County	2
Shannon County	1
Shelby County	1
St. Charles County	11
St. Clair County	1
St. Francois County	3

St. Louis City	16
St. Louis County	44
Ste. Genevieve County	1
Stoddard County	2
Stone County	2
Sullivan County	1
Taney County	2
Texas County	1
Vernon County	1
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Webster County	2
Worth County	1
Wright County	1
Total	286
► Montana	
Anaconda-Deer Lodge County	1
Beaverhead County	1
Big Horn County	1
Blaine County	1
Broadwater County	1
Butte-Silver Bow County	2
Carbon County	1
Carter County	1
Cascade County	4
Chouteau County	1
Custer County	1
Daniels County	1
Dawson County	1
Fallon County	1
Fergus County	1
Flathead County	3
Gallatin County	3
Garfield County	1
Glacier County	1
Golden Valley County	1
Granite County	1
Hill County	1
Jefferson County	1
Judith Basin County	1
Lake County	2
Lewis and Clark County	3
Liberty County	1
Lincoln County	1
Madison County	1
McCone County	1
Meagher County	1
Mineral County	1
Missoula County	4
Musselshell County	1
Park County	1
Petroleum County	1
Phillips County	1
Pondera County	1
Powder River County	1
Powell County	1
Prairie County	1
Ravalli County	2
Richland County	1
Roosevelt County	1
Rosebud County	1
Sanders County	1
Sheridan County	1
Stillwater County	1
Sweet Grass County	1
Teton County	1
Toole County	1
Treasure County	1
Valley County	1
Wheatland County	1
Wibaux County	1
Yellowstone County	6
Total	76
► Nebraska	
Adams County	2
Arthur County	1
Banner County	1

Blaine County	1
Boone County	1
Box Butte County	1
Boyd County	1
Brown County	1
Buffalo County	2
Burt County	1
Butler County	1
Cass County	1
Cedar County	1
Chase County	1
Cherry County	1
Cheyenne County	1
Clay County	1
Colfax County	1
Cuming County	1
Custer County	1
Dakota County	1
Dawson County	2
Dixon County	1
Dodge County	2
Douglas County	19
Dundy County	1
Fillmore County	1
Franklin County	1
Frontier County	1
Furnas County	1
Gage County	1
Garden County	1
Garfield County	1
Gosper County	1
Greeley County	1
Hall County	3
Hamilton County	1
Harlan County	1
Hayes County	1
Hitchcock County	1
Holt County	1
Hooker County	1
Howard County	1
Jefferson County	1
Johnson County	1
Kearney County	1
Keith County	1
Keya Paha County	1
Kimball County	1
Knox County	1
Lancaster County	11
Lincoln County	2
Logan County	1
Loup County	1
Madison County	2
McPherson County	1
Merrick County	1
Morrill County	1
Nance County	1
Nemaha County	1
Nuckolls County	1
Otoe County	1
Perkins County	1
Phelps County	1
Pierce County	1
Platte County	2
Polk County	1
Red Willow County	1
Richardson County	1
Rock County	1
Saline County	1
Sarpy County	5
Saunders County	1
Scotts Bluff County	2
Seward County	1
Sherman County	1
Sioux County	1
Stanton County	1
Thayer County	1
Thomas County	1
Thurston County	1
Valley County	1

Washington County	1
Wayne County	1
Webster County	1
Wheeler County	1
York County	1
Total	129
► Nevada	
Carson City	3
Churchill County	1
Clark County	45
Douglas County	2
Elko County	2
Esmeralda County	1
Eureka County	1
Humboldt County	1
Lander County	1
Lincoln County	1
Lyon County	2
Mineral County	1
Nye County	2
Pershing County	1
Storey County	1
Washoe County	13
White Pine County	1
Total	79
► New Hampshire	
Belknap County	2
Carroll County	2
Coos County	2
Grafton County	2
Hillsborough County	2
Merrimack County	2
Rockingham County	2
Strafford County	2
Sullivan County	2
Total	18
► New Jersey	
Burlington County	18
Camden County	22
Cape May County	5
Cumberland County	7
Essex County	34
Hudson County	25
Hunterdon County	5
Mercer County	15
Middlesex County	31
Monmouth County	25
Morris County	20
Passaic County	21
Somerset County	12
Sussex County	6
Union County	22
Warren County	5
Total	273
► New Mexico	
Bernalillo County	24
Catron County	1
Chaves County	3
Cibola County	2
Colfax County	1
Curry County	3
De Baca County	1
Dona Ana County	7
Eddy County	3
Grant County	2
Guadalupe County	1
Harding County	1
Hidalgo County	1
Lea County	3
Lincoln County	1
Los Alamos County	1
Luna County	1
McKinley County	4
Mora County	1
Otero County	3
Quay County	1
Rio Arriba County	2
Roosevelt County	1
San Juan County	5

San Miguel County	2
Sandoval County	4
Santa Fe County	6
Sierra County	1
Socorro County	1
Torrance County	1
Union County	1
Valencia County	3
Total	92
► New York	
Albany County	13
Allegany County	3
Broome County	9
Cattaraugus County	4
Cayuga County	4
Chautauqua County	7
Chemung County	5
Chenango County	3
Clinton County	4
Columbia County	3
Cortland County	3
Delaware County	3
Dutchess County	12
Erie County	42
Essex County	2
Fulton County	3
Genesee County	3
Greene County	3
Hamilton County	1
Herkimer County	3
Lewis County	2
Livingston County	3
Madison County	4
Monroe County	32
Montgomery County	3
Nassau County	57
New York City	111
Niagara County	10
Oneida County	11
Ontario County	5
Orange County	14
Orleans County	2
Oswego County	6
Otsego County	3
Putnam County	4
Rensselaer County	7
Rockland County	12
Saratoga County	9
Schenectady County	7
Schuyler County	1
Seneca County	2
St. Lawrence County	5
Steuben County	5
Suffolk County	59
Sullivan County	4
Tioga County	3
Tompkins County	5
Ulster County	8
Warren County	3
Washington County	3
Wayne County	4
Westchester County	39
Wyoming County	2
Yates County	2
Total	577
► North Carolina	
Alamance County	6
Alexander County	2
Alleghany County	1
Anson County	2
Ashe County	1
Avery County	1
Beaufort County	2
Bertie County	1
Bladen County	2
Brunswick County	3
Buncombe County	9

