

## **Privately-Sponsored Travel by Senator Coleman**

### **Republican Jewish Coalition – various**

The Republican Jewish Coalition is a non-profit, grassroots organization which strives to educate Republicans about issues important to the American Jewish community, to educate American Jews about Republican policies, and to otherwise serve as a bridge between Republicans and the Jewish community.

As one of just three Republican Jews in the U.S. Congress, Senator Coleman has had a long association with the RJC. He has accepted speaking engagements in the lead-up to the 2004 presidential elections. He has also accepted a RJC-sponsored trip to Israel.

The RJC has sponsored travel for other many other leading Republicans, including:

- Governors Marc Racicot (R), Michael Leavitt (R), and Paul Celucci
- Senator John Cornyn (R)
- Congressmen Jim Gerlach (R) and Anders Crenshaw (R)
- RNC Chairmen Lee Atwater (R), Haley Barbour (R), and Jim Nicholson (R)
- NY Republican Chairman Sandy Treadwell (R)

### **Motion Picture Association of America – February 2003**

The Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) is the trade association representing the American motion picture and home video and television industries.

Senator Coleman was invited to participate in a fact-finding trip related to issues affecting the motion picture and home video and television industries, with a particular emphasis on piracy and copyright violations in China.

Other Senators participating in the trip included:

- Senator Lindsay Graham (R) and Senator Gordon Smith (R)

### **National Association of Broadcasters – April 2003**

The NAB is the trade association representing over-the-air radio and television broadcasters. Senator Coleman was invited to speak on a panel about legislative issues affecting the broadcasting industry at their 2003 convention.

NAB also sponsored travel for the following members to attend the convention:

- Rep. Eliot Engel (D), Rep. Gene Green (D), Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R), Rep. Lee Terry (R), Sen. Conrad Burns (R)

### **World Vision Inc. – August 2003**

World Vision is a non-profit, faith-based global humanitarian organization with strong support among faith communities in Minnesota.

During Senator Coleman's travel in Africa with Senator Frist to learn about the AIDS pandemic, Senator and Mrs. Coleman accepted an invitation from World Vision to break off from the larger group and view the humanitarian aid work being done by World Vision. (World Vision also sponsored Mrs. Coleman's return flight to the United States.)

### **American Hotel & Lodging Association Foundation – November 2003**

The American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AH&LEF) is the only educational dollar-dispensing, not-for-profit affiliate of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA). AH&LEF's funds research, education and outreach initiatives focused on the the future of the hotel and lodging industry.

In 2003, AH&LEF honored Minnesota's own Carlson Group with its fifth annual Hospitality Heritage Award, and invited Senator Coleman to speak at the event. Senator Coleman, representing the state of Minnesota, was invited to speak at the awards ceremony.

Other participants:

- Senators including Burr (R) and Ensign (R) have participated in other AH&LA events.

### **Carlson Group – November 2003**

The Carlson Group, a Minnesota-based leader in the marketing, travel, and hospitality industries, was given an award by the AH&LA (see above), and also helped to fund Senator Coleman's trip to New York for their awards ceremony.

### **Restoration Weekend Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Popular Culture – November 2003**

The Center for the Study of Popular Culture is a conservative, 501(c)3 non-profit group dedicated to defending the cultural foundations of a free society. The center seeks to educate on freedom and the war on terror.

The Center hosts an annual Restoration Weekend to bring together conservative policy makers and key experts. The weekend has become an important opportunity for leading conservatives to discuss current trends and ideas, and formulate a conservative response.

Other participants have included:

- Senators and former Senators Mitch McConnell (R), Jeff Sessions(R), Lindsey Graham (R), Zell Miller (R), and Fred Thompson (R)
- Congressmen and former Congressmen Roy Blunt (R), Jack Kingston (R), Bob Barr (R), John Doolittle (R), Katherine Harris (R), Newt Gingrich (R), and J.C. Watts (R)
- Former Vice President Dan Quayle (R)
- Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R)
- Former CIA Director James Woolsey
- Others, including Kelsey Grammer, Dick Morris, Ann Coulter, Michael Barone, Bill Kristol, Daniel Pipes, David Horowitz, Charlie Black, Christopher Hitchens, Rush Limbaugh, Fred Barnes

### **The Congressional Program of the Aspen Institute - various**

The Aspen Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan public policy organization which seeks to foster enlightened leadership and open-minded dialogue. Through its Congressional program, the Aspen Institute facilitates intensive study retreats with leading experts on issues of key importance for U.S. policy makers. The Aspen Institute Congressional Program is funded solely by established foundations, and funding is not accepted from lobbyists, government, corporations, private citizens or special interests. Senator Coleman participated in Aspen Institute seminars on US-Mexican relations and on Islam.

