United States Interests in Prompt Adherence to the Law of the Sea Convention

The National Press Club
529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20045

Thursday 20 May

0800-0830  Registration and Continental Breakfast
Murrow, White & Lisagor Rooms

0830-0900  Welcome: John Norton Moore

Film Presentation: “The Oceans”
Courtesy of the Council on Foreign Relations

0900-1030  Panel I: The Stakes for America

Moderator and Commentator:  Ambassador Mary Beth West
Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries

Panelists:  Ambassador David A. Balton
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries
U.S. Department of State

Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr.
Former Commandant, United States Coast Guard &
President, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation

Margaret Spring, Esquire
Chief of Staff
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Andrew Keller
Deputy Chief Counsel, Majority Staff
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Michael J. Mattler
Chief Counsel, Minority Staff
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Discussion
1030-1045  Break

1045-1215  Panel II: Energy and Economic Development

Moderator and Commentator:  Paul L. Kelly, Esquire
Senior Vice President, Rowan Companies, Inc. (ret.) &
Member, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy

Panelists:  Admiral James D. Watkins, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Co-Chair, Joint Ocean Commission Initiative &
Chairman, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy &
Former Secretary of Energy

R. Bruce Josten
Executive Vice President
Government Affairs
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Randall Luthi
President
National Ocean Industries Association

Brian T. Petty
Executive Vice President
Government Affairs
International Association of Drilling Contractors

Discussion

1215  Break for Lunch Setup (Murrow, White & Lisagor Rooms)

1230-1415  Luncheon Speaker:  Admiral Gary Roughead
Chief of Naval Operations
U.S. Navy

1430-1615  Panel III: Submarine Cables: Critical Infrastructure

Signing of Rhodes Academy-International Cable Protection Committee
Award Memorandum

Moderator and Commentator:  Douglas R. Burnett
Partner, Squire, Sanders and Dempsey &
International Law Advisor,
Int’l Cable Protection Committee**
Panelists: Stephen R. Malphrus  
Staff Director for Management  
U.S. Federal Reserve Board

Robert Wargo  
President, North American Submarine Cable Association &  
Vice-Chairman, International Cable Protection Committee &  
Marine Liaison Manager, AT&T Undersea Cable Systems

Dr. Ronald J. Rapp  
Director of Cable Engineering and Technology  
Tyco Electronics Subsea Communications LLC

Discussion

1830-1900 Reception – Fourth Estate Lounge

1900-2130 Gala Dinner – Fourth Estate Lounge

Introduction of Speaker: John Norton Moore

Keynote Dinner Speaker: Dr. Quenton Dokken  
Executive Director  
Gulf of Mexico Foundation

“The Sky is Falling – or is it? Dissection of an Oil Spill”

Friday 21 May

0830-0900 Registration and Continental Breakfast  
First Amendment Lounge

0900-0930 Introduction and Remarks: The Honorable Lawrence Eagleburger  
Former Secretary of State

0930-1130 Panel IV: Protecting and Enhancing U.S. National Security

Moderator and Commentator: The Honorable Edwin D. Williamson  
Former Legal Adviser  
U.S. Department of State

Panelists: Vice Admiral Bruce W. Clingan  
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations  
Operations, Plans and Strategy  
U.S. Navy

Vice Admiral James W. Houck  
Judge Advocate General's Corps  
U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General
Rear Admiral William Schachte
Former Department of Defense Representative
Ocean Policy Affairs and
Former Acting Judge Advocate General of the Navy

Discussion
1130-1200  Break
1200-1330  Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Holeman Lounge

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Senator (R- Alaska)

1330-1500  Panel V: Debate: The Senate Should Give Prompt Advice and Consent
to the Law of the Sea Convention

Moderator:  The Honorable Thomas R. Pickering
Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations &
Former Under Secretary for Political Affairs
U.S. Department of State

Pro:  Ambassador John Norton Moore
Director, Center for Oceans Law and Policy
University of Virginia School of Law &
Former Deputy Special Representative of the President
for the Law of the Sea Conference

Con:  Steven Groves, Esq.
Bernard and Barbara Lomas Fellow
The Heritage Foundation

1600  Adjournment

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