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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: James Banks
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 10 Return: March 13
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: New York, NY Destination: Sea Island, GA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Enterprise Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
 To educate AEI Membership on U.S. China relations related to the Congressman's position on the House Armed Services committee.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box.
 b. If not, explain:

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: 

Date: 06/26/2023



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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: American Enterprise Institute
- Travel Destination(s): Sea Island, Georgia
- Date of Departure: Friday, March 11th Date of Return: Saturday, March 12th
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jim Banks

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	See Addendum	See Addendum	See Addendum	See Addendum
Accompanying Family Member				

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date: 03/17/2021

Name: Kate Fugate Title: Senior Event Strategist, Development Events

Organization: American Enterprise Institute

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 1789 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

Email: Kate.fugate@aei.org Telephone: (215) 990-12905

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: James Banks

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 1713 Longworth

Telephone Number: 202-225-4436

Email Address of Contact Person: Garnett.H.Serstad@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: James Banks

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:

American Enterprise Institute

3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Sea Island, Georgia

4. a. Date of Departure: March 10

Date of Return: March 13

b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?

If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:

(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:

6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?

b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.

To educate AEI Membership on U.S. - China relations related to his position on the House Armed Services Committee.

9. Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member _____

Date _____



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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
American Enterprise Institute
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent.
Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
See Attached Addendum.
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: March 10th, 2022 Date of return: March 13th, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA
b. Destination(s): Sea Island, Georgia
c. City of return: Members Discretion
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt public policy research organization. AEI plans, sponsors, and pays for the entirety of the World Forum. The World Forum addresses public policy issues important to AEI research including status of economic and foreign policy in 2022, reforms in higher education; US interactions with China, the United Kingdom, and Ukraine; the growing influence of Silicon Valley; and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: Car to/from airport)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.
If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
Hotel Name: The Cloister at Sea Island City: Sea Island, Georgia Cost Per Night: \$534.00
Reason(s) for Selecting: This is the only lodging option as it's a private island and is the only hotel.
Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	See attached addendum	See attached addendum	See attached addendum
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See attached addendum	See attached addendum	See attached addendum
For each Accompanying Family Member	See attached addendum	See attached addendum	See attached addendum
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)	
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	N/A		
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A		

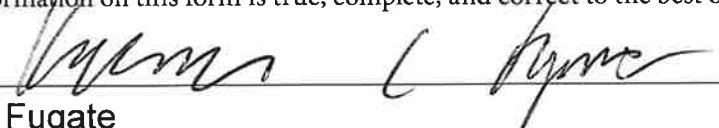
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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 03/03/2022

Name: Kate Fugate Title: Senior Event Strategist, Development Events

Organization: American Enterprise Institute

Address: 1789 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

Email: Kate.Fugate@aei.org Telephone: (202) 862-5884

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov

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March 7, 2022

The Honorable Jim Banks
U.S. House of Representatives
1713 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Sea Island, Georgia, scheduled for March 11 to 12, 2022, sponsored by American Enterprise Institute.

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman



Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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7:30–10:15 a.m.	Informal Breakfast	
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Seminar Session Walls and Bridges: Rebuilding Conservative Economics R. Glenn Hubbard	The Cloister Conservative economic ideas have centered on growth, prosperity, and flourishing. Two currents threaten these ideas and the economic gains they bring. First, some conservative voices today reject liberalism and openness in favor of populism and nationalism. Their walls against change put growth and prosperity at risk. Second, neoliberal economists and policymakers have often paid too little attention to the effects of disruption accompanying technological change and globalization on the lives of many. Conservative economics must remember bridges to prepare and reconnect more Americans to our dynamic economy to ensure social support for the disruption that necessarily accompanies growth. In this seminar, AEI Senior Fellow R. Glenn Hubbard will talk about “walls” and “bridges,” and we’ll bring Adam Smith into the conversation. The economy’s goal should be the mass flourishing Smith sought; that goal remains the North Star for conservative economic policy.
12:00–1:15 p.m.	Lunch	The Cloister
1:30–3:00 p.m.	Seminar Session India’s Changing Role Sadanand Dhume Kori Schake (Moderator)	The Cloister Over the past two decades, as India has drawn closer to the US, many in Washington have begun to view India as a democratic bulwark against authoritarian China. But the rise of hard-line Hindu nationalism in India raises questions about the country’s trajectory. Will the world’s second most populous nation live up to its potential and become a prosperous liberal democracy, or are we in danger of once again making an overly optimistic bet in Asia?
3:15–4:45 p.m.	Seminar Session The Right: The Hundred-Year War for American Conservatism Matthew Continetti	 It is easy to be confused by the state of the contemporary right. Is the movement that made Ronald Reagan president the same one that elevated Donald Trump? What have conservatives conserved? And what is the future of the Republican Party? In this seminar, drawing on his forthcoming book, AEI Senior Fellow Matthew Continetti will offer a sweeping account of conservatism’s evolution, from the Progressive Era through the present. Drawing out the tensions between the desire for mainstream acceptance and the pull of ideological purity, Continetti argues that the more one studies conservatism’s past, the more one can make sense of its present and its future.
	The Twilight Struggle Hal Brands	 The United States is entering an era of great-power competition with China and Russia. Yet this is not the first time America has faced such problems; for 45 years after World War II, it waged and won another long twilight struggle against another authoritarian foe, the Soviet Union. In this session, Hal Brands, author of the new book <i>The Twilight Struggle: What the Cold War Teaches Us About Great-Power Rivalry Today</i> (2022), will lead an open discussion on how the past can inform American strategy in the current rivalries with Beijing and Moscow.