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Burke County	4
Cabarrus County	5
Caldwell County	4
Camden County	1
Carteret County	3
Caswell County	1
Catawba County	6
Chatham County	2
Cherokee County	1
Chowan County	1
Clay County	1
Cleveland County	4
Columbus County	3
Craven County	4
Cumberland County	13
Currituck County	1
Dare County	2
Davidson County	6
Davie County	2
Duplin County	2
Durham County	9
Edgecombe County	3
Forsyth County	13
Franklin County	2
Gaston County	8
Gates County	1
Graham County	1
Granville County	2
Greene County	1
Guilford County	17
Halifax County	3
Harnett County	4
Haywood County	3
Henderson County	4
Hertford County	1
Hoke County	2
Hyde County	1
Iredell County	5
Jackson County	2
Johnston County	5
Jones County	1
Lee County	2
Lenoir County	3
Lincoln County	3
Macon County	2
Madison County	1
Martin County	2
McDowell County	2
Mecklenburg County	26
Mitchell County	1
Montgomery County	2
Moore County	3
Nash County	4
New Hanover County	7
Northampton County	1
Onslow County	7
Orange County	5
Pamlico County	1
Pasquotank County	2
Pender County	2
Perquimans County	1
Person County	2
Pitt County	6
Polk County	1
Randolph County	6
Richmond County	2
Robeson County	5
Rockingham County	4
Rowan County	6
Rutherford County	3
Sampson County	3
Scotland County	2
Stanly County	3
Stokes County	2
Surry County	3
Swain County	1
Transylvania County	2

Tyrrell County	1
Union County	5
Vance County	2
Wake County	23
Warren County	1
Washington County	1
Watauga County	2
Wayne County	5
Wilkes County	3
Wilson County	3
Yadkin County	2
Yancey County	1
Total	361
► North Dakota	
Adams County	1
Barnes County	1
Benson County	1
Billings County	1
Bottineau County	1
Bowman County	1
Burke County	1
Burleigh County	3
Cass County	5
Cavalier County	1
Dickey County	1
Divide County	1
Dunn County	1
Eddy County	1
Emmons County	1
Foster County	1
Golden Valley County	1
Grand Forks County	4
Grant County	1
Griggs County	1
Hettinger County	1
Kidder County	1
LaMoure County	1
Logan County	1
McHenry County	1
McIntosh County	1
McKenzie County	1
McLean County	1
Mercer County	1
Morton County	2
Mountrail County	1
Nelson County	1
Oliver County	1
Pembina County	1
Pierce County	1
Ramsey County	1
Ransom County	1
Renville County	1
Richland County	1
Rolette County	1
Sargent County	1
Sheridan County	1
Sioux County	1
Slope County	1
Stark County	1
Steele County	1
Stutsman County	1
Towner County	1
Traill County	1
Walsh County	1
Ward County	3
Wells County	1
Williams County	1
Total	65
► Ohio	
Adams County	2
Allen County	5
Ashland County	3
Ashtabula County	5
Athens County	3
Auglaize County	2
Belmont County	3
Brown County	2
Carroll County	2
Champaign County	2

Clark County	7
Clermont County	8
Clinton County	2
Columbiana County	5
Coshocton County	2
Crawford County	3
Cuyahoga County	61
Darke County	3
Defiance County	2
Delaware County	4
Erie County	4
Fairfield County	5
Fayette County	2
Franklin County	44
Fulton County	2
Gallia County	2
Geauga County	4
Greene County	7
Guernsey County	2
Hamilton County	38
Hancock County	3
Hardin County	2
Harrison County	1
Highland County	2
Hocking County	2
Holmes County	2
Huron County	3
Jackson County	2
Jefferson County	4
Knox County	3
Lake County	10
Lawrence County	3
Licking County	6
Logan County	2
Lorain County	13
Lucas County	20
Madison County	2
Mahoning County	12
Marion County	3
Medina County	6
Meigs County	2
Mercer County	2
Miami County	5
Monroe County	1
Montgomery County	25
Morgan County	1
Morrow County	2
Muskingum County	4
Noble County	1
Ottawa County	2
Paulding County	1
Perry County	2
Pickaway County	3
Pike County	2
Portage County	7
Preble County	2
Putnam County	2
Richland County	6
Ross County	4
Sandusky County	3
Scioto County	4
Seneca County	3
Shelby County	3
Stark County	17
Summit County	23
Trumbull County	10
Tuscarawas County	4
Union County	2
Van Wert County	2
Vinton County	1
Warren County	6
Washington County	3
Wayne County	5
Williams County	2
Wood County	5
Wyandot County	1
Total	505
► Oklahoma	
Adair County	1

Alfalfa County	1
Atoka County	1
Beaver County	1
Beckham County	1
Blaine County	1
Bryan County	2
Caddo County	2
Carter County	2
Cherokee County	2
Choctaw County	1
Cimarron County	1
Cleveland County	9
Coal County	1
Craig County	1
Creek County	3
Custer County	2
Delaware County	2
Dewey County	1
Ellis County	1
Garfield County	3
Garvin County	2
Grady County	2
Grant County	1
Greer County	1
Harmon County	1
Harper County	1
Haskell County	1
Hughes County	1
Jackson County	2
Jefferson County	1
Johnston County	1
Kay County	3
Kingfisher County	1
Kiowa County	1
LeFlore County	2
Lincoln County	2
Logan County	2
Love County	1
Major County	1
Marshall County	1
Mayes County	2
McClain County	2
McCurtain County	2
McIntosh County	1
Murray County	1
Muskogee County	3
Noble County	1
Okfuskee County	1
Okmulgee County	2
Ottawa County	2
Pawnee County	1
Pittsburg County	2
Pottawatomie County	3
Roger Mills County	1
Rogers County	3
Seminole County	2
Sequoyah County	2
Stephens County	2
Texas County	1
Tillman County	1
Tulsa County	23
Wagoner County	3
Washington County	3
Washita County	1
Woods County	1
Woodward County	1
Total	134
► Oregon	
Baker County	1
Benton County	4
Clackamas County	14
Clatsop County	2
Columbia County	2
Coos County	3
Crook County	1
Curry County	1
Deschutes County	5
Douglas County	5
Gilliam County	1

