

Eastern Coal Council

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Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey welcomes Energy Group to Tennessee

The Eastern Coal Council is sponsoring its 29th annual Conference and Exposition, **"Leading By Example: Coal Technologies for an Energy Secure America"**, May 19 and 20, 2008. Co-sponsors are U. S. Congressman Rick Boucher, Southern States Energy Board, Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, Virginia Tech's Powell River Research & Education Center, Virginia Mining Association, Kentucky Coal Academy, and Coal Leader, coal's national newspaper. The meeting will be at the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center, Kingsport, TN.

Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey represents Tennessee Senate District 2, which encompasses Johnson and Sullivan counties in East Tennessee. He was elected to the Senate in 1996 after serving two terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives. During his time as a state representative, Ramsey represented the 1st district, located in Sullivan County.

On January 9, 2007, Senator Ramsey was elected Speaker of the Senate and Lt. Governor by a margin of 18-15, receiving the votes of all GOP senators and one Democratic senator. He is the first GOP Senate Speaker in 140 years and the first from Sullivan County in over 100 years.

Prior to his election, he served as Majority Leader and Caucus Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus and is also a former Chairman of the Senate Environment Committee.

Senator Ramsey authored the state's handgun carry permit law and is an avid outdoorsman. He also sponsored legislation creating the state's "brownfield" law, helping Tennessee's environment by making it easier to redevelop old industrial sites.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to hear knowledgeable elected officials as well as industry leaders. Tuesday program will deal with clean coal technology, the session dealing with carbon capture and storage will provide information on the SECARB partnership, which includes this region.

The annual golf outing will be Monday afternoon, May 19, at the MeadowView's Cattails Golf Course. Denis Griffiths designed the 18 Hole championship course. The Cattails Course is conveniently located beside the Hotel.

For additional information or to register contact the EASTERN COAL COUNCIL, P. O. Box 858, Richlands, VA 24641. PHONE: 276/964-6363 or 964-9088, FAX: 276/964-6342, or E-Mail: ECC@Netscope.Net. Check the Eastern Coal Council's website for presenters' photographs, and for additional information and updates " easterncoalcouncil.org "