Canada-U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Group

THE RENEGOTIATION OF NAFTA: SOME THOUGHTS
PURPOSE

The purpose of the IPG is to:

– find points of convergence in respective national policies
– initiate dialogue on points of divergence
– encourage the exchange of information
– promote better understanding among Canadian and American parliamentarians on shared issues of concern.
ACTIVITIES

The IPG’s Canadian Section achieves its goals through:

– an annual meeting with Congressional counterparts
– Congressional meetings on Capitol Hill
– meetings of governors and state legislators.
SETTING THE ELECTORAL CONTEXT

Mexico: Presidential election in July 2018

United States: mid-term elections in November 2018

Canada: federal election in October 2019
SETTING THE ECONOMIC CONTEXT

U.S. in 2016: Canada’s largest merchandise trade and services trade partner

Mexico in 2016: Canada’s 3rd largest merchandise trade partner

Trilateral trade in 2016: estimated to be US$1 trillion
U.S. RENEGOTIATION OBJECTIVES

Daniel’s 7 “buckets”:
• the “cut and paste”
• the “templates”
• the “hybrids”
• the “good”
• the “not so good”
• the “ugly”
• the “interesting”
CANADIAN VIEWS ABOUT SELECTED ISSUES

Chapter 19

Dairy

Domestic preference programs
PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT CANADA’S VIEWS

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau: July, National Governors Association

Parliamentary Secretary Matt DeCourcey: August, National Conference of State Legislatures

Minister Chrystia Freeland: August, House Committee on International Trade

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QUESTIONS?

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