5:00–6:00 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister	
6:00–6:05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks Robert Doar	The Cloister	
6:05–6:45 p.m.	Opening Conversation Perspectives from America’s Governors Bill Haslam Brian P. Kemp Kevin Stitt Robert Doar (Moderator)	The Cloister	Current and former US Governors will discuss the domestic and economic challenges that face their respective states, and the role their executive office plays in addressing said challenges. This session will allow House Members to better understand the diversity of challenges constituents face on a state level and how best they can work with state officials to address them.
7:00–8:15 p.m.	Dinner	The Cloister	
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Starlight Chat A Conversation with Larry Hogan Scott Gottlieb (Moderator)	The Cloister	Governor Hogan and Dr. Scott Gottlieb will discuss the state response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This session will give House Members insight into local responses to the Covid-19 pandemic.
	Apollo: The View from the Front Row of Mission Control Jerry Bostick Charles Murray (Moderator)		This session will explore the past and present of space exploration, with Jerry Bostick, a former NASA Engineer. This session will give House Members insight into the space program as it formerly and currently stands. This will allow for better knowledge of the Space Program going forward as it comes up in legislation and funding packages.
	The Teenage Brain on and off Social Media Ethan Kross Ryan Streeter (Introduction)		This session will explore the psychological effects of social media and Internet use on children and teens with Psychologist Ethan Kross. This session will give House Members insight into the long term and potentially dangerous effects of social media use on teenagers, and get them thinking about possible policy solutions.

Friday, March 11

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfast An Interview with the Director of the National Economic Council Brian Deese James Pethokoukis (Moderator)	The Cloister	The Director of the National Economic Council will discuss the current economic climate in the United States, along with its challenges and solutions. This session will help House Members understand the current challenges facing the US economy as they weigh future legislation.
8:45–10:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions The Return of Stagflation? Jason Furman Michael R. Strain Phillip Swagel Kevin Warsh Mark M. Zandi James Pethokoukis (Moderator)	The Cloister	Consumer prices are rising faster than they have in decades. Inflation is wrecking consumer confidence. The Federal Reserve came to realize it was behind the curve in curbing inflation, but did that realization come too late? Will inflation cool in 2022, or will it lead to stagnation? Will the Fed be forced to take aggressive action, and could that accidentally tip the economy into a recession? A panel of expert economists will discuss what to expect this year. This session will give House Members a better understanding of the current trend of inflation in the US Economy, and will get them thinking about possible policy solutions.
	The Supreme Court’s Pivotal Year—and What Might Come Next Paul D. Clement Amy Howe Scott A. Keller Adam J. White (Moderator)		The ongoing term of the Supreme Court, which will conclude this spring, is exceptionally packed with consequential cases. The justices will take up abortion, affirmative action, religious liberty, the administrative state, and a number of other crucial issues. What should we expect in these key cases, and what might they teach us about the direction of the Roberts Court and the future of our system of government? This session will serve as an overview for House Members of current cases before the Supreme Court, giving them the chance to be updated on the most pressing legal challenges facing constituents.
	What Is the University For? Joshua T. Katz Anthony Kronman Jenna Silber Storey Benjamin Storey (Moderator)		Higher education has been the subject of intense controversy in recent years, as threats to free speech, intellectual diversity, and the academic ethic have proliferated. But to prevail in the resulting struggles, it is crucial to recall what there is to fight for in the university, not just what there is to fight against. Worries about illiberalism on campus should point us toward the importance of liberal education and the essential role that the humanities can play in the life of a free society. This session will get House Members thinking about the state of higher education, both academically and culturally.

