



CBAO and OBA Host Chairman Richard Shelby's Visit to Oklahoma

The Oklahoma State Banking Department co-hosted United States Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL) at a gathering of Oklahoma community bankers on November 11. Senator Shelby is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Committee on Rules and Administration. Chairman Shelby introduced a bill earlier this summer that provides relief to community banks from several of the Dodd-Frank burdens. Commissioner Mick Thompson invited the Senator to meet with Oklahoma community bankers for the purpose of strengthening the relationship between Oklahoma's banking industry and those in Washington D.C. who can produce real regulatory relief.

Chairman Shelby visited with each banker in the room and discussed his concern over the disappearance of the country's community banks. He explained to the audience his proposed legislation and the regulatory relief it would create. The bankers in the audience expressed their gratitude to the Chairman for his visit and hard work in pursuing regulatory change. Commissioner Thompson thanked Chairman Shelby for his friendship and his on-going support of community banking.

near right: U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL); far right, top: Commissioner Thompson introduces Chairman Shelby; far right, bottom: Craig Buford, CBAO President and CEO; Commissioner Mick Thompson; Chairman Richard Shelby; Adrian Beverage, OBA EVP of Government Relations; and CBAO Chairman Rick Holder, President, Stockmans

