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Approximately 90 people were seated in the ballroom of the Crowne Plaza when the Montana Climate Change dialogue kicked off with a welcome by the President of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, Webb Brown. Immediately following his remarks was a presentation for Dr. Thorning, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of the American Council for Capital Formation and Bryan Just, Senior Economist at the American Petroleum Institute on ACCF/NAM's economic study on the analysis of Lieberman-Warner's effect on Montana's economy and residents. The economic presentation was followed by a technologies and legal overview of climate change legislation by George Landrith, Co-Chairman of the American Environmental Coalition and President of Frontiers of Freedom and Chairman. The third and final presentation of the morning was an overview of state specific climate change proposals currently under consideration in Montana's legislature.

The presentations concluded with an open floor dialogue which lasted approximately an hour and was followed by a lunch. Ray Kuntz, Chairman of the Board of the American Trucking Association, Chief Executive Officer of Watkins and Shepard Trucking Co., and long-time resident of the state of Montana spoke during the lunch portion of the program on initiatives the trucking industry has taken and are implementing to achieve greater energy efficiency and reduce their contribution to GHG emissions.

The lunch presentation segued nicely into a panel on local businesses and industries contribution to positive change led by MDU Resources and Montana Electric Cooperatives Association. The event was widely covered by radio, television and newspaper media, national and local, and garnered attendance from both Senator Baucus's and Senator Tester's offices.