

November 14, 2012

Franklin Center & Ripon Society Hold Policy Conference Looking at U.S.-Argentine Relationship

WASHINGTON, DC – The Franklin Center and The Ripon Society held a policy conference in Buenos Aires from November 9-13 looking at some of the key issues impacting the U.S.-Argentine relationship. Called the *TransAmerica Capital to Capital Exchange*, the conference included keynote addresses and panel discussions on such topics as transportation security, nuclear non-proliferation, tax reform, biotech research, and energy production.

Participating in the discussions were representatives from Argentina's public and private sectors, and Members of the United States Congress, as well. The Members included U.S. Representatives Fred Upton (MI-6), Spencer Bachus (AL-6), Luis Gutierrez (IL-4), Frank Lucas (OK-3), Pete Sessions (TX-32), Greg Walden (OR-2), Shelley Moore Capito (WV-2), Mike Rogers (MI-8) Doug Lamborn (CO-5), and Pat Tiberi (OH-12), who served as Co-Chair of the policy conference along with former Ambassador and Representative Connie Morella (MD-8).

In addition to taking part in the speeches and panel discussions, the U.S. Representatives also held meetings with top Argentine government officials, including Foreign Minister Hector Timerman and President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner. According to Jim Conzelman, the President & CEO of the Franklin Center and Ripon Society, the purpose of the meetings and panel discussions was to gain a better understanding of Argentina at a time when trade with Latin America is of increasing importance to U.S. economic growth. "Argentina presents the United States with many challenges and opportunities," Conzelman stated. "The goal of the policy conference was to learn more about these challenges so these opportunities can be fully realized down the road."

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Conzelman further noted that the policy conference was planned in close coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires and the Argentine Embassy in Washington. "U.S. Ambassador Vilma Martinez and Argentine Ambassador Jorge Arguello not only addressed our group individually, but -- along with their respective staffs -- provided us with invaluable assistance, as well. Simply put, we could not have held this conference without them, and we are grateful for their help."

The Franklin Center is a non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to enhancing global understanding of important international issues, while 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. ###



TransAmerica Capital to Capital Exchange, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 9-13, 2012
 Clockwise from top left: U.S. Representatives meet with Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman; Reps. Luis Gutierrez, Pat Tiberi & former Rep. Connie Morella present U.S. Amb. Vilma Martínez with a gift in appreciation of her assistance; U.S. Representatives receive briefing on Megaports initiative at Port of Buenos Aires; House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers delivers keynote address; House Agriculture Chairman Frank Lucas participates in panel discussion on biotech research; Rep. Pete Sessions delivers remarks on panel discussion in priorities of the 113th Congress; Rep. Doug Lamborn participates in a panel discussion on energy production; U.S. Representatives meet with leaders of the Argentine Congress.





TRANSAMERICA CAPITAL TO CAPITAL EXCHANGE

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

NOVEMBER 9-13, 2012



AGENDA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012

2:00 - 2:15 pm

Welcome by Jim Conzelman and Rep. Pat Tiberi (*at the Hilton Hotel*)

2:15 - 3:15 pm

Briefing with U.S. Ambassador Vilma Socorro Martínez and U.S. Embassy officials – introduction by Ambassador Connie Morella.

4:15 - 5:00 pm

U.S. Representatives meet with Héctor Timerman, Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (*at the Foreign Ministry*)

5:30 - 6:30 pm

U.S. Representatives meet with Senator Daniel Filmus (PJ/FPV-City of Buenos Aires) – Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, Deputy Guillermo Carmona (PJ/FPV-Province of Mendoza) – Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, and Deputy José Rubén Uñac (PJ/FPV-Province of San Juan) – President of Argentine-U.S. Friendship Committee (*at the Argentine Congress*)

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Opening reception (*at the U.S. Ambassador's residence*)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012

9:15 - 11:15 am

Tour Port of Buenos Aires and receive briefing on U.S. Megaports Initiative (*at the Port of Buenos Aires*)

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Luncheon address by Ambassador Jorge Argüello, Argentine Ambassador to the U.S. (*at Cafe Los Angelitos*)

1:00 - 1:30 pm

Keynote address by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Panel discussion on the United States and South American multilateral cooperation in transportation and shipping security and non-proliferation. Panelists include:

- Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL-4) – Select Intelligence
- Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5) – Armed Services
- Ms. Elly Melamed – Director, Second Line Defense Program (Megaports), National Nuclear Security Administration
- Mr. Daniel Stajcar – Director, Container Security Initiative, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Mr. Gustavo Ainchil – Director of International Security, Nuclear and Space Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 (CONT'D)

