

2012 AMCA Washington Conference

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- **Purpose**

- ★ **Speak to our elected Congressmen**
- ★ **Educate ourselves on legislative issues**



Preparation to Visit Capitol Hill



**President
Tom Wilmot**



**Past
President
Janet
McAllister**



**Legislative
Advocate
Ed Ruckert**



**L & R Chair
David Brown**



**Central Life
Sciences
Mark
Newberg**

**Legislative
Advocate
David Crow**



Mark and Dave Role Play



Second day – Capitol Hill Visits

★ Legislative Aides only in 2012



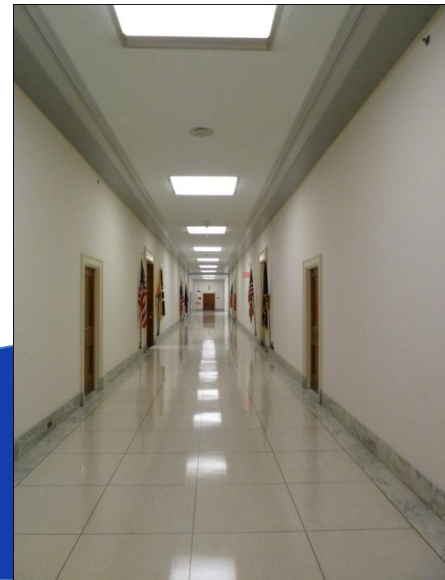
★ Legislative issues – Same as 2011!!

- Clean Water Act/NPDES
- Funding for National Disease Surveillance (ELC)
- Endangered Species Act and Mosquito Control
- FQPA Appropriations
- Mosquito Control on Wildlife Refuges

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★ Big Thank You to Elmer

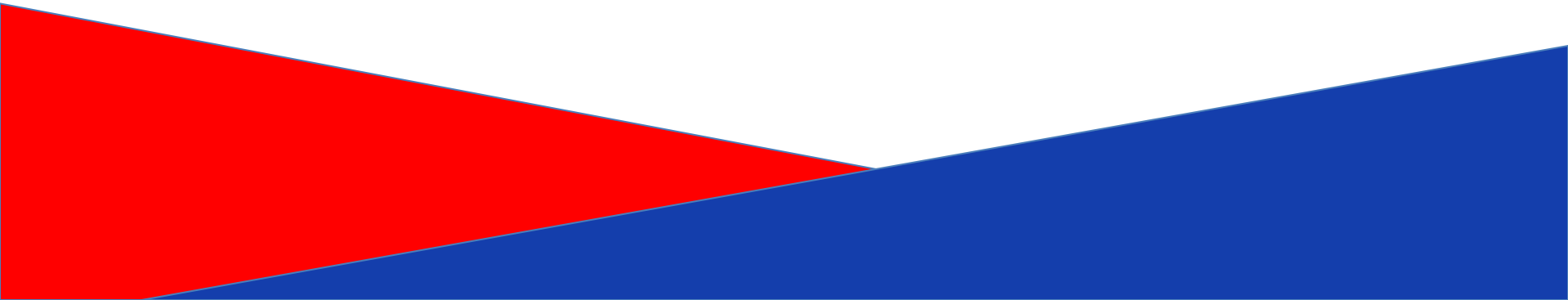
- Appointments with 10 of 15 Legislative Aides for Georgia Senators and Representatives
- Left Point Papers at the other 5 offices



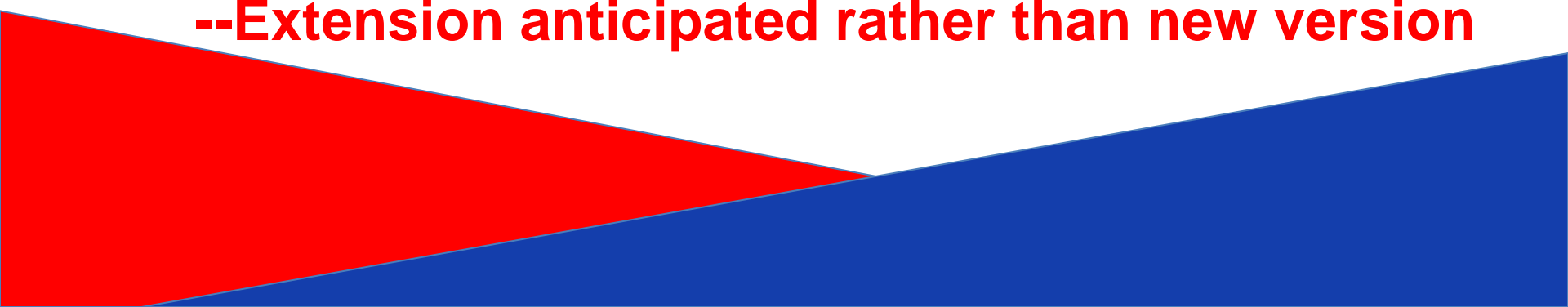
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★What did we accomplish

- 1) Restated our concerns for passing HR 872
- 2) Reinforced the need for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant funding
- 3) Very subdued atmosphere this year!!



Status HR 872 – from AMCA L & R Committee

1. All states have implemented (wide variation)
 - LA vs CA
 2. As a stand alone initiative
 - Passed in House; stalled by Senate leadership
 3. As a Farm Bill amendment
 - Farm Bill Passed in Senate w/o HR 872
 - Debated in the House
 - Extension anticipated rather than new version
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Summary of our participation:

- ★ Congress suffers from a lack of factual information
- ★ Continued uncertainty about HR 872
- ★ Emphasized the need for continued contact

Emphasizes the need for all individuals to get involved

- ★ Scholarships thorough Central Life Sciences



Questions?

