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**MEDIA ADVISORY FOR:**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007**  
**@ 9:30 AM EST**

**Commission to Testify Before Bicameral Hearing**  
*Testimony to Highlight Commission's Recommendations for Reauthorization*

Washington, DC---Governor Roy Barnes, Co-Chair of the Commission on No Child Left Behind, will testify before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor and the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions at a bicameral hearing titled "Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization: Improving NCLB to Close the Achievement Gap." The hearing will take place **at 9:30 AM EST and will be held at the Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2175 in Washington, DC.** Governor Barnes will provide testimony on the recommendations for improving NCLB outlined in the Commission's report "Beyond NCLB: Fulfilling the Promise to Our Nation's Children. These recommendations include: teacher and principal effectiveness; improved accountability; school improvement and quality student options; and standards.

The Commission on No Child Left Behind is an independent, bipartisan effort to improve the No Child Left Behind Act and ensure it is a more useful force in improving student performance and closing the achievement gap that separates disadvantaged children and their peers. The Commission has uncovered the successes of NCLB, as well as provisions which need to be changed or significantly improved. The Commission, after a year of hearings, analysis and research is set to report its recommendations to Congress and the Administration.

**WHAT:** Bicameral Hearing on NCLB Reauthorization  
**WHO:** Governor Roy Barnes, Co-Chair Commission on No Child Left Behind  
**WHEN:** **Tuesday, March 13, 2007 @ 9:30AM EST**  
**WHERE:** The Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2175  
Independence Avenue, Washington, DC

The hearing can be viewed at <http://edworkforce.house.gov/>

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