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PRESS RELEASE

**Sec'y of State Jim Condos to Participate in a
National Business Symposium and Elections Roundtable**

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos will attend a National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Business Symposium and Elections Roundtable from May 5 - 7.

May 6 will be devoted to the Business Symposium dedicated to hearing from, and working with the business sector on innovative approaches to government's role in helping to enhance economic growth. Secretary Condos will moderate a panel on "What Businesses Need from Government" and will speak about Vermont's Corporations Division successful launch of new on-line system for filing annual reports and certificates of good standing.

"I am pleased to join my colleagues from across the country at a time when creating new jobs and protecting current jobs is so important for our citizens," states Secretary Condos. "We must do all we can to foster business and economic development by taking steps to review, improve, and streamline the required processes."

May 7 will be devoted to an Elections Roundtable to discuss pending federal legislation which may impact management of statewide voter checklists, early voting, voter outreach, voter registration, and inter-governmental relations.

"Following the 2012 elections, Congress and the President are proposing election law changes and new mandates," states Secretary Condos. "It is important that the states speak with a unified voice on the impacts of these changes. Elections are the very core of our democracy."

NASS is pleased to join NASS President Ross Miller (NV Sec of State) in hosting this symposium and roundtable – and bringing at least 27 states together for these very important discussions.

Founded in 1904, NASS is the oldest, nonpartisan professional organization of public officials in the U.S. Members include the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa and Puerto Rico. NASS serves as a medium for the exchange of information between states and fosters cooperation in the development of public policy. The association has key initiatives in the areas of elections and voting, state business services and digital archiving, international relations and state securities regulation.

Jim Condos is Vermont's Secretary of State.

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