Grant County	1
Harney County	1
Hood River County	1
Jefferson County	1
Josephine County	4
Klamath County	3
Lake County	1
Lane County	14
Lincoln County	2
Linn County	5
Malheur County	2
Marion County	12
Morrow County	1
Multnomah County	27
Polk County	3
Sherman County	1
Tillamook County	2
Umatilla County	3
Union County	2
Wallowa County	1
Wasco County	1
Washington County	17
Yamhill County	4
Total	148
► Pennsylvania	
Adams County	4
Allegheny County	57
Armstrong County	4
Beaver County	9
Bedford County	3
Berks County	16
Blair County	6
Bradford County	3
Bucks County	25
Butler County	8
Cambria County	7
Cameron County	1
Carbon County	3
Centre County	6
Chester County	18
Clarion County	2
Clearfield County	4
Columbia County	3
Crawford County	4
Cumberland County	9
Dauphin County	11
Delaware County	24
Elk County	2
Erie County	13
Fayette County	7
Forest County	1
Franklin County	6
Fulton County	1
Greene County	2
Huntingdon County	2
Indiana County	4
Jefferson County	2
Juniata County	1
Lackawanna County	10
Lancaster County	20
Lawrence County	5
Lebanon County	6
Lehigh County	13
Luzerne County	15
Lycoming County	6
McKean County	3
Mercer County	6
Mifflin County	2
Monroe County	6
Montgomery County	31
Montour County	1
Northampton County	12
Northumberland County	5
Perry County	2
Philadelphia County	67
Pike County	2
Potter County	1

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Schuylkill County	7
Snyder County	2
Somerset County	4
Sullivan County	1
Susquehanna County	2
Tioga County	2
Union County	2
Venango County	3
Warren County	2
Washington County	9
Wayne County	2
Westmoreland County	17
Wyoming County	2
York County	16
Total	552
► South Carolina	
Abbeville County	2
Aiken County	6
Allendale County	1
Anderson County	7
Bamberg County	1
Barnwell County	1
Beaufort County	5
Berkeley County	6
Calhoun County	1
Charleston County	13
Cherokee County	3
Chester County	2
Chesterfield County	2
Clarendon County	2
Colleton County	2
Darlington County	3
Dillon County	2
Dorchester County	4
Edgefield County	1
Fairfield County	1
Florence County	6
Georgetown County	3
Greenville County	15
Greenwood County	3
Hampton County	1
Horry County	8
Jasper County	1
Kershaw County	3
Lancaster County	3
Laurens County	3
Lee County	1
Lexington County	9
Marion County	2
Marlboro County	2
McCormick County	1
Newberry County	2
Oconee County	3
Orangeburg County	4
Pickens County	5
Richland County	13
Saluda County	1
Spartanburg County	11
Sumter County	5
Williamsburg County	2
York County	7
Total	179
► South Dakota	
Aurora County	1
Beadle County	1
Bennett County	1
Bon Homme County	1
Brookings County	2
Brown County	2
Brule County	1
Buffalo County	1
Butte County	1
Campbell County	1
Charles Mix County	1
Clark County	1
Clay County	1
Codington County	2

Corson County	1
Custer County	1
Davison County	1
Day County	1
Deuel County	1
Dewey County	1
Douglas County	1
Edmunds County	1
Fall River County	1
Faulk County	1
Grant County	1
Gregory County	1
Haakon County	1
Hamlin County	1
Hand County	1
Hanson County	1
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Hughes County	1
Hutchinson County	1
Hyde County	1
Jackson County	1
Jerauld County	1
Jones County	1
Kingsbury County	1
Lake County	1
Lawrence County	1
Lincoln County	1
Lyman County	1
Marshall County	1
McCook County	1
McPherson County	1
Meade County	2
Mellette County	1
Miner County	1
Minnehaha County	6
Moody County	1
Pennington County	4
Perkins County	1
Potter County	1
Roberts County	1
Sanborn County	1
Shannon County	1
Spink County	1
Stanley County	1
Sully County	1
Todd County	1
Tripp County	1
Turner County	1
Union County	1
Walworth County	1
Yankton County	1
Ziebach County	1
Total	78
► Tennessee	
Anderson County	4
Bedford County	2
Benton County	1
Bledsoe County	1
Blount County	5
Bradley County	4
Campbell County	2
Cannon County	1
Carroll County	2
Carter County	3
Cheatham County	2
Chester County	1
Claiborne County	2
Clay County	1
Cocke County	2
Coffee County	2
Crockett County	1
Cumberland County	2
Davidson County	24
Decatur County	1
DeKalb County	1
Dickson County	2
Dyer County	2
Fayette County	2
Fentress County	1

Franklin County	2
Gibson County	3
Giles County	2
Grainger County	1
Greene County	3
Grundy County	1
Hamblen County	3
Hamilton County	13
Hancock County	1
Hardeman County	2
Hardin County	2
Hawkins County	3
Haywood County	1
Henderson County	1
Henry County	2
Hickman County	1
Houston County	1
Humphreys County	1
Jackson County	1
Jefferson County	2
Johnson County	1
Lake County	1
Lauderdale County	2
Lawrence County	2
Lewis County	1
Lincoln County	2
Loudon County	2
Macon County	1
Madison County	4
Marion County	2
Maury County	3
McMinn County	2
McNairy County	2
Meigs County	1
Monroe County	2
Montgomery County	6
Moore County	1
Obion County	2
Overton County	1
Perry County	1
Pickett County	1
Polk County	1
Putnam County	3
Rhea County	2
Roane County	3
Robertson County	3
Rutherford County	7
Scott County	1
Sequatchie County	1
Sevier County	3
Shelby County	38
Smith County	1
Stewart County	1
Sullivan County	7
Sumner County	6
Tipton County	2
Trousdale County	1
Unicoi County	1
Union County	1
Warren County	2
Washington County	5
Wayne County	1
Weakley County	2
White County	1
Williamson County	5
Wilson County	4
Total	259
► Texas	
Anderson County	3
Andrews County	1
Angelina County	4
Aransas County	1
Armstrong County	1
Atascosa County	2
Austin County	1
Bandera County	1
Bastrop County	2
Baylor County	1
Bee County	2