Other participants in the Mexico seminar included:

- Mexican Foreign Minister Derbez
- Senators Evan Bayh (D), John Cornyn (R), Judd Gregg (R), and Richard Lugar (R)
- Congressmen James Oberstar (D), Xavier Becerra (D), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D), Howard Berman (D), Earl Blumenauer (D), Sherrod Brown (D), Peter DeFazio (D), Gene Green (D), Sander Levin (D), Nita Lowey (D), Ed Pastor (D), David Price (D), Tom Allen (D), and Hilda Solis (D).
- Experts included former National Security Council advisor Arturo Valenzuela, Andrés Rosenthal of the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations, Julia Sweig of the US Council on Foreign Relations, and others.

Participants in the seminar on Islam included:

- Congressmen Howard Berman (D), Shelley Berkeley (D), Ander Crenshaw (R), George Miller (D), David Price (D), Mike Thompson (D), Henry Waxman (D), Phil English (R), Sander Levin (D), Jim Kolbe (R), and Nancy Johnson (R)
- Senators Richard Lugar (R), James Jeffords (I), and Debbie Stabenow (D).

In total, 307 members of Congress (including 32% of the current Congress), 182 international parliamentarians, political and government leaders, and over 700 scholar/experts have been involved in Aspen Institute programs. Participation is limited to these individuals, their spouses and foundation representatives. No lobbyists, congressional staff or outside observers are permitted.

### **Consumer Electronics Association – January 2004**

The Consumer Electronics Association is the trade association representing the consumer electronics industry.

Senator Coleman was invited to attend their annual trade show to speak on the Congressional panel about legislative issues related to the consumer electronics industry. The visit also afforded Senator Coleman the opportunity to learn and understand challenges facing the consumer electronics industry. This industry is particularly important for Minnesota, which is ranked as 8<sup>th</sup> best State in the high-tech economy in the nation. This trip also contributed to Senator Coleman's ability to serve as a member of the Senate High-Tech Task Force, whose purpose is to ensure that technology development is a top priority for the United States Senate.

Other participants in the trip included:

- Congressmen Joe Barton (R), Michael Bilirakis (R), Frederick Boucher (D), Steve Buyer (D), Phil Crane (R), Eliot Engel (D), Gene Green (D), Lee Terry (D), Charles Gonzales (D), Darrell Issaa (D), and Tom Davis (R)
- Senators Byron Dorgan (D), George Allen (R), and John Sununu (R)

### **Distributed Computing Industry Association – February 2004**

The Distributed Computing Industry Association (DCIA) is the trade Association representing the computing industry including content providers, software developers and distributors, and service-and-support companies.

Because of his leadership on peer-to-peer issues and policy, Senator Coleman was invited to be the keynote speaker at the DCIA winter meeting.

### **Faith & Politics Institute – February 2004**

The Faith and Politics Institute is a nonpartisan, non-profit interfaith organization founded to help public officials stay in touch with their faith and deeper values as they shape public policy. In 2004, the Institute sponsored a pilgrimage to Birmingham to reflect on the civil rights movement.

Other participants in the pilgrimage included:

- Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis (D)
- Senators Frist (R), McConnell (R), Brownback (R), Corzine (D), Sessions (R), and Shelby (R).

## **United Jewish Communities – August 2004**

United Jewish Communities (UJC) represents 155 Jewish Federations and 400 independent communities across North America

Senator Coleman was invited to speak at the Jewish Leadership Forum sponsored by the UJC in August 2004 and to share his experience as a Republican Jewish Senator.

Other speakers at the conference included:

- Media professional Ann Rubenstein Tisch, Israeli trauma treatment specialist Danny Brom, philanthropic executive Alina Gerlovin, investment banker Joseph Meyerhoff, and Israeli Ambassador to the U.N. Danny Gillerman.

The UJC has also sponsored travel for Senator Ron Wyden (D).

## **American Israel Public Affairs Committee - various**

AIPAC is the leading nonpartisan, non-profit American membership organization seeking to strengthen the relationship between Israel and the United States. Senator Coleman has been invited to speak at a number of AIPAC conferences as a leading Jewish Republican.