10:15–11:30 a.m.

Morning Sessions

The Cloister

Securing Public Trust in Our Elections

John C. Fortier
Kevin Johnson
Yuval Levin (Moderator)

The administration of elections has become explosively controversial in the past few years, as both serious worries and baseless conspiracies have multiplied while Republicans and Democrats have each pursued partisan legislative measures on their own. Distinguishing truth from falsehood and fostering greater public confidence in the essential infrastructure of our democracy requires an informed and level-headed conversation across party lines. This session will give House Members a balanced look at election security, and how the notion can be reinforced to constituents.

Should Washington Regulate Silicon Valley?

Katie Biber
Timothy J. Muris
Jeffrey A. Rosen
Ari Schulman
Adam J. White (Moderator)

As the major social media platforms and other key technology companies have come to play a greater role in the lives of all Americans, policymakers have increasingly been pressured to regulate their growing power. The prospect of such action has divided the political right in particular. But aggressive talk has far exceeded careful thought on all sides of the resulting debates, and some basic questions remain wide open: What are the problems to be solved? What powers are legitimately available to policymakers? What are the potential consequences of action and inaction? This session will provide House Members insight into the potential impacts of federal legislation on technology companies.

Talent: What We Know About How It Is Cultivated and What It Means for Schools, Parents, and Education Policy

Doug Ducey
Michael Moe
Ian Rowe
Matt Sigelman
Frank C. Worrell
John P. Bailey (Moderator)

We use the word “talent” all the time, but what is it? Do we really understand how to identify and cultivate it in children and workers? Does our educational system help or hinder it? Are we overlooking talented young people because of how we measure ability? Join us for an intriguing discussion about the state of talent development in America and what it means for our schools, universities, and businesses. This session will provide House Members insight into how talent can be cultivated within formal institutions.

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Informal Lunch

The Cloister

1:00–3:15 p.m.

General Session The Return to Great-Power Competition: China, Russia, and the United States

Jim Banks
Ami Bera
Hsiao Bi-khim
Sven Jürgenson
Jimmy Panetta
Rob Portman
Matt Pottinger
Victoria Spartz
Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

The Cloister

There are some who suggest, in all seriousness, that World War III is around the corner. For the first time in more than three decades, there is discussion of the use of tactical nuclear weapons. NATO is rebuilding and may expand. Much of the worry and the incentives to thicken Europe’s armor center around Vladimir Putin’s bloody war on Ukraine. Few know where he will stop or if his ambitions are limited. But until war broke out in Eurasia, all eyes were on Beijing. At the beginning quietly, now much less so, Xi Jinping has been on the march: Using the wealth that sprang from reforms before his time, he consolidated power, began colonizing the South China Sea, and once again centralized the Chinese Communist Party as the manager of most economic power in China. Now Hong Kong’s freedom is gone, a million Muslim Uyghurs are in concentration camps, and Xi is overtly threatening to attack and “reunify” Taiwan with the mainland. There are hundreds of threads to pull as we discuss these growing national security and economic threats, but perhaps the most important will be: Is the United States up to the challenge—economically, politically and militarily? We can enumerate the threats, but do we have the will, the capacity, and a strategy to meet them? This session will provide House Members with an overview of the challenges the US faces with China and Russia, and giving them ideas for how to best combat the most challenging aspects of the relationship.

3:15–5:30 p.m.	Executive Time		
	During this time, you may participate as a spectator in the war-game activity.		
3:30–5:30 p.m.	Taiwan War Game	The Cloister	
	Join AEI’s Foreign and Defense Policy Studies scholars for a war game, modeled after Pentagon strategy sessions, and learn about the department’s research on how the US can counter China. You will play as a US or allied leader and make decisions as a crisis unfolds in the Taiwan Strait. Will you be able to contain the crisis, or will China take the island?		
5:30–6:00 p.m.	Reception		
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Dinner Conversation A Conversation with Elise Stefanik and Patrick McHenry Yuval Levin (Moderator)	The Cloister	If Republicans regain one or both chambers of Congress in 2023, control of Congress and the presidency will be divided for the fifth time in the 21st century. If control changes hands, how would a divided Congress relate to President Joe Biden, and what space would there be for policymaking on the country’s toughest challenges? This session will provide House Members information on how to better govern across during contentious times, and start them thinking about best practices while in office.
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Does the Biden Economic Agenda Have a Future?

