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Prosperity or Decline? Breaking Washington’s Deadlock To Save America’s Future

In a discussion moderated by Carl Cannon, The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress (CSPC) will roll out its report, “**Prosperity or Decline? Breaking Washington’s Deadlock To Save America’s Future.**” Two panels will provide a strategic blueprint for bridging the partisan divide in Washington and finding our path toward a sustainable future.

Our first panel will examine challenges to our fiscal and economic health and will identify how America can overcome a “broken” Washington. Our second panel will then broaden the discussion on how to plan strategically and invest for our future generations. In particular, the panelists will look at National Security, Education, Energy and Infrastructure, and the cross-cutting themes among their sectors.

Over the last 18 months, CSPC has conducted a comprehensive study, the **Strengthening America’s Future Initiative** (SAFI), to identify the critical issues that face the United States, and to develop a roadmap for strengthening America’s strategic position both at home and abroad. With the oversight of a Steering Committee of prominent experts and highly specialized Issue Teams, CSPC has developed a final report that lays out a cross-cutting set of bipartisan, sustainable recommendations to address our nation’s most pressing challenges. Utilizing the experience of more than 200 influential national leaders, CSPC created a forum for bipartisan discussion and policy development.

When: March 19, 2010, 9:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Where: National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW · Washington, DC 20045

Welcome and Introduction: **The Honorable David M. Abshire**, President & CEO, Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, Former Ambassador to NATO, 1983-1987

Moderator: **Carl Cannon**, Senior Washington Correspondent, *PoliticsDaily.com* and Author of *Reagan’s Disciple: George W. Bush’s Troubled Quest for a Presidential Legacy*

PANEL 1 Challenges to Our Fiscal/Economic Future and Overcoming Partisanship in Washington
Keynote Speaker and Panelist: The Honorable David Walker President & CEO, Peter G. Peterson Foundation, Former Comptroller General
The Honorable Norman Augustine Former CEO, Lockheed Martin, Co-Chair, <i>Rising Above the Gathering Storm</i>
The Honorable Carla Hills Chair & CEO, Hills & Company, Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Former U.S. Trade Representative
The Honorable C. Fred Bergsten President, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Former Assistant Secretary of Treasury

PANEL 2 Strategic Planning and Investment in Our Nation’s Future
Keynote Speaker and Panelist: The Honorable Tom Ridge Founder & CEO, Ridge Global, LLC, Former Governor of Pennsylvania, Former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security
The Honorable Roy Romer Senior Advisor, College Board; Former Governor of Colorado
Dr. Daniel Yergin Chairman, Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Pulitzer Prize Winner, <i>The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money, and Power</i>

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