Bell County	10
Bexar County	56
Blanco County	1
Borden County	1
Bosque County	1
Bowie County	4
Brazoria County	10
Brazos County	6
Brewster County	1
Briscoe County	1
Brooks County	1
Brown County	2
Burleson County	1
Burnet County	2
Calhoun County	1
Callahan County	1
Cameron County	14
Camp County	1
Cass County	2
Chambers County	1
Childress County	1
Clay County	1
Cochran County	1
Coke County	1
Coleman County	1
Collin County	16
Collingsworth County	1
Colorado County	1
Comal County	3
Comanche County	1
Concho County	1
Cooke County	2
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Cottle County	1
Crane County	1
Crockett County	1
Crosby County	1
Culberson County	1
Dallam County	1
Dallas County	87
Dawson County	1
Deaf Smith County	1
Denton County	15
DeWitt County	1
Dickens County	1
Dimmit County	1
Donley County	1
Duval County	1
Eastland County	1
Ector County	6
Edwards County	1
El Paso County	28
Ellis County	5
Erath County	2
Falls County	1
Fannin County	2
Fayette County	1
Fisher County	1
Floyd County	1
Foard County	1
Fort Bend County	13
Franklin County	1
Freestone County	1
Frio County	1
Gaines County	1
Galveston County	11
Garza County	1
Gillespie County	1
Glasscock County	1
Goliad County	1
Gonzales County	1
Gray County	1
Grayson County	5
Gregg County	5
Grimes County	1
Guadalupe County	4
Hale County	2
Hall County	1
Hamilton County	1

Hansford County	1
Hardeman County	1
Hardin County	2
Harrison County	3
Hartley County	1
Haskell County	1
Hays County	4
Hemphill County	1
Hidalgo County	21
Hill County	2
Hockley County	2
Hood County	2
Hopkins County	2
Houston County	1
Howard County	2
Hudspeth County	1
Hunt County	3
Hutchinson County	2
Irion County	1
Jack County	1
Jackson County	1
Jasper County	2
Jeff Davis County	1
Jefferson County	11
Jim Hogg County	1
Jim Wells County	2
Johnson County	5
Jones County	1
Karnes County	1
Kaufman County	3
Kendall County	1
Kenedy County	1
Kent County	1
Kerr County	2
Kimble County	1
King County	1
Kinney County	1
Knox County	1
La Salle County	1
Lamar County	2
Lamb County	1
Lampasas County	1
Lavaca County	1
Lee County	1
Leon County	1
Liberty County	3
Limestone County	1
Lipscomb County	1
Live Oak County	1
Llano County	1
Lubbock County	11
Lynn County	1
Madison County	1
Marion County	1
Martin County	1
Mason County	1
Matagorda County	2
Maverick County	2
McCulloch County	1
McLennan County	9
McMullen County	1
Medina County	2
Menard County	1
Midland County	5
Milam County	2
Mills County	1
Mitchell County	1
Montague County	1
Montgomery County	10
Moore County	1
Morris County	1
Motley County	1
Nacogdoches County	3
Navarro County	2
Newton County	1
Nolan County	1
Nueces County	14
Ochiltree County	1
Oldham County	1

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Palo Pinto County	2
Panola County	1
Parker County	4
Parmer County	1
Pecos County	1
Polk County	2
Potter County	5
Presidio County	1
Rains County	1
Randall County	5
Reagan County	1
Real County	1
Red River County	1
Reeves County	1
Refugio County	1
Roberts County	1
Robertson County	1
Rockwall County	2
Runnels County	1
Rusk County	2
Sabine County	1
San Augustine County	1
San Jacinto County	1
San Patricio County	3
San Saba County	1
Schleicher County	1
Scurry County	1
Shackelford County	1
Shelby County	2
Sherman County	1
Smith County	7
Somervell County	1
Starr County	3
Stephens County	1
Sterling County	1
Stonewall County	1
Sutton County	1
Swisher County	1
Tarrant County	56
Taylor County	6
Terrell County	1
Terry County	1
Throckmorton County	1
Titus County	2
Tom Green County	5
Travis County	30
Trinity County	1
Tyler County	1
Upshur County	2
Upton County	1
Uvalde County	2
Val Verde County	2
Van Zandt County	2
Victoria County	4
Walker County	3
Waller County	2
Ward County	1
Washington County	2
Wharton County	2
Wheeler County	1
Wichita County	6
Wilbarger County	1
Willacy County	1
Williamson County	8
Wilson County	2
Winkler County	1
Wise County	2
Wood County	2
Yoakum County	1
Young County	1
Zapata County	1
Zavala County	1
Total	793
► Utah	
Beaver County	1
Box Elder County	2
Cache County	4

Carbon County	1
Daggett County	1
Davis County	10
Duchesne County	1
Emery County	1
Garfield County	1
Grand County	1
Iron County	2
Juab County	1
Kane County	1
Millard County	1
Morgan County	1
Piute County	1
Rich County	1
Salt Lake County	36
San Juan County	1
Sanpete County	1
Sevier County	1
Summit County	2
Tooele County	2
Uintah County	2
Utah County	14
Wasatch County	1
Washington County	4
Wayne County	1
Weber County	8
Total	104
► Virginia	
Accomack County	2
Albemarle County	4
Alleghany County	1
Amelia County	1
Amherst County	2
Appomattox County	1
Arlington County	8
Augusta County	3
Bath County	1
Bedford County	3
Bland County	1
Botetourt County	2
Brunswick County	1
Buchanan County	2
Buckingham County	1
Campbell County	3
Caroline County	1
Carroll County	2
Charles City County	1
Charlotte County	1
Chesterfield County	11
Clarke County	1
Craig County	1
Culpeper County	2
Cumberland County	1
Dickenson County	1
Dinwiddie County	2
Essex County	1
Fairfax County	39
Fauquier County	3
Floyd County	1
Fluvanna County	1
Franklin County	2
Frederick County	3
Giles County	1
Gloucester County	2
Goochland County	1
Grayson County	1
Greene County	1
Greensville County	1
Halifax County	2
Hanover County	4
Henrico County	11
Henry County	3
Highland County	1
Isle of Wight County	2
James City County	2
King and Queen County	1
King George County	1
King William County	1
Lancaster County	1
Lee County	2