Ami Bera
John Cornyn
Brian Deese
R. Glenn Hubbard
Patrick McHenry
Michael R. Strain
Alex Brill (Moderator)

President Joe Biden’s Build Back Better (BBB) initiative collapsed. But the White House and congressional Democrats remain committed to advancing an economic and social policy agenda. What are the prospects for major legislation? What would a BBB 2.0 include? And how would Democrats’ policy goals affect the economy, workers, and households?

This session will give House Members an update on the economic priorities of the current administration, leading to discussions of the role of Congress in addressing current economic concerns.

How Do We Teach Contested American History?

Wilfred M. McClay
Ben Sasse
Diana Schaub
Yuval Levin (Moderator)

History and civic education are essential to national unity, but as we have seen in recent years, they are also inherently controversial subjects. In deciding how to teach the rising generation about both the highs and the lows of our society's past, we are forced to ask who we are as a nation and who we aim to be. How should historians, teachers, parents, and citizens approach the resulting challenges? How can we avoid both whitewashing our greatest national failings and diminishing our country's greatest achievements? This session will give House Members insight into the challenges higher education faces in teaching subjects like US History and how to best address them.

Stressing Institutions: The White House and the Justice Department After the 2020 Election

Jeffrey A. Rosen
Marc A. Thiessen (Moderator)

During President Donald Trump's last month in office, he continued to repeat claims of widespread election fraud, both publicly and privately, including to cabinet officials. At the Department of Justice (DOJ), Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen faced persistent inquiries from the president, but the department maintained its proper role and held fast to the rule of law. What really happened? What is the DOJ's proper role? Why did the system work in this instance? And how can we move on with a renewed commitment to the Constitution? This session will give House Members insight into the importance of institutions like the Justice Department, sparking conversations about how to best protect their neutrality.

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Robert Doar (Moderator)

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KATIE BIBER	Chief Legal Officer, Brex
JERRY BOSTICK	NASA Mission Control (retired)
MICHAEL BURNS	Vice Chairman, Lionsgate
PAUL D. CLEMENT	Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
SUSAN COLLINS	US Senate (R-ME)
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DOUG DUCEY	Governor of Arizona
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Confidential**Thursday, March 10****SCHEDULE**

7:30–10:15 a.m.	Informal Breakfast	
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Seminar Session Walls and Bridges: Rebuilding Conservative Economics R. Glenn Hubbard	The Cloister Conservative economic ideas have centered on growth, prosperity, and flourishing. Two currents threaten these ideas and the economic gains they bring. First, some conservative voices today reject liberalism and openness in favor of populism and nationalism. Their walls against change put growth and prosperity at risk. Second, neoliberal economists and policymakers have often paid too little attention to the effects of disruption accompanying technological change and globalization on the lives of many. Conservative economics must remember bridges to prepare and reconnect more Americans to our dynamic economy to ensure social support for the disruption that necessarily accompanies growth. In this seminar, AEI Senior Fellow R. Glenn Hubbard will talk about “walls” and “bridges,” and we’ll bring Adam Smith into the conversation. The economy’s goal should be the mass flourishing Smith sought; that goal remains the North Star for conservative economic policy.
12:00–1:15 p.m.	Lunch	The Cloister
1:30–3:00 p.m.	Seminar Session India’s Changing Role Sadanand Dhume Kori Schake (Moderator)	The Cloister Over the past two decades, as India has drawn closer to the US, many in Washington have begun to view India as a democratic bulwark against authoritarian China. But the rise of hard-line Hindu nationalism in India raises questions about the country’s trajectory. Will the world’s second most populous nation live up to its potential and become a prosperous liberal democracy, or are we in danger of once again making an overly optimistic bet in Asia?
3:15–4:45 p.m.	Seminar Session The Right: The Hundred-Year War for American Conservatism Matthew Continetti	 It is easy to be confused by the state of the contemporary right. Is the movement that made Ronald Reagan president the same one that elevated Donald Trump? What have conservatives conserved? And what is the future of the Republican Party? In this seminar, drawing on his forthcoming book, AEI Senior Fellow Matthew Continetti will offer a sweeping account of conservatism’s evolution, from the Progressive Era through the present. Drawing out the tensions between the desire for mainstream acceptance and the pull of ideological purity, Continetti argues that the more one studies conservatism’s past, the more one can make sense of its present and its future.
	The Twilight Struggle Hal Brands	 The United States is entering an era of great-power competition with China and Russia. Yet this is not the first time America has faced such problems; for 45 years after World War II, it waged and won another long twilight struggle against another authoritarian foe, the Soviet Union. In this session, Hal Brands, author of the new book <i>The Twilight Struggle: What the Cold War Teaches Us About Great-Power Rivalry Today (2022)</i> , will lead an open discussion on how the past can inform American strategy in the current rivalries with Beijing and Moscow.