- Mr. Raul Aguilar – Homeland Security Attaché, U.S. Embassy
- Mr. Ken Forder – Deputy Political Counselor (non-proliferation portfolio), U.S. Embassy
- Mr. Duncan Glass – Buenos Aires Port Terminal Manager of Exolgan
- Moderator: Mr. Mark Cullinane – Science & Technology Attaché, U.S. Embassy

3:15 - 3:35 pm

Keynote address by Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH-12), Chairman, Ways & Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures

3:35 - 4:45 pm

Panel discussion on making America more competitive in the global marketplace through domestic tax reform and, the effect of Dodd-Frank and other large-scale institutional reforms on multinational financial institutions and foreign based companies. Panelists include:

- Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL-6) – Chairman, Financial Services
- Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL-4) – Financial Services
- Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV-2) – Chairman, Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit
- Moderator: Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH-12)

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Dinner with discussion on multilateral security, non-proliferation and U.S. global competitiveness

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012

10:00 - 11:30 am

Panel discussion on the “Priorities of the 113th Congress.” Panelists include:

Panel A –

- Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL-4)
- Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX-32)

Panel B –

- Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI-6)
- Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL-6)
- Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK-3)
- Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV-2)
- Rep. Mike Rogers (R-MI-8)
- Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH-12)
- Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5)
- Moderator: Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR-2)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012 (CONT'D)

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Luncheon address by local historian Mario Braun on the significance of Casa Rosada and Recoleta Cemetery (*at the Hilton*)

1:45 - 4:00 pm

Educational visits to Casa Rosada and Recoleta Cemetery

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Dinner with continuing discussion on the priorities of the 113th Congress

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Meeting between House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas and Argentine Minister of Agriculture Norberto Yahuar (*at the Hilton*)

9:00 - 9:30 am

Keynote address by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (*at Fortabat Museum*)

9:30 - 10:15 am

Panel discussion on the importance of Argentine and U.S. cooperation on food security, biotech research, and other areas. Panelists include:

- House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas
- Secretary Lorenzo Basso – Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries
- Mr. Martin Lema – Director of Agriculture Technology, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries
- Moderator: Ms. Melinda Sallyards – Agricultural Counselor, U.S. Embassy

10:30 - 11:00 am

Keynote address by House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton

10:30 - 12:30 pm

Panel discussion on the future of energy production, supply, and security in the interconnected world marketplace. Panelists include:

- Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR-2) – Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power
- Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV-2)
- Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5) – Chairman, Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
- Senator María Eugenia Estenssoro (CC-ARI-City of Buenos Aires)
- Amb. Alieto Aldo Guadagni, PhD – Director, Instituto Di Tella
- Mr. Daniel Montamat, PhD – President, Montamat and Associates
- Moderator: Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX-32)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012 (CONT'D)

12:45 - 2:00 pm

Luncheon with remarks by: Sergio Daniel Urribarri, Governor, Province of Entre Rios (PJ/FPV); José Luis Gioja, Governor, Province of San Juan (PJ/FPV); and, Martin Bussi, Governor, Province of Chubut (PJ/FPV). Introduction by Argentine Ambassador to the U.S. Jorge Argüello.

2:30 - 4:15 pm

Panel discussion on Argentine developmental priorities for the next five years and beyond. Panelists include:

- Governor Juan Manuel Urtubey (PJ/FPV-Province of Salta)
- Senator Ernesto Sanz (UCR-Province of Mendoza)
- Deputy Graciela Ocaña (Independent-Province of Buenos Aires)
- Deputy Gabriela Michetti (PRO-City of Buenos Aires)
- Deputy Alicia Ciciliani (Socialista/FAP-Province of Santa Fe)
- Moderator: Mr. Alan Clutterbuck – Director of RAP (Red de Acción Política)

7:00 - 10:00 pm

Reception and dinner with Argentine guests (*at Palacio Paz*)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

9:00 - 11:00 am

Panel discussion on doing business in Argentina; an on-the-ground perspective of the nation's economic climate by those who know it best. (*at Fortabat Museum*) Panelists include:

- Mr. Jeff Brown – Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy
- Mr. Nicolás Nobile, Director of Public Affairs, Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Argentina, Uruguay & Paraguay
- Mr. Lino Cattaruzzi, Country Director, Google
- Mr. Juan Garibaldi, VP & Area Director, Mondelēz International Southern Cone
- Mr. Fernando Pujals, Country Manager, AES Argentina
- Mr. Julio Banfi, Country Manager, Continental/United Airlines
- Moderator: Mr. Alejandro Diaz – CEO, American Chamber of Commerce Argentina

11:00 - 11:20 am

Closing remarks by Rep. Pat Tiberi, the Honorable Connie Morella, and Jim Conzelman

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

U.S. Representatives meet with Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner at Casa Rosada