



News from

THE RIPON SOCIETY

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“A New Way of Doing Things”

Rules Committee Chairman Dreier discusses how the new majority is running things in the House

The Ripon Society hosted a breakfast discussion yesterday morning with California Congressman David Dreier, the Chairman of the Rules Committee and the man who, more than any other individual in the House, determines how legislation is considered and debated on the House floor.

“When Republicans won control of the House last November,” stated Jim Conzelman, the President and CEO of The Ripon Society, “one of the promises the new majority made was that legislation would be considered in a much more open process than it had been when Democrats controlled the chamber.

“Since being sworn in, the new majority has been true to their word. More amendments are being considered and more debate is being allowed by both Republicans and Democrats alike. As of April 24th, the House had cast 277 roll call votes -- the most since 1995. The individual who is making all this possible is David Dreier. As Chairman of the House Rules Committee, he’s the new sheriff in town so to speak.

“The purpose of yesterday morning’s breakfast was to hear how Chairman Dreier is running things when it comes to the Rules Committee and the new way of doing things with Republicans back in control of the House.”

According to Conzelman, Dreier not only discussed this issue, but also discussed an issue that has been leading the news since this past weekend -- the killing of Osama bin Laden and what it means to the future security of the United States.



Around 60 individuals attended the breakfast, Conzelman noted. Conzelman added that freshman New York Congressman Richard Hanna also attended the event.

Dreier’s appearance before The Ripon Society occurred as part of the group’s *2011 Policy & Politics Dialogue Series*, which features elected leaders and other prominent officials discussing the issues of the day and the challenges facing us as a Nation. Other speakers this

year have included Speaker of the House John Boehner, Senator John McCain, and Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, among others.

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.

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

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Breakfast with

SENATOR TOM COBURN (OK)

The Capitol Hill Club - 7:45 a.m.

Thursday, May 19, 2011

"Meet Team Upton"

A roundtable Lunch Discussion with

THE STAFF OF THE ENERGY & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The Capitol Hill Club - 11:45 a.m.

Thursday May 26, 2011

Bully Pulpit Breakfast Briefing on Social Security Reform

SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM (SC)

The Capitol Hill Club - 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Breakfast with Former Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE DONALD RUMSFELD

The Capitol Hill Club - 7:45 a.m.

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Breakfast with

SENATOR MIKE CRAPO (ID)

The Capitol Hill Club - 7:45 a.m.



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