5:00–6:00 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister	
6:00–6:05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks Robert Doar	The Cloister	
6:05–6:45 p.m.	Opening Conversation Perspectives from America’s Governors Bill Haslam Brian P. Kemp Kevin Stitt Robert Doar (Moderator)	The Cloister	Current and former US Governors will discuss the domestic and economic challenges that face their respective states, and the role their executive office plays in addressing said challenges. This session will allow House Members to better understand the diversity of challenges constituents face on a state level and how best they can work with state officials to address them.
7:00–8:15 p.m.	Dinner	The Cloister	
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Starlight Chat A Conversation with Larry Hogan Scott Gottlieb (Moderator) Apollo: The View from the Front Row of Mission Control Jerry Bostick Charles Murray (Moderator) The Teenage Brain on and off Social Media Ethan Kross Ryan Streeeter (Introduction)	The Cloister	Governor Hogan and Dr. Scott Gottlieb will discuss the state response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This session will give House Members insight into local responses to the Covid-19 pandemic. This session will explore the past and present of space exploration, with Jerry Bostick, a former NASA Engineer. This session will give House Members insight into the space program as it formerly and currently stands. This will allow for better knowledge of the Space Program going forward as it comes up in legislation and funding packages. This session will explore the psychological effects of social media and Internet use on children and teens with Psychologist Ethan Kross. This session will give House Members insight into the long term and potentially dangerous effects of social media use on teenagers, and get them thinking about possible policy solutions.

Friday, March 11

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfast An Interview with the Director of the National Economic Council Brian Deese James Pethokoukis (Moderator)	The Cloister	The Director of the National Economic Council will discuss the current economic climate in the United States, along with its challenges and solutions. This session will help House Members understand the current challenges facing the US economy as they weigh future legislation.
8:45–10:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions The Return of Stagflation? Jason Furman Michael R. Strain Phillip Swagel Kevin Warsh Mark M. Zandi James Pethokoukis (Moderator) The Supreme Court’s Pivotal Year—and What Might Come Next Paul D. Clement Amy Howe Scott A. Keller Adam J. White (Moderator) What Is the University For? Joshua T. Katz Anthony Kronman Jenna Silber Storey Benjamin Storey (Moderator)	The Cloister	Consumer prices are rising faster than they have in decades. Inflation is wrecking consumer confidence. The Federal Reserve came to realize it was behind the curve in curbing inflation, but did that realization come too late? Will inflation cool in 2022, or will it lead to stagnation? Will the Fed be forced to take aggressive action, and could that accidentally tip the economy into a recession? A panel of expert economists will discuss what to expect this year. This session will give House Members a better understanding of the current trend of inflation in the US Economy, and will get them thinking about possible policy solutions. The ongoing term of the Supreme Court, which will conclude this spring, is exceptionally packed with consequential cases. The justices will take up abortion, affirmative action, religious liberty, the administrative state, and a number of other crucial issues. What should we expect in these key cases, and what might they teach us about the direction of the Roberts Court and the future of our system of government? This session will serve as an overview for House Members of current cases before the Supreme Court, giving them the chance to be updated on the most pressing legal challenges facing constituents. Higher education has been the subject of intense controversy in recent years, as threats to free speech, intellectual diversity, and the academic ethic have proliferated. But to prevail in the resulting struggles, it is crucial to recall what there is to fight for in the university, not just what there is to fight against. Worries about illiberalism on campus should point us toward the importance of liberal education and the essential role that the humanities can play in the life of a free society. This session will get House Members thinking about the state of higher education, both academically and culturally.

