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THE RIPON SOCIETY

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Ripon Society Hosts Roundtable Discussion with House Staff Directors and Chiefs of Staff

The Ripon Society hosted its second roundtable discussion of the year on April 19, an event that focused on the House of Representatives and featured Staff Directors and Chiefs of Staff from some of the key leadership, committee, and personal offices in that chamber.

The event kicked off with remarks from The Honorable Barry Jackson, the Chief of Staff for Republican Leader John Boehner who previously served as Political Director of the White House in the Administration of President George W. Bush.

Jackson, who also served as Boehner's staff chief in the 1990s and was one of the architects of the Contract with America, discussed the upcoming agenda on Capitol Hill and stated that he has never seen the GOP Conference as "unified" as it has been over the past several months.

In addition to Jackson, the Roundtable also included: James Min, Chief of Staff to Deputy Republican Whip Kevin McCarthy; David Cavicke, Chief of Staff to Congressman Joe Barton, Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee; Jim Coon, Chief of Staff to Congressman John Mica, Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Larry Lavender, Chief of Staff to Congressman Spencer Bachus, Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services; Rob O'Connor, Staff Director to Peter King, Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security; and Jon Traub, Staff Director to Congressman Dave Camp, Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

According to Jim Conzelman, the President and CEO of The Ripon Society, the format of the roundtable was intended to foster discussion among the featured participants and those who attended the event. The Staff Directors and Chiefs of Staff circulated among the tables, answering questions and discussing the many concerns that people had.

Conzelman also noted that this was the second roundtable discussion The Ripon Society has hosted in 2010.



The Honorable Barry Jackson, Chief of Staff for House Republican Leader John Boehner, delivers opening remarks at The Ripon Society's April 19th Roundtable Discussion.

According to Barry Jackson, the House GOP Conference has never been as "unified" as it has been over the past several months.

In March, the Society hosted the Ranking Member and Republican leadership of the Ways and Means Committee for a similar event. Around 80 people were in attendance

for that roundtable, Conzelman noted, about the same number that attended the event with the House Staff Directors

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 past 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.

For more information on the Ripon Society, please visit <http://www.riponsociety.org>. RS



Upcoming events:
April 29 - Bully Pulpit on the Pension Crisis
May 7 - Bully Box Lunch on Health Care
May 18 - Senate Staff Directors Roundtable
May 26 - Breakfast with David Brooks

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House Staff Directors &
Chiefs of Staff Roundtable
Discussion
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Counter clockwise from left:
Barry Jackson with Leader Boehner;
James Min with Cong. McCarthy;
David Cavicke with Cong. Barton;
Jim Coon with Cong. Mica;
Larry Lavender, with Cong. Bachus;
Rob O'Connor with Cong. Peter King;
and Jon Traub with Cong. Camp.
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