



Welcome to the Women's Mining Coalition Washington, DC Fly-In



www.wmc-usa.org

Thanks for joining us!



U.S. Government Fundamentals

- The Legislative Process

<http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/uscongress/a/legprocess.htm>

- How Laws Are Made

www.thomas.gov/home/lawsmade.toc.html

How We Can Influence the Legislative Process

- Introduction of Legislation ~ Bills & Resolutions
- Committee Action
- Subcommittee Action
 - Hearings
 - Mark Ups
 - Reporting Out
- Publication of a Written Report
- Floor Action ~ House and Senate
- Conference Committee
- Action by the President
- Overriding a Veto





How We Select Members to Visit

WMC works closely with state, regional, and national associations including National Mining Association, American Exploration & Mining Association, and American Coal Council to identify key members in Congress & key Congressional committees

Factors that affect decisions:

- ▣ What legislation is currently proposed
- ▣ What committees are involved
- ▣ Who is supporting/opposing mining interests
- ▣ WMC fly-in participants' representatives
(Congressional Members give meeting preference to their local constituents)

Targeted Committees and Staff

- ▣ Members in Leadership positions
- ▣ Members in States where we work
- ▣ Senate Committees
 - Energy & Natural Resources
 - Commerce, Science & Transportation
 - Environment & Public Works
- ▣ House Committees
 - Energy & Commerce
 - Natural Resources
 - Science, Space & Technology
 - Transportation & Infrastructure



WMC Meetings

- WMC Fly-in Participants Orientation ~ 1/2 day
- As many as 260 meetings with Congressional members/staff over 3 1/2 days in teams of 3-5 women
- Reception for participants





The Daily Schedule

- Sunday: Arrival and informal welcome
- Monday:
 - Morning orientation meeting & issues overview
 - Afternoon Hill Visits
 - Monday evening Participant Reception
 - Evening: Return completed summary sheets to Lynne; pick up next day's schedule
- Tuesday-Thursday:
 - Meet Your Group
 - Hill Visits
 - Evening: Return completed summary sheets to Lynne, pick up next day's schedule



Typical Congressional Office Meeting

- ▣ Overview of WMC ~ By Designated Lead Speaker
- ▣ Introductions of WMC Meeting Participants
 - Name, Title, Company, Home/Work Base
 - Discuss your job responsibilities within the industry
- ▣ Talk about the Target Points
 - Follow up with more comments on points where the staffer shows interest
 - If you don't know an answer, promise to follow-up
- ▣ Ask if there are any questions
- ▣ Offer to provide more info if needed
- ▣ Get a business card from the staffer before you leave

After the Meeting

- Respond/follow up to requests for additional information
- E-mail a thank you



Do I really know enough to speak up?



Absolutely!!

- ▣ If you aren't familiar with a specific issue, talk about the business you know and how changes in the law will affect you. Explain the pictures or photos you've brought along.
- ▣ You are the face of the industry, and probably not the same one the staffer has in mind.
- ▣ Ask what the member's opinion is on the various issues; let the staffer talk to you.
- ▣ If you can't speak to a topic or question, make a note and tell them you'll have someone from WMC get back to them.
- ▣ Don't pretend to know something you don't.

Logistics On the Hill

- Visiting the Senate & House office buildings
- Security screening for entry to all buildings
- Building layouts & connecting tunnels
- Transportation to-from the Hill ~ cab & metro

Senate
Offices



House
Offices

The Capitol: view from the west

Source: www.aoc.gov

The Senate

▣ Three interconnected buildings

- Dirksen
- Hart
- Russell



Senator Crapo, Idaho



Dirksen Senate Office Building

Source: www.aoc.gov



Hart Senate Office Building

The House of Representatives

- ▣ Three interconnected buildings
 - Cannon
 - Longworth
 - Rayburn



Hon. Don Young
Alaska



Hon. Cathy McMorris Rodgers
5th District Washington



Cannon House Office Building
Source: www.aoc.gov



Longworth House
Office Building

Logistics

- What to wear
 - The Daily Uniform
 - Color-coded attire makes us more visible as a group
 - Walking Shoes
 - Comfort is more important than style
- What to Pack
 - Business Cards
 - Photos (work related)
 - Umbrella
 - Camera



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