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2009 SBC Legislative Conference Recap: The Do-Everything Congress

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Additional quotes from conference attendees:

Keith Lindemulder (Representative Burgess):

“It was evident that my Congressman is knowledgeable and passionate about several of our industry’s key issues. It was good to hear his support of our positions, and evident he had personal experience in many of these areas.”

Frank Klinger (Representative Solomon Ortiz):

“After meeting with my Congressman, I believe we were able to bring them information and a point of view they were not aware of before hand. I found meeting with the legislative aids so valuable because they influence how the lawmakers vote.”

Rick Parrino (Congressman Latham):

“My meeting allowed me to build a stronger relationship with my Congressman. Even though I wasn’t able to meet with my Senator (Charles Grassley) this year, I was able to establish relationships with four of his top aides during my meeting in his office.”

Gregg Renner (Congressman Blaine Leutkemeyer):

“My Congressman provided good advice for our Chapters to be more effective in meeting with, and educating Representatives at a grassroots level to influence voting and member activity with other legislators.”