10:15–11:30 a.m.

Morning Sessions

The Cloister

Securing Public Trust in Our Elections

John C. Fortier
Kevin Johnson
Yuval Levin (Moderator)

The administration of elections has become explosively controversial in the past few years, as both serious worries and baseless conspiracies have multiplied while Republicans and Democrats have each pursued partisan legislative measures on their own. Distinguishing truth from falsehood and fostering greater public confidence in the essential infrastructure of our democracy requires an informed and level-headed conversation across party lines. This session will give House Members a balanced look at election security, and how the notion can be reinforced to constituents.

Should Washington Regulate Silicon Valley?

Katie Biber
Timothy J. Muris
Jeffrey A. Rosen
Ari Schulman
Adam J. White (Moderator)

As the major social media platforms and other key technology companies have come to play a greater role in the lives of all Americans, policymakers have increasingly been pressured to regulate their growing power. The prospect of such action has divided the political right in particular. But aggressive talk has far exceeded careful thought on all sides of the resulting debates, and some basic questions remain wide open: What are the problems to be solved? What powers are legitimately available to policymakers? What are the potential consequences of action and inaction? This session will provide House Members insight into the potential impacts of federal legislation on technology companies.

Talent: What We Know About How It Is Cultivated and What It Means for Schools, Parents, and Education Policy

Doug Ducey
Michael Moe
Ian Rowe
Matt Sigelman
Frank C. Worrell
John P. Bailey (Moderator)

We use the word "talent" all the time, but what is it? Do we really understand how to identify and cultivate it in children and workers? Does our educational system help or hinder it? Are we overlooking talented young people because of how we measure ability? Join us for an intriguing discussion about the state of talent development in America and what it means for our schools, universities, and businesses. This session will provide House Members insight into how talent can be cultivated within formal institutions.

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Informal Lunch

The Cloister

1:00–3:15 p.m.

General Session

The Return to Great-Power Competition: China, Russia, and the United States

Jim Banks
Ami Bera
Hsiao Bi-khim
Sven Jürgenson
Jimmy Panetta
Rob Portman
Matt Pottinger
Victoria Spartz
Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

The Cloister

There are some who suggest, in all seriousness, that World War III is around the corner. For the first time in more than three decades, there is discussion of the use of tactical nuclear weapons. NATO is rebuilding and may expand. Much of the worry and the incentives to thicken Europe's armor center around Vladimir Putin's bloody war on Ukraine. Few know where he will stop or if his ambitions are limited. But until war broke out in Eurasia, all eyes were on Beijing. At the beginning quietly, now much less so, Xi Jinping has been on the march: Using the wealth that sprang from reforms before his time, he consolidated power, began colonizing the South China Sea, and once again centralized the Chinese Communist Party as the manager of most economic power in China. Now Hong Kong's freedom is gone, a million Muslim Uyghurs are in concentration camps, and Xi is overtly threatening to attack and "reunify" Taiwan with the mainland. There are hundreds of threads to pull as we discuss these growing national security and economic threats, but perhaps the most important will be: Is the United States up to the challenge—economically, politically and militarily? We can enumerate the threats, but do we have the will, the capacity, and a strategy to meet them? This session will provide House Members with an overview of the challenges the US faces with China and Russia, and giving them ideas for how to best combat the most challenging aspects of the relationship.

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3:30–5:30 p.m.	Taiwan War Game	The Cloister	
	Join AEI's Foreign and Defense Policy Studies scholars for a war game, modeled after Pentagon strategy sessions, and learn about the department's research on how the US can counter China. You will play as a US or allied leader and make decisions as a crisis unfolds in the Taiwan Strait. Will you be able to contain the crisis, or will China take the island?		
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Naomi Schaefer Riley (Moderator)

Progressive politicians and experts often identify racial discrimination and material deprivation as the primary causes of poverty in America. Conservatives believe the issue is more complicated and that issues such as family formation, employment, substance abuse, and neighborhood safety are more important. But what are the solutions to those issues? And how big of a role should government efforts play in addressing them? Panelists will share their insights around alternative solutions to the challenges of poverty and inequality. Professor Glenn C. Loury of Brown University and AEI’s Ian Rowe will also offer their perspectives on race and inequality—a preview of the conference they are organizing in Dallas this May. This session will highlight to House Members the causes and solutions to poverty in the US, sparking conversations on policy solutions.

