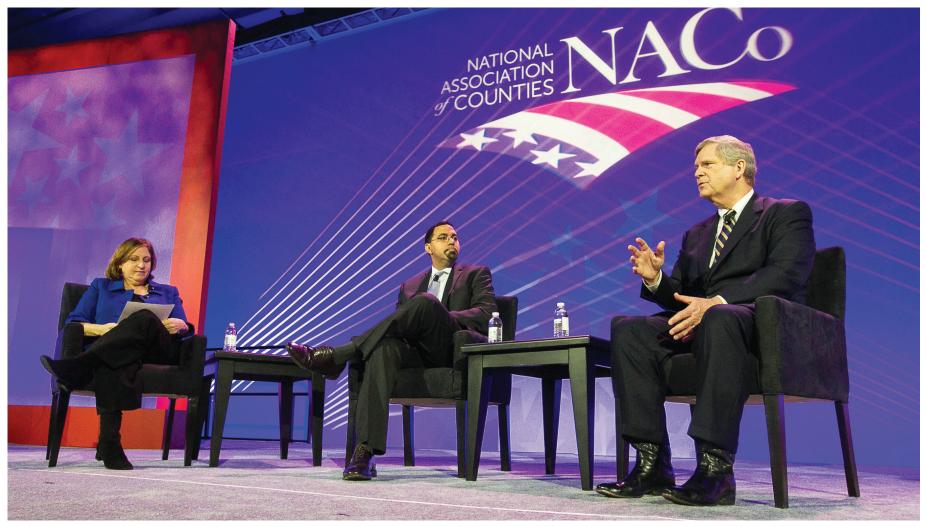


Legislative Conference in Pictures



The scene at the Opening General session Feb.22. All Photos by David Hathcox unless noted.



Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack answers a question posed by Washington Post columnist Ruth Marcus about rural childhood poverty as Acting Education Secretary John King waits his turn.



Cathelia Robinett, eRepublic president, addresses Women of NACo members at their conference breakfast.



Ribbons, ribbons everywhere, which ones to pick? That's the question confronting Rod Runyon, Wasco County, Ore., and Karen Joplin, Hood River County, Ore. Photo by Leon Lawrence III



Jonathan Rubin, Bucks County, Pa., and Antonio Oftelie discuss the human services value curve after Oftelie's presentation on the concept at a subcommittee meeting. Photo by Leon Lawrence III



BYOD's were everywhere. Kareem Murphy, Hennepin County, Minn's deputy director for human services and public health, takes notes on his tablet at a steering committee presentation. Photo by Leon Lawrence III



Call it speed dating for foreign investment. Judy Lyttle, Surry County, Va., listens carefully as Martin Niekert from Germany Trade and Invest explains opportunities in his country for investors. Photo by Leon Lawrence III



 $Melvyn\ Houser, Pottawattamie\ County,\ Iowa,\ at\ the\ Membership\ Committee\ meeting\ discusses\ the\ new\ survey\ proposal.$



Former NACo President Karen Miller comments during Board Forum discussions.



Pat Fleming, senior NACo fellow, leads discussion on lessons learned at counties at Stepping Up workshop. Photo by Leon Lawrence III



Bobby McGovan, Hinds County, Miss., and Stanley Moore, Cook County, Ill., spend some networking



Antonio Tosino Meirelles, Brazil Industries Coalition, answers questions about his country's trade policies at Foreign Investment and U.S. Exports: A Networking Opportunity. Photo by Leon Lawrence III



Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County, Pa., listens intently at the **Human Services and Education** Steering Committee meeting.



El Paso County, Colo. Commissioner Sallie Clark, gracious in her Denver Broncos' Super Bowl victory, exchanges a t-shirt with Glen Webb, a Pitt County, N.C. commissioner and Carolina Panthers fan. Webb is president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Julie Howell, senior health policy advisor, San Diego County, Calif., at the Health Steering Committee meeting.



Alysoun McLaughlin, Montgomery County, Md., at the Pension and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee meeting Photo by Leon Lawrence III



Patrick Ferrell, Chatham County, Ga., brought his son, Chase, along. Chase's 11th birthday fell during the conference.



 $Buddy\ Boe,\ St.\ John\ the\ Baptist\ Parish,\ La.,\ and\ Matthew\ Bell,\ Weber\ County,\ Utah,\ review\ the\ day's\ events.$



Fred Belfield, Nash County, N.C., takes notes at the County Economies 2015 workshop.



Debbi McGinnis, Polk County, Mo., and Lynn Padgett, Ouray County, Colo., exchange views at the Board of Directors meeting.







Liz Archuleta, Coconino County, Ariz.; Greg Cox (c), San Diego County, Calif., and Robert Steele, Cook County, Ill., campaign for NACo second vice president $\ during the conference.$



 $The \hbox{ U.S. Marine Corps band gets the conference started on the right note at the Opening General Session. } \\$



Thompson Reuters Managing Director Steve Rubley accepts the 2016 Award for Corporate Excellence from NACo President Sallie Clark.



Mary Ann Borgeson, Douglas County, Neb., introduces featured Women of NACo speaker Cathelia Robinett.



 $Henry\,Heimuller,\,Columbia\,County,\,Ore.,\,asks\,a\,question\,of\,Secretary\,of\,Transportation\,Anthony\,Foxx\,after\,his\,presentation\,at\,the\,Closing\,General\,Session.$