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AMBASSADORS PANEL INTRODUCTION

2013 MONTANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

Monday September 16th 2013 8:37 AM

Stage Order: Rep. Daines, **Ambassadors Panel**, Richard Anderson

**MC Jon Sesso on stage for transition*

Take Stage, Introduce Ambassadors Panel Moderated by Webb Brown

Exit stage

Now it's time to get to work!

**I've always believed: the more we can send
Montana's world-class products around the world, the
more jobs we can support here at home.**

That's why I'm so excited about our first panel.

**Ambassadors representing some of our Montana's most
important trading partners spent the past three days
traveling Montana on our 2013 Ambassadors Tour.**

**From Kalispell to Three Forks, they've toured
Montana's highest-quality manufacturing and
research facilities, witnessed our world class**

agriculture operations first-hand, and met with Montana entrepreneurs doing business all over the world.

Did I mention, we did it all together in a van? After 500 miles you get to know each other pretty well. And these guys are aces.

Representing America's largest market for beef, and Montana's neighbor to the North Canadian Ambassador Gary Doer [DOO-ur]

Chinese Ambassador Cui Tiankai (sway tee-ehn-k-eye) represents a critical market for Montana businesses.

With the largest population in the world, China's GDP is growing at more than 7 percent a year.

The E.U. is Montana's 3rd largest export partner.

And representing one of the E.U.'s most important players, German Ambassador Peter Ammon.

Representing the largest buyer of Montana wheat, Japanese Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae (keh-NEE-chee-roh sahs-EYE).

Montana's exports to Peru are up nearly 560 percent thanks to sales of copper from right her in Butte. Please join me in welcoming Peruvian Ambassador Harold Forsyth.

And here to help moderate our panel, Montana's own chamber President Webb Brown. Webb knows a thing or two about trade. He's traveled the world with me to open new markets and hosted visitors from across the globe here in Montana.

Webb, take it away.

EXIT STAGE