

Today's PolicyTalk includes three items:

1. PPC Director to Give Pre-talk at Wednesday, March 25th E.N. Thompson Forum Event: Wilson Dialogue Looks at Path to Citizenship for Illegal Immigrants

On March 25th, 7:00 pm at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, the second annual Charles and Linda Wilson Dialogue on Domestic Issues is "Illegal Immigrants: Path to Citizenship?" Professors Vernon Briggs, professor emeritus of Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and Michael Olivas, William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law and Director of the Institute of Higher Education Law & Governance at the University of Houston Law Center, will discuss their differing opinions on creating a path to citizenship for undocumented workers. Professor Rick Alloway of UNL's College of Journalism and Mass Communication will moderate the dialogue. Tickets are free via the Lied Center, 402-472-4747 or 800-432-3231 or at the ticket office prior to the event. Also, the talk is available live on the web, Lincoln cable channel 21 or channel 5, NETSAT 104, UNL campus channel 8 and UNL KRNU radio 90.3 FM. Live satellite broadcasts and follow-up discussion will be available in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Kearney, Wayne, Columbus and Omaha.

Alan Tomkins (that would be me) will give a short pre-event talk discussing the political and policy climate for and public perceptions of immigration in Nebraska. The pre-event talk will begin at 6:30 pm in the Steinhart Room of the Lied Center. It is not broadcast, only available live and in-person!

2. Senator Ben Nelson to Speak Friday, April 17th on City Campus

As part of the Public Policy Center's ten year anniversary activities, Senator Ben Nelson will deliver a talk, "Civic Engagement and Public Participation: Democracy's April Showers and May Flowers." The talk will take place April 17th, 3:00 pm, at the City Campus Student Union Auditorium. The talk is also part of the Husker Spiritfest/Alumni Weekend. Senator Nelson's talk is free and open to the public. (No tickets required, no broadcast!)

For more information, or if you have any questions, contact Jenn Klein at the Public Policy Center, 472-0194 or jklein2@nebraska.edu.

3. The UNL College of Journalism and Public Policy Center present the premiere screening of "Renewable Energy and Nebraska's Future" on Monday, April 20th

"Renewable Energy and Nebraska's Future" is a one-hour documentary that explores the opportunities and challenges of expanding renewable energy resources in Nebraska. The documentary covers the current status and future potential for wind, solar, biofuels, and nuclear energy, and features interviews with Governor Dave Heineman, Senators Hagel and Nelson, Congressmen Terry, Fortenberry, and Smith, among others. The program identifies the critical issues facing the state, and investigates the most appropriate

renewable energy policies that Nebraska should pursue to expand renewable energy options. The documentary was produced by College of Journalism students. PUBLIC POLICY CENTER

The screening will take place at 7:00 pm, at the Mary Riepma Ross Theater. The screening will be followed by a discussion and question and answer session with policymakers about renewable energy in Nebraska. At 6:30 pm, prior to the screening of the documentary, the journalism students will discuss the making of the documentary.

The event is part of the Thomas C. Sorensen Policy Seminar Series and national 2009 Focus The Nation series of activities on energy and climate change. It is free and open to the public and university community.

The documentary was supported by the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research with funding support from the Nebraska Public Power District. Event co-sponsors include the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, University of Nebraska College of Journalism, University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Arts and Sciences through the Thomas C. Sorensen Endowment, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Focus The Nation campaign, the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research, Nebraska Public Power District, and the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center.

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