

# 95<sup>th</sup> Members-Caucus

## of the U.S. House of Representatives

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE CAUCUS DAY RETREAT - JANUARY 23, 1981

### "TOWARD A NEW DEMOCRATIC IDEOLOGY"

I. 9-10:00 - History of the Democratic Party: Where we are and How we got there

A. Early History

B. Party and Presidential Reforms 1968-1980

Speaker: Jeane Kirkpatrick

The Leavay Professor of Political Science at Georgetown University and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute; Member, Democratic National Committee on Party Structure(1975- ); Member, Credential Committee, Democratic National Convention, 1976. Books include: The Presidential Elite(1976), Dismantling the Parties: Reflections on Party Reform and Party Decomposition(1978), and The New American Political System(1978).

10-10:30 - Positive Aspects of Recent Reforms

Speaker: The Honorable Barbara Mikulski

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Third District of Maryland; Chair, 1973 Democratic Party Commission on Delegate Selection and Party Structure.

II. 10:45-12 - The Future of American Politics: The Party System in an Evolving Society

A. Changing Societal and Institutional Values

B. The "New" Political Class -- characteristics of the new party activists and its implications

C. Emerging Trends for the Future

Speaker: David Broder

Associate editor of the WASHINGTON POST(1975- ); Nationally-syndicated columnist; Recipient of the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism(1973). Books include: The Republican Establishment (with Stephen Hess-1967), The Party's Over: The Failure of Politics in America(1972), and the forthcoming Changing of the Guard.

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Speaker: John Gueguen, Professor, Illinois State University  
The Important Role of Leadership

III. 1-2:30 - A Political Look Into the Future

Panelists: Senator Patrick Moynihan

Senator Paul Tsongas

David Broder

Jeane Kirkpatrick

Moderator: Representative Richard Bolling

IV. 3-4:30 - Managing the House: A View Toward the 97th Congress

A. General Outlook on Problems of Leadership, Procedural Reform and Year's Congressional Agenda - Congressman Beilenson

B. Specific Legislative Areas

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| 1. Budget and the Economy | - Congressman Panetta  |
| 2. Tax Reforms            | - Congressman Gephardt |
| 3. Energy                 | - Congressman Gore     |
| 4. Military & Defense     | - Congressman Skelton  |
| 5. Foreign Affairs        | - Congressman Pease    |

V. General Summation (to 5:30)

VI. Dinner