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42nd Annual Meeting Program, July 10, 2012

Bus transportation will be provided between locations

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Coffee Reception

The Speaker's Room (H-122), U.S. Capitol Building

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Welcome by Association President Dennis Hertel

Chamber of the House of Representatives

8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

Presentation of the 42nd Annual Report to Congress

Chamber of the House of Representatives

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Presentation of the 42nd Distinguished Service Award

The Hon. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ)

Accepted on her behalf by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)

Chamber of the House of Representatives

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Media Q&A Session: Members of the media discuss today's political climate

HVC-200, Capitol Visitors Center

Al Eisele, *The Hill*; Norm Ornstein, *American Enterprise Institute*; Professor Lenny

Steinhorn, *Fox5 DC*; Moderated by the Hon. Larry LaRocco

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon at George Washington University: Presentation by the Hon. Mark

Kennedy, Director of GW's Graduate School of Political Management

Lower Level Lobby, Media and Public Affairs Building, George Washington

University (805 21st St., NW)

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Future Job Market: How America Can Remain Competitive in a Global Economy

Room B02, Media and Public Affairs Building, George Washington University

*****Over, please*****

Conference co-chairs: Sen. Larry Pressler and the Hon. Bob Clement

Keynote speakers: Mr. Robert Hoffman, Information Technology Industry Council; Dr. Thomas J. Kriger of the National Labor College

Discussion leaders: Mr. David Baime of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC); Dr. Howard Rosen of the Peterson Institute for International Economics

The goal of the conference is to bring together former Members of Congress, issue experts, and university students to discuss the future of American jobs, and the roles of education, immigration, and legislation in ensuring a globally competitive workforce.

The format of the conference is as follows: after welcoming remarks, the two keynote speakers will each give 10 minutes of remarks on how they and their organizations view the future of the American economy and the American worker, some of the main issues, and proposed solutions. After the keynote remarks, the audience will divide into several working groups composed of former Members, students, and experts. The conference will conclude with short reports from each of the groups.

Possible issues for working group discussion include: the role of the community college system, workforce education, and job training; potential legislation and efforts at both the state and federal levels; immigration and outsourcing; and America's current economic health, and possible future economic trajectories.

5:30 p.m.

Document Viewing and Dinner in the Archivist's Room

The National Archives

(Please enter through the entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue between 9th and 7th Streets)

7:30 p.m.

Panel Presentation: *America Works: The Past, Present, and Future of Job Creation and Employment in America*

McGowan Theater at the National Archives

(Please enter through the Special Events entrance at 7th Street and Constitution Avenue)

Confirmed panelists: The Hon. Bob Clement (D-TN); Dr. Henry Kaufman, Fellow in Business History, the Center for Financial Policy at the University of Maryland; The Hon. Mark Kennedy (R-MN); Sen. Larry Pressler (R-SD); Dr. Nela Richardson, Senior Economic Analyst, Bloomberg Government

This panel will use American history as a medium to explore the future of our evolving jobs market and how past transitional periods have affected America's position in a global economy. By comparing and contrasting current challenges to past events (e.g., the Great Depression, the advent of "Reganomics," or past recessions), the panelists will evaluate the scope, severity, and solutions up for debate that have historically succeeded or failed.