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## Ripon Society Hosts Ways & Means Roundtable

**March 25th breakfast featured  
Republican Leader Dave Camp and five  
ranking Members from House  
tax writing committee**

The Ripon Society hosted its second Committee Roundtable discussion on March 25, an event that featured not just the Republican leader of the Ways and Means Committee, but five of the committee's ranking Members as well.

"With the American economy trying to get back on its feet," stated Jim Conzelman, the President & CEO of The Ripon Society, "the last thing the American people need right now is uncertainty. And yet that's exactly what they face in too many areas.

"Taxes and trade are two good examples. With the Bush Administration tax cuts set to expire this year and several key trade agreements still up in the air, people have real questions about any changes Congress and President Obama may be considering that could affect their budget and their planning for the future.

"The goal of this roundtable was to discuss some of these changes and their possible impact on job creation and the growth of the economy."

The roundtable featured U.S. Rep. Dave Camp (MI-4), the Ranking Republican on the Ways and Means Committee, along with five of the panel's Ranking Members as well, including: U.S. Rep. Wally Herger (CA-2) of the Health Subcommittee; U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady (TX-8) of the Trade Subcommittee; U.S. Rep. John Linder (GA-7) of the Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee; U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi (OH-12) of the Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee; and U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany (LA-7) of the Oversight Subcommittee.

According to Conzelman, the format of the roundtable was intended to foster discussion among the fea-



Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member Dave Camp of Michigan speaks to The Ripon Society Roundtable on March 25th.

tured participants and those who attended the event. The Members 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 for Congressional Committees. This past December, the Society hosted members of the House Financial Services 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 Ways and Means.

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>.

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**The Ripon Society  
Ways and Means Committee  
Roundtable Discussion  
March 25, 2010**

Clockwise from left:  
Pat Tiberi of Ohio;  
Kevin Brady of Texas;  
John Linder of Georgia;  
Charles Boustany of Louisiana;  
Wally Herger of California.  
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