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Ripon Society Roundtable Features

Speaker Boehner & New House Members

A little more than 12 hours after the State of the Union Address, The Ripon Society hosted a roundtable luncheon this afternoon with the man who shared the dais with the President, Speaker John Boehner, and nine new Members of the House of Representatives.

“Last night’s speech marks the symbolic start of the legislative year,” stated Jim Conzelman, the President & CEO of The Ripon Society. “But for Members of the new Republican majority, their work began three weeks ago with a full agenda that was highlighted by the recent vote to repeal the health care law.

“The purpose of today’s roundtable was to hear more about this agenda and the new majority’s plans for the coming year. In addition to nine Members of the incoming freshmen class, we were also very fortunate to have with us the Speaker of the House.

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The new Members participating in the roundtable discussion were: Representatives Bob Gibbs (OH-18); Bill Huizenga (MI-2); Robert Hurt (VA-5); Michael Grimm (NY-13); Bill Johnson (OH-6); Rich Nugent (FL-5); Jim Renacci (OH-16); Tim Scott (SC-1); and, Tim Walberg (MI-7). The Members, and Speaker Boehner, were introduced by former Ohio Congressman Mike Oxley.

According to Conzelman, the format of the roundtable was intended to foster discussion among the featured participants and those who attended the event. Conzelman also noted that this was the second roundtable discussion The Ripon Society has hosted in 2011 and the eighth since December 2009.

The most recent roundtable, on January 6, featured nine new freshmen Members. Previous events have also



Speaker of the House John Boehner delivers remarks at The Ripon Society roundtable luncheon on January 26.

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featured senior members of Speaker Boehner’s staff, senior members of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor’s staff, Ranking Members of the House Financial Services Committee, Ranking Members of the Ways & Means Committee, and senior staff members from both the House and the Senate. On average, about 90 people were in attendance for those roundtables, while today’s event drew over 115.

The Ripon Society is a public policy organization that was founded in 1962 and takes its name from the town where the Republican Party was born in 1854 -- Ripon, Wisconsin. One of the main goals of The Ripon Society is to promote the ideas and principles that have made America great and contributed to the GOP’s success. These ideas include keeping our nation secure, keeping taxes low and having a federal government that is smaller, smarter and more accountable to the people.

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*Clockwise, from top left:
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