Loudoun County	5
Louisa County	1
Lunenburg County	1
Madison County	1
Mathews County	1
Mecklenburg County	2
Middlesex County	1
Montgomery County	4
Nelson County	1
New Kent County	1
Northampton County	1
Northumberland County	1
Nottoway County	1
Orange County	2
Page County	1
Patrick County	1
Pittsylvania County	3
Powhatan County	1
Prince Edward County	1
Prince George County	2
Prince William County	11
Pulaski County	2
Rappahannock County	1
Richmond County	1
Roanoke County	4
Rockbridge County	1
Rockingham County	3
Russell County	2
Shenandoah County	2
Smyth County	2
Southampton County	1
Spotsylvania County	4
Stafford County	4
Surry County	1
Sussex County	1
Tazewell County	2
Warren County	2
Washington County	3
Westmoreland County	1
Wise County	2
Wythe County	2
York County	3
Total	235
► Washington	
Adams County	1
Asotin County	1
Benton County	6
Chelan County	3
Clallam County	3
Clark County	13
Columbia County	1
Cowlitz County	4
Douglas County	2
Ferry County	1
Franklin County	2
Garfield County	1
Grant County	3
Grays Harbor County	3
Island County	3
Jefferson County	2
Kitsap County	10
Kittitas County	2
Klickitat County	1
Lewis County	3
Lincoln County	1
Mason County	2
Okanogan County	2
Pacific County	1
Pend Oreille County	1
San Juan County	1
Skagit County	5
Skamania County	1
Snohomish County	23
Spokane County	18
Stevens County	2
Thurston County	9
Walla Walla County	3
Whatcom County	7
Whitman County	2
Yakima County	10
Total	153

► West Virginia	
Barbour County	1
Berkeley County	3
Boone County	2
Braxton County	1
Brooke County	2
Cabell County	5
Calhoun County	1
Clay County	1
Doddridge County	1
Fayette County	3
Gilmer County	1
Grant County	1
Greenbrier County	2
Hampshire County	1
Hancock County	2
Hardy County	1
Harrison County	3
Jackson County	2
Jefferson County	2
Kanawha County	9
Lewis County	1
Lincoln County	1
Logan County	2
Marion County	3
Marshall County	2
Mason County	2
McDowell County	2
Mercer County	3
Mineral County	2
Mingo County	2
Monongalia County	4
Monroe County	1
Morgan County	1
Nicholas County	2
Ohio County	3
Pendleton County	1
Pleasants County	1
Pocahontas County	1
Preston County	2
Putnam County	3
Raleigh County	4
Randolph County	2
Ritchie County	1
Roane County	1
Summers County	1
Taylor County	1
Tucker County	1
Tyler County	1
Upshur County	2
Wayne County	2
Webster County	1
Wetzel County	1
Wirt County	1
Wood County	4
Wyoming County	2
Total	108
► Wisconsin	
Adams County	1
Ashland County	1
Barron County	2
Bayfield County	1
Brown County	10
Buffalo County	1
Burnett County	1
Calumet County	2
Chippewa County	3
Clark County	2
Columbia County	3
Crawford County	1
Dane County	18
Dodge County	4
Door County	2
Douglas County	2
Dunn County	2
Eau Claire County	4
Florence County	1
Fond du Lac County	5
Forest County	1

Grant County	3
Green County	2
Green Lake County	1
Iowa County	1
Iron County	1
Jackson County	1
Jefferson County	4
Juneau County	2
Kenosha County	7
Kewaunee County	1
La Crosse County	5
Lafayette County	1
Langlade County	1
Lincoln County	2
Manitowoc County	4
Marathon County	6
Marinette County	2
Marquette County	1
Menominee County	1
Milwaukee County	41
Monroe County	2
Oconto County	2
Oneida County	2
Outagamie County	7
Ozaukee County	4
Pierce County	2
Polk County	2
Portage County	3
Price County	1
Racine County	8
Richland County	1
Rock County	7
Rusk County	1
Sauk County	3
Sawyer County	1
Shawano County	2
Sheboygan County	5
St. Croix County	3
Taylor County	1
Trempealeau County	2
Vernon County	2
Vilas County	1
Walworth County	4
Washburn County	1
Washington County	5
Waukesha County	15
Waupaca County	3
Wausara County	1
Winnebago County	7
Wood County	4
Total	257
► Wyoming	
Albany County	2
Big Horn County	1
Campbell County	2
Carbon County	1
Converse County	1
Crook County	1
Fremont County	2
Goshen County	1
Hot Springs County	1
Johnson County	1
Laramie County	4
Lincoln County	1
Natrona County	3
Niobrara County	1
Park County	2
Platte County	1
Sheridan County	2
Sublette County	1
Sweetwater County	2
Teton County	1
Uinta County	1
Washakie County	1
Weston County	1
Total	34
Total National Votes: 11,067	



News From the Nation's Counties

► ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY commissioners announced plans to lay off as many as **964 employees** — a third of the workforce — until the fiscal year ends Sept. 30, the *Birmingham News* reported.

Some of the workers are likely to lose their jobs permanently, even if the financially strapped county finds enough revenue to replace the loss of its occupational tax, county leaders said.

Officials said the county needs approximately \$16 million per month to operate at its current size, while only \$7 million per month of revenue is being generated.

The Alabama Supreme Court in March threw out the county's occupational tax, which generated \$66 million in revenue last year. Losing the tax led the commission to cut more than \$30 million in spending and close the county's satellite courthouses.

► CALIFORNIA

Nobody confuses jail time with a trip to Disneyland, but a proposal in **RIVERSIDE COUNTY** could change that, at least as far as entrance fees are concerned.

Following the U.S. Supreme Court case *Brown v. Plata* that could send tens of thousands of state inmates back to county jails, Supervisor Jeff Stone is suggesting **charging inmates** for the cost of incarceration. His plan could also charge admission fees for people who visit inmates.

