

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR POLICY ANALYSIS

NCPA and Fraser Policy Excursion Tours Capitol Hill

The NCPA and the Fraser Institute of Canada cosponsored a Washington, D.C., policy excursion that featured visits with several high-level officials, including Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Sen. James Risch (*R-ID*).

Bernanke told the attendees that financial stress in Europe will severely test both the European



Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke (above) with NCPA President John Goodman and Fraser Institute President Brett Skinner. NCPA Board Member Brent Beesley (at left) in one of the policy discussion meetings. Sen. James Risch (below) with NCPA Board Member Jerry Mills.



and United States banking systems, and that the current problems in Greece are only the tip of the iceberg.

Sen. Risch said that the United States needed \$4 billion per day for operations before the recent stimulus bills were passed, but now we need \$40 billion per day.

"What's worse," Sen. Risch said, "is that no more than 15 senators actually think this is a crisis."

The group also met with officials of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Departments of Energy, State and the U.S. Treasury, the Council of Economic Advisers, the Canadian Ambassador to the United States, Karl Rove, former political strategist for President George W. Bush, and Tony Blankley, former press secretary for Newt Gingrich and editorial page editor for *The Washington Times*.



NCPA Provides Reform Recommendations for "Super Committee"

The NCPA has formally recommended several deficit-cutting ideas to the Joint Committee on Deficit Reduction. Members and their staffs have received packets containing a four-page reform summary and related NCPA research.

"Our recommendations include ideas to reform health care, Medicare, Social Security and taxation," said NCPA Legislative Director Brian Williams, who delivered the packets and continues to meet with committee members and their staffs.

"We also proposed ways to control the insatiable spending appetite of Congress," Williams added. "But if the Super Committee doesn't address health care and Medicare, all of their work will have been in vain."

The NCPA reform packets include ideas that should be adopted even if the economy wasn't suffering, such as eliminating the alternative minimum tax, cutting corporate tax rates to 25 percent or lower, extending the immediate expensing of investment, repealing the destructive taxes and unworkable mandates in ObamaCare, freeing Medicare providers to repackage and reprice their services, and allowing workers to save for future health care needs, among others.

The NCPA's recommendations are available online at ncpa.org/super-committee.



Dubai Officials Visit NCPA

Representatives of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Executive Council's Good Governance delegation studying best practices in the U.S. government visited the NCPA

to discuss the multi-regional plan for the Persian Gulf area and to observe how U.S.



The UAE delegates participated in a lengthy Q and A session with NCPA experts, discussing energy markets, the burgeoning Arab Spring movement and Dubai's financial success.



public policy research organizations function. The UAE delegation consisted of representatives from the Dubai Municipality, the Dubai Police General's Environment and Energy Affairs Department, the Dubai Airport Authority, the Ministry of the Interior, the Dubai Government's Excellence Program, and the UAE Senior Prosecutor's Office.

NCPA Online Marketing Continues to Post Double-Digit Gains

Led by NCPA President John Goodman's Health Policy Blog, the NCPA's online marketing efforts continue to generate double-digit increases in traffic to our blogs and websites. As the blogosphere increasingly becomes the place where ideas are vetted by conservatives and liberals alike, the NCPA strives to place our work at the

forefront of the public policy debate.

John Goodman's Health Policy Blog receives more than 8,000 visits per day, an increase of more than 45 percent since this time last year, and more than 6,500 people subscribe to Dr. Goodman's Health Alert e-mail newsletter.

Townhall.com, the #1 online resource for conservative news and commentary, has featured a weekly column by Dr.

Goodman since March of this year. Many of his columns receive more than 350 comments and 400 Facebook shares and are regularly in the top two or three most-read columns on Townhall.com.

Posts from NCPA Distinguished Fellow Bob McTeer's Economic Policy Blog are now regularly featured on a dedicated page on Forbes.com (blogs.forbes.com/bobmcteer). Traffic to Dr. McTeer's blog has increased by 65 percent since last year and continues to draw vigorous debate on topics ranging from the inner workings of the Federal Reserve System and banking, to the recent controversy over Bank of America's debit card fee.

NCPA Senior Fellow Pam Villarreal has increased traffic to her blog, Retirement and Taxes: Reforms that Make "Cents," by more than 28 percent since last year, and NCPA Senior Fellow H. Sterling Burnett's blog, Clearing the Air (launched just one year ago) posts similar gains.

In addition, the NCPA engages with 10,400 followers on Twitter and an active community of more than 5,300 advocates on Facebook. The number of people following NCPA research on these two social media channels alone has increased by 34 percent and 39 percent, respectively, in the past year.

Finally, the NCPA delivers *Daily Policy Digest* to more than 325,000 subscribers each business morning, and more than 800,000 people visit NCPA Web sites every month.

Brian Rubaie to Lead NCPA Youth Programs

Brian Rubaie (below) has been selected to lead the NCPA's Debate Central programs. Brian, a former champion debater in high school and college, will also supervise the NCPA's youth programs, including its internships and youth outreach initiatives.

"We're fortunate to have people of Brian's caliber on our staff," said NCPA President John C. Goodman. "His background both as a debate champion, coach and moderator for national debates, and his passion for youth achievement suits him perfectly for our program."



Brian is a cum laude graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas and earned the honor of Academic All American from the Cross Examination Debate Association.

Brian also has coached debate at the Universities of Michigan, Vermont, Texas at Dallas and North Texas, as well as Baylor and Gonzaga.

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