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**Commission Testifies at Bicameral Hearing on
NCLB Reauthorization**
Gov. Barnes Details Recommendations in Commission's Report

WASHINGTON, DC —Today Governor Roy Barnes, Co-chair for the Commission on No Child Left Behind, testified 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.” Governor Barnes provided testimony on the recommendations for improving NCLB outlined in the Commission’s report “Beyond NCLB: Fulfilling the Promise to Our Nation’s Children.”

“Our report contains specific and actionable recommendations for improving NCLB,” said Governor Barnes. “It is our hope that Congress will use them as a blueprint for reauthorization.” The Commission’s 75 recommendations in the report largely focus on five broad categories of issues including:

- Ensuring Teachers and Principals are Effective at Improving Student Achievement
- Accelerating Progress through Accurate and Fair Accountability Measures
- Effective School Improvement and Quality Student Options
- Rigorous Standards Tied to College and Workplace Readiness
- Strengthening and Reforming High Schools

The Commission’s charge was to identify the successes of NCLB as well as its challenges and problems and to develop solutions that will improve the law’s impact on raising student achievement and closing these achievement gaps. These recommendations were produced through a bipartisan independent process that included 12 public hearings and roundtables around the country and over 10,000 emails, submissions of written testimony, meetings and letters from those with thoughts on how to improve the law.

The entire Commission report can be read, ordered and downloaded at www.nclbcommission.org.

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