

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES
LOOKING UNDER THE HOOD OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG
REIMPORTATION

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CAL R. LUDEMAN is the Commissioner of the Department of Employee Relations appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty on January 13, 2003. Ludeman also serves as Chair of Governor Pawlenty's Health Cabinet. As Commissioner, Ludeman has negotiated a salary and benefit package for over 32,000 state employees and also reorganized the Employee Assistance Program. Commissioner Ludeman has led the drive to automate many of the department's functions. Under his direction new and more robust technologies, such as Resumix and PeopleSoft are being used to track and manage human resource activities. Ludeman has served in the State of Minnesota's House of Representatives from 1979 to 1985, including serving as Minority Whip from 1983 to 1984. In addition, Ludeman served on the Labor-Management Committee and Pension subcommittee, where he dealt with issues ranging from workers' compensation reform to state employee pension funds, with a special interest in the budgeting process, governmental organization and Public Employee Labor Relations Act (PELRA). Cal Ludeman is a co-owner/operator of SanMarbo Farms, Inc. in Tracy, Minnesota along with his two brothers and his son. Ludeman is also an owner/partner in Coyote Ridge Farms Partnership, which owns 2,000 acres in Minnesota and South Dakota. Ludeman holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming.