"TAX POLICY FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM"

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Thursday, June 8

- TAX ISSUES FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: A DISCUSSION
- TAXES FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE: POLICY ISSUES FOR THE NEXT CONGRESS
  - Alternative Approaches to Tax Policy and Health Insurance Coverage
  - A Quarter-Century of Estate Tax Reforms
  - Tax Cuts or Spending: Does it Make a Difference?
- SYMPOSIUM LUNCHEON
  - Speaker: The Honorable Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury
- ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND TAX POLICY
  - Sales Tax Simplification: What Should We Do?
  - The Future of the Internet Economy and Public Policy
  - Exploring the Impact of E-Commerce beyond the Dot-com Boom
- SOCIAL POLICY IN TRANSITION: HOW EvOLVING STATE TAX SYSTEMS AFFECT THE POOR
  - Social Tax Policies Directed at the Working Poor: The New York State Experience

Friday, June 9

- AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE? A LOOK INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY
  - Perspectives on the Budget Surplus
  - Analysis of Current Social Security Reform Proposals
  - Uncertainty in Social Security Trust Fund Projections
- BUSINESS ISSUES FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM
  - Depreciation Lives and Methods: Current Issues in the U.S. Capital Cost Recovery System
  - Telecommunications Taxes and Fees: The Tangled Web of Taxing Talk
  - What We Know about the Optimal Taxation of International Investment Income

Thursday, June 8

8:45-9:00 AM Welcome

Drew Lyon, University of Maryland, Program Chair

9:00-10:30 AM Tax Issues from the Campaign Trail: A Discussion
10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM- 12:15 PM Taxes from Cradle to Grave: Policy Issues for the Next Congress


Presenters:

Jonathan Gruber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Alternative Approaches to Tax Policy and Health Insurance Coverage”


Eric J. Toder, The Urban Institute, “Tax Cuts or Spending: Does it Make a Difference?”

Discussants:

Henry Aaron, The Brookings Institution

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Syracuse University

Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan

12:15- 1:45 PM Symposium Luncheon

Presiding: Therese J. McGuire, President, National Tax Association

Speaker: The Honorable Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury

2:00- 3:30 PM Electronic Commerce and Tax Policy

Moderator: William F. Fox, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Presenters:


James Senn, Georgia State University, “Exploring the Impact of E-Commerce beyond the Dot-com Boom”
Reactors: Dennis Zimmerman, Congressional Budget Office, “Policy Implications for the Federal Government”

William F. Fox, University of Tennessee, “Policy Implications for the States”

2:00-3:30 PM Coffee Break

3:45-5:15 PM Social Policy in Transition: How Evolving State Tax Systems Affect the Poor

Moderator: Diane Lim Rogers, The Urban Institute

Presenters: Diane Lim Rogers and Alan Weil, The Urban Institute, “Welfare Reform and the Role of Tax Policy”

Nicholas Johnson, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “State Tax Relief for the Poor: Recent Trends”


5:30-6:30 PM Reception

Friday, June 9

9:00-10:30 AM As Far as the Eye can See? A Look into the Twenty-First Century

Moderator Kevin Hassett, American Enterprise Institute

Presenters: Alan Auerbach, University of California Berkeley; and William G. Gale, The Brookings Institution, “Perspectives on the Budget Surplus”

Andrew Lyon, University of Maryland; and John Stell, PricewaterhouseCoopers, “Analysis of Current Social Security Reform Proposals”

Noah Meyerson and John Sabelhaus, Congressional Budget Office, “Uncertainty in Social Security Trust Fund Projections”

Discussants: Kevin Hassett

Joyce Manchester, Social Security Administration
10:30-10:45 AM  
**Coffee Break**

10:45 AM- 12:15 PM  
**Business Issues for the New Millennium**

**Moderator:**  
*Jane Gravelle*, Congressional Research Service

**Presenters:**  


*Donald Rousslang*, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury, “What We Know about the Optimal Taxation of International Investment Income”

**Discussants:**  
*Bruce F. Davie*, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of the Treasury

*Jon Hakken*, Deloitte & Touche, Washington DC

*T. Scott Newlon*, Horst and Frisch, Washington DC
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