

Employer Legislative Committees of New Jersey (ELCs)

The next Gloucester/Salem ELC meeting will be on:

Date: **Friday, October 3, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Speaker: **Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher**

Bio:

The State Board of Agriculture's appointment of Fisher as Secretary of Agriculture was approved by then-Gov. Jon S. Corzine on Feb. 10, 2009. At the time, Fisher was serving as a member of the General Assembly. Governor Christie issued a statement in January 2010 supporting Fisher's continued service as the secretary. As Secretary, Fisher serves as the chairman of the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC), Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Bank Board, and State Soil Conservation Committee. In addition, he is past-president of Food Export-Northeast and the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture and currently an Executive Board member and past-Treasurer of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

Fisher received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Bryant University in Rhode Island in 1969. He served in the New Jersey National Guard from 1969 to 1975. In 1971, he began a 30-year career as a supermarket owner and operator. He then worked as a Realtor and New Jersey owner of the Entrepreneur's Source. Fisher was elected to the Assembly from the 3rd Legislative District in 2001 and was re-elected three times, serving as Deputy Majority Whip and Chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources and Inter-Governmental Affairs Committees. He also served on the Budget, Regulatory Oversight, Commerce, Regulated Professions and Telecommunications and Utilities committees.

Fisher sponsored the original bill to limit the use of cell phones in motor vehicles and was the prime sponsor to ban the harvesting of horseshoe crabs as well as numerous farmland, open space and preservation bills.

He served on the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1992 to 2001 and was Freeholder Director from 1996 to 2000 and past-president of the South Jersey Freeholder Association. He was a member of the Bridgeton City Council from 1990 to 1993.

Location: **Courtyard by Marriott Glassboro at Rowan, 325 Rowan Blvd, Glassboro, NJ 08028**

Cost: **Meal is \$20 Make check payable to: Gloucester/Salem ELC.**

If you are interested in attending, please respond by e-mail as soon as possible to Claire Riggs at Claire.Riggs@axeonsp.com.

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