AIPAC has sponsored trips for scores of members of Congress, including:

- Congressmen Howard Berman (D), Shelley Berkeley (D), Roy Blunt (R), Eric Cantor (R), Joseph Crowley (D), Jo Ann Davis (R), Eliot Engel (D), Jeff Flake (R), Jane Harman (D), Steny Hoyer (D), Tom Lantos (D), Jerrold Nadler (D), Chris Shays (R), Mark Udall (D), Henry Waxman (D), and others.
- Senators Evan Bayh (D), Dick Durbin (D), Joseph Biden (D), Barbara Boxer (D), Jon Kyl (R), Gordon Smith (R), Sam Brownback (R), Robert Bennett (R), Larry Craig (R), Joseph Lieberman (D), Mitch McConnell (R), Ron Wyden (D), Susan Collins (R), Jay Rockefeller (D), Maria Cantwell (D), Mark Pryor (D), Jon Cornyn (R), Ken Salazar (D), Jack Reed (D), Tom Carper (D), and others.

## **Mid America Capital – September-October 2004**

Mid-America Capital is a merger and acquisition and consulting services company based in the Midwest.

Senator Coleman was invited to speak at the bankers Lunch meeting at Mid-America Capital's winter meeting. Attendees included many CEOs from leading Midwestern banks. The meeting was particularly topical given Senator Coleman's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations' work on banking transparency issues.

## **Armenian Assembly of America; Cafesjian Family Foundation – May-June 2005**

The Armenian Assembly is a nationwide nonprofit organization established in 1972 to promote public awareness of Armenian issues, encourage greater Armenian-American participation in the American democratic process, and assist in humanitarian and development programs in Armenia.

The Cafesgian Family Foundation is a Minnesota-based non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to U.S.-Armenian relations and the development of Western-oriented economic policies in Armenia. It is the largest donor in Armenia.

Senator Coleman accepted an invitation to travel to Armenia to assess that country's post-Soviet transition and meet with high level government officials. Senator Coleman has had a long-standing interest in Armenia and used this trip to review U.S.-Armenia policy, to explore Armenian participation in the Millennium Challenge Account, and Armenian relations with neighboring countries. This trip was officially connected, and included transportation from Slovenia, where Senator Coleman has been participating in a conference of NATO parliamentarians.

The Armenian Assembly has sponsored domestic travel for:

- Congressmen Joe Knollenberg, Anna Eschoo, and Frank Pallone
- Senator Mitch McConnell (R)

### **American Enterprise Institute World Forum – June 2005**

The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research is a private, not-for-profit institution dedicated to research and education on issues of government, politics, economics, and social welfare.

AEI's most prestigious event is the annual World Forum. The event brings together senior foreign and domestic government officials and AEI scholars to consider policy issues of global significance. Participants at the 2005 World Forum included current and former members of Congress and the Bush administration, as well as foreign dignitaries from European, Middle Eastern, and Asian nations.

Other participants in AEI World Forum events have included:

- Congressmen Phil English (R), Jane Harman, Mike Pence (R), Paul Ryan (R), Bill Thomas (R),
- Senators Mitch McConnell (R), Bill Frist (R), Jeff Bingaman (D), Evan Bayh (D), Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)

### **Hormel Food Corp. – September 2005**

Hormel Foods Corporation is a multinational manufacturer and marketer of consumer-branded meat and food products, many of which are among the best known and trusted in

the food industry. The headquarters for Hormel Foods is in Austin, Minnesota, along with its research and development division and flagship plant. Jennie-O Turkey Store, a wholly owned subsidiary based in Willmar, Minnesota, is the nation's number one producer of whole and processed turkey products sold to retail and foodservice outlets. Hormel employs more than 15,600 employees and is owned by approximately 11,200 shareholders of record.

This was an important event for Senator Coleman as a member of the agriculture committee. Hormel Foods represents the interests and concerns of consumers, retail grocers, and foodservice and industrial customers, along with the interests of a huge employee base in southern Minnesota.

Senator Coleman was invited to speak at the annual board meeting of Hormel Foods Corporation. Senator Coleman was the only VIP invited to speak or participate in the event.

### **Long Island Foreign Affairs Forum – October 2005**

The Long Island Foreign Affairs Forum provides a venue for foreign policy leaders to address key New York leaders. Senator Coleman was invited to address the Long Island Foreign Affairs Forum to discuss his UN reform efforts, which is clearly of great importance for individuals in New York.

The Long Island Foreign Affairs Forum has hosted such other speakers as:

- Senators and former Senators Bill Nelson (D), Joseph Biden (D), John McCain (R), Richard Durbin (D), Evan Bayh (D), Mitch McConnell (R) and George Mitchell,
- Former Congressman Richard Gephardt (R),
- Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (D), Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Bill Richardson (D), Ambassador Richard Butler, former Director of Policy and Planning at the State Department Richard Haass , General Wesley Clark (D), Former Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence Summers, Former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., David Ivry, and others.