"It's \$142 a day per inmate that it costs the taxpayers to house our convicts in our jails which amounts to \$51,830 a year," he told KPCC-FM. "White collar crimes, people that get put in jail after repetitive DUIs — they can in fact reimburse this county either through liens on their property or judgments that can be applied."

Stone admits it could be a long-shot, but Indiana's Porter County started billing prisoners more than 10 years ago.

Riverside County attorneys will review its inmate reimbursement proposal and report back to the Board of Supervisors later this year.

► FLORIDA

The war on bugs in **HERNANDO COUNTY** may soon have a new funding source.

The County Commission hopes to swap the revenue from a tax levy used now to buy and maintain sensitive land, for **mosquito control efforts**.

Commissioner Dave Russell reasoned that much of the land

the county has acquired is swampy and contributes to the breeding of mosquitoes. County staff suggested creating a new taxing unit redirecting money from the sensitive lands fund, to mosquito control. The change would have no effect on the bottom line of property owners' tax bills, the *St. Petersburg Times* reported.

► GEORGIA

AFULTON COUNTY woman's visual aid helped convince commissioners to **ban elephant bullhooks** commonly used in circuses.

Resident Anna Ware tried to bring one into a commission meeting, but security guards seized it as a weapon. A police detective had to carry it into chambers so she could show what one looks like — an instrument shaped like a fire poker, topped with a steel claw with two sharpened tips.

Fulton became the first Georgia jurisdiction to approve such a measure, following cities and counties in Florida, South Carolina, New York, Kentucky and Indiana, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported. The ban does not include Atlanta.

► ILLINOIS

They may call it the "cooler," yet it was heard to be anything but in **WABASH COUNTY**. Just in time for the height of summer, the Board of Commissioners approved money to replace the **county jail's HVAC system**.

The *Daily Republican Register* reported that if a grant from the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission is approved, the county will need to pay only 25 percent of the total project cost.

"It's getting way too hot in there," Wabash County Sheriff Joe Keeling said of conditions at the jail.

► INDIANA

Beginning July 1, county health departments will not be allowed to provide **low-cost immunizations** to children whose families have health insurance.

In a May 18 letter issued to Indiana health care providers, State Health Commissioner Gregory Larkin asked physicians not to refer patients to county health clinics for immunizations — making more vaccines available to families with the most need, the *Journal Gazette* reported.

Those with insurance will be referred to their family doctors. If their physicians don't carry the vaccines, families will be able to obtain the immunizations from the health department at cost, ac-



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► NEW YORK

Tracy Colavito (r), **WESTCHESTER COUNTY** clerk's Passports and Licensing Division, assists a passport applicant in the clerk's mobile office June 10. Since April, County Clerk Timothy C. Idoni's community outreach staff has accepted over 300 passport applications in more than 15 locations throughout the county. To accommodate more applicants, the mobile office makes late afternoon and evening appearances in some locations.

cording to John Silcox, spokesman for the **ALLEN COUNTY** Health Department.

► KANSAS

• Landfills in **CHEROKEE** and **CRAWFORD** counties will receive nearly 3 million cubic yards of debris from **tornado-ravaged Joplin, Mo.**, state officials announced.

The southeastern Kansas landfills will take the debris thanks to their proximity to Joplin.

A screening process will be used to ensure that unauthorized waste is not disposed at the Kansas sites, Kansas Department of Health and Environment representatives told the *Wichita Eagle*.

• **MARION COUNTY** is **doubling recycling pickup** and consolidating drop-offs.

The commission voted to end the county's monthly recycling trailer route and to replace it by putting a large recycling bin in each community on the route.

The county will pay to have one bin in most incorporated cities in the county. The local sites will be more available than the once-a-month recycling trailer which traveled to each community. The new program was approved as a six-month trial, the *Peabody Gazette-Bulletin* reported.

► NEVADA

A state Supreme Court ruling in **CLARK COUNTY**'s favor means "hands off" for a state plan to **take about \$35 million** in property tax

money from the county this year.

The high court ruled against the Legislature's taking \$62 million from the Clean Water Coalition — of which Clark County is a member — saying it was unconstitutional for the state to single out local entities for a money grab.

"It certainly will provide some relief to the cuts in expenditures we have to make going into the next year," County Manager Don Burnette told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. "It allows us to push back the prospect of layoffs."

► NEW YORK

• No more not-so-free rides for six more **BROOME COUNTY** officials. To cut costs without raising taxes, County Executive Patrick J. Brennan has revoked the **take-home county car privileges** for several department heads or deputies.

Since taking office April 21, Brennan has grounded nine vehicles, including his and those of two of his deputies, the *Press & Sun-Bulletin* reported.

• **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**'s Health Department and Veteran's Services Agency will collaborate to help provide **cancer services to veterans**. The move is expected to save the county \$20,000.

The health department's Cancer Services Program receives funding via the New York State Department of Health. The new partnership will provide veterans service coordinators, who interact

with veterans and their families, with important information about cancer services available to veterans and their spouses who may not be covered through VA benefits or other health insurance programs.

"All of my department heads are being encouraged as they have in the past to find these opportunities," County Executive Greg Edwards told the *Observer*. "They will find more...."

► NORTH CAROLINA

HENDERSON COUNTY has hired its first **agri-business executive director** to head the county's agricultural economic development efforts. He's Mark Williams, CFO and food safety coordinator for a company that grows and packs produce for retail sale, and a former county commissioner.

Agriculture accounts for 17 percent of the equivalent of the county's gross domestic product.

"We're going to keep people on the farms, and make farms profitable," he told the *Times-News*.

► UTAH

"Erring on the side of transparency" is the goal of an ordinance the **SALT LAKE COUNTY** Council is considering, according to Councilman Arlyn Bradshaw.

He proposed a measure that would make it easier for the **public to obtain electronic communications**, such as text messages, from government officials. It runs counter to legislation passed by the Utah Legislature this year to restrict such access. It has since been repealed, according to *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

"To the extent that new technologies are being used to develop public policy, I believe we need to be transparent in making that available to public view," Bradshaw said. His ordinance calls on county employees to favor "openness and transparency" when reviewing requests for all forms of electronic and social media communications.

