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# FEDERALISM IN NORTH AMERICA: LEGISLATURES, GOVERNORS, AND PREMIERS

*Henry T. King, Jr.*  
Introduction

MR. KING: We have a reputation for punctuality, and I want to get going so that we can hear our speakers at our climax session of this conference. It is titled "Federalism in North America: Legislatures, Governors and Premiers." Our Canadian speaker is Peter Dobell. He established the Parliamentary Center in 1968. It was a nonprofit corporation designed to strengthen the Canadian Parliament and its committees, as well as to assist members of Parliament in becoming more effective. So he's providing a very valuable service over a long period of time to the Canadian Parliament.

And just by way of background, he's a graduate of the University of Toronto in history, and also Oxford University from which he received an honorary degree, and from Trinity College in Oxford. He has performed a very useful service over many years to Canadian Parliamentarians.

And our U.S. speaker is Representative Stephen Buehrer. He's a State Representative from Ohio's 82<sup>nd</sup> House District, has served as the Assistant Majority Floor Leader in the 120<sup>th</sup> and – 124<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly; been a State Representative for a number of years. He's been a key player in the Ohio House of Representatives.

He not only represents his District in Columbus, but he's also a practicing attorney at Barber, Kaper, Stamm & Robinson. And he is a member of a number of organizations which are listed in our program. Graduate summa cum laude from Bowling Green University, and cum laude from Capital University Law School. So it is with great pleasure that I present Representative Stephen Buehrer. Steve, the floor is yours.

