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ISGAR BRINGS RURAL ISSUES TO FOREFRONT

Rural Issues Study Committee met to address unique concerns facing our communities

DENVER—Today, the legislative Rural Issues Study Committee met for the first time at the State Capitol. The committee, vice-chaired by **Senator Jim Isgar (D-Hesperus)**, will be examining economic development, job retention, tax structures, infrastructure investment and agricultural development.

“Rural communities in Colorado face unique challenges in developing and diversifying a local economy,” said **Senator Isgar**. “This interim committee will give us an excellent opportunity to seriously address infrastructure needs such as highways and telecommunications that link rural areas to the rest of the state and the country. This interim committee will give the Legislature a chance to examine what the needs of the state are outside major cities. The committee will be able to address the availability and affordability of healthcare, economic development, tourism promotion and affordable housing.”

The Rural Issues Study Committee has the authority to consider and recommend legislation for the 2006 Legislative Session. The Committee will meet an additional 5 times before November 15, 2005. Below is the tentative schedule:

July 28 & 29, 2005	Lamar & Alamosa
September 8 & 9, 2005	Greeley & Grand Junction
October 12, 2005	State Capitol

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