► VIRGINIA

• Children under 8 years old would be **banned from dog parks** in **ARLINGTON COUNTY** under a proposal being considered. Kids 8 to 14 would have to be supervised by an adult, according to *The Examiner*.

Officials are trying to maintain dog parks as community gathering spots while addressing dog park sponsors' safety needs, Caroline Temmermand, an Arlington parks division chief, told the newspaper.

Neighboring **FAIRFAX**

The H.R. Doctor Is In

What's So Hard About Balancing the Budget?

It is impossible to go for a day without hearing news stories about the latest unrest in places not on most Americans' tourism bucket lists, such as Bahrain, Sudan or Somalia.

Likewise, it is hard to avoid hearing about some of the adult behaviors demonstrated by some of our Hollywood stars such as Charlie Sheen. Of course, there is the constant harping about one of the most critical issues of our time: Who will be anointed the next "American Idol," or thrown off "Dancing with the Stars?"

Amidst all of this, there is one story which is critically important to the future of each of us, our communities and our country. What will we do about the nation's enormous deficit and seriously unbalanced budget?

For people who have spent a career in local government, balancing the budget requires a relatively simple solution. We must cut expenses, raise revenues or do a combination of both. No matter what end of the political teeter-totter you sit on, this necessity is a commonly understood fact of life. Local governments don't print money. No Multnomah County Eco-Dollars, Iowa County Corn-Fed Beef Bills or Napa Valley Grape Certificates are available to bail us out.

At the federal level, the budget is simply beyond our ability to pay. The result of allowing the deficit to go unchecked is the equivalent of losing our national home to foreclosure and having our national four-wheel-drive truck repossessed. There is however, one thought-provoking solution out there which might just appeal to persons of all

political persuasions mentioned by *Slate* writer Annie Lowery.

If Congress were to do nothing... if Congress were to leave everything just as it is, pass no new laws and simply step aside and take a long-term vacation (while being paid and keeping their health insurance, of course), the budget would be balanced in 8–10 years.

The basis of this outstanding suggestion rests with several realities which combine skills in math, economics, art and science fiction. The Bush era tax cuts for wealthier Americans would be allowed to expire. Alternative minimum tax effects on about 20 million families would end. Health care costs would reduce or increase be stemmed because no repeal or defunding of national health care initiatives would take place. Medicare costs during this period would be much more controlled, unfortunately, by not increasing payments to beleaguered family practice physicians.

A lot of these proposals would hurt many people, not the least of whom would be the highly dedicated and caring physician HR Doctor daughter Rachel. However, no balancing of the federal budget will be successful without program cuts, revenue increases and long-term bipartisan thinking. No solutions are out there which don't hurt groups of people or individuals. These "hurts" are made worse living in a world of political pork, deal making between powerful interest groups and lobbyists, and Congress unable to keep its corporate mouth shut.

Bringing back the concept of the "Do Nothing" Congress borrowed from the Harry Truman administration might actually be the best

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approach out there. It would also restore some much needed peace. That is, it might reduce the annoying noise flooding our brains as activists scream at us, as pundits predict the next political rapture event, and as a vulture-culture media competes in the Sensationalism Olympics. Even

FEMA does not make available Political Noise Flood Insurance for us.

The 80th Congress was in office in 1947–'48. At that time both houses of Congress were dominated by the Republicans, while the White House had a Democratic four-year lease with Harry Truman on the property. Congress was so bipartisan that it passed no legislation and blocked initiatives from the Truman administration. The "Do Nothing" label was President Truman's way of insuring that there was enough blame to go around.

Readers of the HR Doctor articles know of this author's passion for "...acting now to put off the day when bad things happen." However, with the urgency of balancing the budget and reducing the deficit, Lowrey's and the Congressional Budget Office's baseline projections

may be right. It may be best to not act now. It may be better to hibernate. For bears and other creatures, hibernation is a time of restoration, conservation of energy, and using the difficult period of winter in a way which helps insure survival when things turn green and growing once again. There is likely also prolonged snoring.

These are the same characteristics, perhaps without the snoring, which our country needs to weather the difficult economics of high-deficit and unbalanced budgets. Shouldn't Congress act in the national interest, and be quiet and go away so the problem can be sorted out?



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Research News

More Students Throwing Their Hats

Students are graduating from high school at the highest rate in more than two decades.

The national high school graduation rate was 72 percent in 2008—the most recent data available—according to a new report from *Education Week* and the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center. This rate marked a nearly 3 percent jump from 2007.

The report also shows that progress was seen throughout many demographic groups. Each major racial and ethnic group showed an increase of at least two percentage points, with black students improving most rapidly.

Due to the increase in graduation rates, there were about 145,000 fewer high school dropouts from national public schools over the prior year.

For the third straight year, Montgomery County, Md. claimed the highest graduation rate among the 50 largest school districts nationwide. Montgomery County's graduation rate was 85.7 percent in 2008, up from 83.1 percent in 2007.

Fairfax County, Va. was a close second with a graduation rate of 85.1 percent in 2008, up from 82.5 percent in 2007. Rounding out the

top five for 2008 are Wake County, N.C. (78.2 percent), Baltimore County, Md. (77.8 percent), and Jefferson County, Colo. (77.7 percent).

Overall leading states include New Jersey, North Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin, with each having an average graduation rate of 80 percent or more.

"Just as Americans have been following the stock market and employment reports for signs of an economic turnaround, education watchers have been on the lookout for improving graduation rates for the better part of a decade," said Christopher B. Swanson, vice president of Editorial Projects in Education, the nonprofit organization that publishes *Education Week*. "It looks like we are finally seeing strong signs of a broad-based educational recovery, which we hope will gain further momentum."

Over the past decade, the nation's graduation rate increased by an average of 6 percent. In addition, 38 states have posted significant gains, with six states showing double-digit gains: Florida, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and Tennessee.

While the national graduation rate reached a high for this decade,

some areas are still struggling to keep kids in school through graduation. There is a 44 percent gap in graduation rates between the highest-performing states and the lowest-performing states. In addition, dropouts are more likely to have attended a school in a large, urban district and to come from communities of poverty.

