

Legislative Summit
October 19, 2006
Brasfield and Gorrie
11:00 a.m.

Vance Fulkerson opened the meeting with prayer and gave an overview and purpose of the meeting. 64 attendees participated from ABC, AGC, AIA, ASA, ACEC, Alabama Road builders and Alabama Homebuilders. The Alabama Concrete Industries phoned their report to ABC and will forward any information or legislative goals to the group when applicable.

David Stewart reported first on immigration issues. He provided attendees with a handout referencing the immigration legislative. Any group that is interested in monitoring and working on a task force regarding positive immigration reform to the construction industry can contact Tressie@abc-alabama.org to sign up.

Oscar Price reported that the pending case regarding lien law in Alabama would not be heard by the Supreme Court. He suggested that provisions be made to clear up the law.

AIA Report: Patrick Davis reported that AIA will be working on One building Code Authority, Statute of Repose, Interior Design Law that is pending and Sales Tax Exemption.

ABC Report: Tim Hightower and Mike Weeks reported for ABC. This group will be working on Statute of Repose, with an effort to bring AL into the National average. ABC will also work on lien law with a coalition if formed. Their day on the hill will be April 4.

ACEC Report: Bob Barnett, Dale York and Forrest Wilson reported for ACEC. ACEC issues include Statute of Limitations, Certificate of Merit, Apportionment of Damages in Civil Actions and Alabama Building Code. Their day on the hill will be April 24.

ASA Report: Joey Dobbs reported for ASA. Joey reported they would be happy to support the group on statute of repose efforts, immigrations and sales tax issue. ASA does plan to draft a retainage bill. Joey encouraged all groups to communicate with them on their thoughts regarding this. He stated that after the last summit ABC did respond with comments. This year he would like more groups to discuss this matter with their association so that a favorable bill can be introduced.

AGC: Henry Hagood reported for AGC. They will be looking at addressing Craft training/workforce issues. They will support immigration and sales tax efforts by the group. He reported that retainage legislation introduced last session did hit a nerve with is membership.

Alabama Homebuilders: Jason Reid reported for the homebuilders. They plan to look at introducing some Building Code legislation and job site theft legislation.

Alabama Road Builders: Billy Norrell reported for the Alabama Road Builders. They plan to continue looking at sales tax exemption and statute of repose.

Vance Fulkerson, facilitator of meeting, encouraged everyone to communicate to this group thought the next session. If you have comments or ideas regarding any topics above please get those to jay@abc-alabama for circulation or reply to all to this email. If you would like copies of any group's handout please contact Jay as well.

Campaign materials were provided by various candidates at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