Does the Biden Economic Agenda Have a Future?

Ami Bera
John Cornyn
Brian Deese
R. Glenn Hubbard
Patrick McHenry
Michael R. Strain
Alex Brill (Moderator)

President Joe Biden’s Build Back Better (BBB) initiative collapsed. But the White House and congressional Democrats remain committed to advancing an economic and social policy agenda. What are the prospects for major legislation? What would a BBB 2.0 include? And how would Democrats’ policy goals affect the economy, workers, and households?

This session will give House Members an update on the economic priorities of the current administration, leading to discussions of the role of Congress in addressing current economic concerns.

How Do We Teach Contested American History?

Wilfred M. McClay
Ben Sasse
Diana Schaub
Yuval Levin (Moderator)

History and civic education are essential to national unity, but as we have seen in recent years, they are also inherently controversial subjects. In deciding how to teach the rising generation about both the highs and the lows of our society's past, we are forced to ask who we are as a nation and who we aim to be. How should historians, teachers, parents, and citizens approach the resulting challenges? How can we avoid both whitewashing our greatest national failings and diminishing our country's greatest achievements?

This session will give House Members insight into the challenges higher education faces in teaching subjects like US History and how to best address them.

Stressing Institutions: The White House and the Justice Department After the 2020 Election

Jeffrey A. Rosen
Marc A. Thiessen (Moderator)

During President Donald Trump's last month in office, he continued to repeat claims of widespread election fraud, both publicly and privately, including to cabinet officials. At the Department of Justice (DOJ), Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen faced persistent inquiries from the president, but the department maintained its proper role and held fast to the rule of law. What really happened? What is the DOJ's proper role? Why did the system work in this instance? And how can we move on with a renewed commitment to the Constitution?

This session will give House Members insight into the importance of institutions like the Justice Department, sparking conversations about how to best protect their neutrality.

3:30–4:30 p.m.	Executive Time	The Cloister
4:45–5:45 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Keynote Lecture	The Cloister

A Conversation with Susan Collins

Robert Doar (Moderator)

Senator Susan Collins, in conversation with AEI President Robert Doar, will discuss the current domestic policy issues facing the United States Senate. This session will provide House Members an update on what domestic policy issues face Congress.

7:15–8:45 p.m.	Dinner	The Beach Club
9:00–10:00 p.m.	Starlight Chats	The Cloister

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8:00–10:00 a.m.	Early Bird Breakfast	The Cloister
	The State of the Climate	Steve Koonin is a world-renowned physicist and best-selling author of <i>Unsettled</i> , which lays out the science of climate change in ways rarely covered in the media. Senator Capito is the highest-ranking Republican on climate policy in the U.S. Senate. This session will explore the state of the science on climate change and what common-sense policies should look like.
	Steven E. Koonin Shelley Moore Capito Ryan Streeeter (Moderator)	This session will give House Members insight into the challenges facing the US regarding climate change, and possible reforms that can be made via policy.
	How Conservatives Changed the World - and How They Can Do it Again	Drawing out the tensions between the desire for mainstream acceptance and the pull of ideological purity, Continetti argues that the more one studies conservatism's past, the more one can make sense of its present and its future. This session will give House Members insight into the importance of understanding the history of current political movements in the US.
	Matthew Continetti	

Outbound Travel Details:

Name	Outbound Travel
Congressman Jim Banks	3/12: depart JAX 8:25 AM, arrive DCA 1:19 PM
Congressman Ami Bera	3/13: depart BQK 7:52 AM, arrive DCA 11:43 AM
Congressman Michael Waltz	3/13: depart
Congressman Patrick McHenry	3/12: depart JAX 7:35 PM, arrive IAD 9:20 PM
Congresswoman Elise Stefanik	3/13: depart JAX 12:21 PM, arrive DCA 2:15 PM
Congresswoman Victoria Spartz	3/12: depart JAX 7:00 AM, ARRIVE IND 10:28 AM
Congressman Jimmy Panetta	3/13: depart SAV 2:41 PM, arrive IAD 4:17 PM
Phillip Swagel	3/13: depart SAV 11:36 AM, arrive DCA 1:19 PM