In order to provide context for high school graduation rates, the report also provides information on state graduation policies, which vary widely. For example, 24 states require graduates to pass an exit exam, with 21 states basing the passing score on standards for 10th grade or higher. In addition, 26 states award advanced degrees or formally recognize students who exceed graduation standards.

Coursework is another variable tracked in the report. Typically, graduates are required to have passed four years of English, three years of math, three years of social sciences, and two or three credits of sciences, but these requirements vary by state.

To view the full report, visit www.edweek.org.

(Research News was written by Kathryn Murphy, senior research associate.)

NACo on the Move

» NACo Staff

• **Jacqueline Byers**, director of research and outreach, conducted a Forum on Civility in Public Discourse for the Arizona Association of Counties in Maricopa County (Phoenix) June 8.

• **Erik Johnston**, associate legislative director, spoke about NACo's rural legislative priorities at the Partners for Rural America Annual Meeting June 7 in Washington, D.C.



Jacqueline Byers

» Coming Up

Andrew Goldschmidt, director, membership marketing, will be exhibiting on behalf of membership recruitment and retention at the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference June 21–24 in Orange County (Orlando).

On the Move is compiled by Christopher Johnson, editorial assistant.

Model Programs

FROM THE NATION'S COUNTIES

Macomb County, Mich.

County Gives Seniors Informative Birthday Present

BY CHARLIE BAN
STAFF WRITER

"Sweet 65" parties don't have the same panache as the birthday 49 years earlier, but that doesn't bother Macomb County, Mich.

In contrast to many of their teenage counterparts about to celebrate a milestone birthday, 64-year-olds don't think they know everything. That awareness and clear need has led the county's senior citizens services department to organize an information session for residents about to cross the threshold into what benefits specialists call the senior years.

Just as learners' permits don't automatically come in the mail at 16, senior citizens' benefits don't switch on like a light on their 65th birthdays. From Social Security checks to enrolling in Medicare,

each benefit is a separate process that is not entirely intuitive.

"We'd get calls from people who are totally overwhelmed," said Sue Meyers, a county resource advocate for senior citizens. "We didn't have the staffing to answer all the calls."

In the meantime, seniors' ignorance was hurting them. Some programs, like Medicare Part B, include a penalty for late enrollment.

To disseminate information effectively, Meyers organized an evening group information session in 2009 to cover the major issues inherent to turning 65, and added a bit of flair. Organizers dressed a county auditorium like a birthday party, with balloons, wrapped gifts for each of the participants. By keeping the attendance limited to 60 people, the department keeps the quarterly parties manageable. Scheduling the parties quarterly

serves residents with birthdays throughout the year. Each party has had a waiting list.

Speakers from the Veterans' Administration, county Department of Human Services and the federal Social Security Administration are on hand to talk, plus the big event — the Medicare tutorial.

"Any insurance talk is baffling," Meyers said. "It can be tough for us, and we're trained to handle it, so it really is helpful to have department speakers available. People don't know what choice to make, and they could be stuck in the wrong plan, so we try to make it a little less confusing."

Meyers doesn't see how the department could improve on the program.

"We're adjusting how much time goes into different topics, but for the most part we've found a good balance of interests," she said.

The program is free for the county, thanks to donations for the cake, gifts, balloons and materials from government agencies.

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Financial Services News

Network of Care: New Tool for Aging Centers

NACo and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) announced a new tool for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) to link consumers to services in their county or Agency on Aging service area — the Network of Care.

Powered by Trilogy Integrated Resources, these new ADRC public websites can easily be created in each aging network service area to be a single point of information about community-based aging services and resources, access to professionals and caregivers, including a fully integrated call center.

ADRC website features include:

- an integrated resource database with full search capability
- a service directory that enables consumers to make informed decisions
- more than 10,000 local, state and national links to relevant information
- a personal health record that is HIPAA and Health Level Seven (HL7) compliant
- community calendar and announcements, and
- other resources such as online training programs for financial abuse prevention, fall prevention and prescription assistance.

Web-based call center features include:

- the ability to record information about clients or caregivers and their specific needs
- customizable fields for data collection and reporting
- direct referrals to providers, and
- complete and comprehensive reporting capabilities.

The Network of Care provides a simpler, faster, and centralized community resource for consumers and caregivers to find appropriate community services and for providers to locate information about other services in their community.

The Network of Care for Seniors and People with Disabilities site was selected through a nationally solicited competitively bid process by Fairfax County, Va. Acting as the lead public agency, Fairfax County issued a national request for proposal (RFP) for a comprehensive, integrated Web-based information and referral system. Trilogy's Network of Care was selected as the sole provider for these services.

If you are interested in receiving more information about the Network of Care or you would like to see a demonstration of this program, please email naco@networkofcare.org or contact Jim Sawyer at 202.661.8868.

(Financial Services News was written by Jim Sawyer, director, NACo Financial Services Corporation.)

Wyoming county leases land for oil development

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COUNTY bans children under 8, and requires that kids between 9 and 15 be supervised.

• Regional cooperation saved the day for **GOOCHLAND COUNTY**, recovering from a former county treasurer's embezzlement of \$135,000 in public funds.

The central Virginia county turned to nearby **CHESTEFIELD COUNTY** for help in straightening out its finances, and putting checks and balances in place to prevent a recurrence, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported. Their work included

more than 60 recommendations for improving the work and oversight of the treasurer's office.

"I don't know when; I don't know how, but Goochland will repay the favor," said Rebecca Dickson, Goochland's county administrator and a former Chesterfield deputy administrator. She and Goochland Supervisors' Chair William Quarles expressed their thanks at a recent work session of Chesterfield's Board of Supervisors.

►WYOMING

LARAMIE COUNTY commissioners have leased 9.7 acres of county-owned mineral rights for

oil development to Pacer Energy Acquisitions. The company will pay the county \$500 an acre for five years, the *Wyoming Tribune Eagle* reported.

The county owns 50 percent of the mineral rights under the property and will get 18.75 percent of the royalties from any minerals extracted—a percentage Commission Chairwoman Diane Humphrey called "almost unheard of."

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