

TheCapitol.Net's Executive Conference:
**Shifting Politics and Budget Priorities:
The Bush Administration and the 107th Congress**

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at Agency headquarters, Washington, DC

Tuesday, _____, 2002

9:00 Welcome and Introduction

9:10 The Economic and Budget Outlook

Congressional budget expert

The speaker will focus on the federal budget in light of current economic and political conditions. He will consider the federal surplus-turned-deficit, and the adequacy of resources to finance military actions abroad and at home, future social security and Medicare payments, and the budgetary impact of the aging population. He will review the economic stimulus package(s) and what to expect from the congressional budget and appropriations processes this year. The session will provide the senior executives with a "big picture" perspective of the budgetary environment in which they must make decisions and lead.

10:05 Break

10:20 Tax Cuts

Tax legislation expert

This session will center on the hotly debated issue of tax cuts. While critics claim long-term tax cuts will lead to higher interest rates, economic studies and recent history refute that claim. The speaker will encompass many of the complex questions on tax cuts including, what kind of tax cuts work best? How large should they be? And should tax cuts be temporary or permanent?

10:55 Dynamics of Executive-Congressional Relations

Executive branch /Congress expert

The speaker will examine the current working relationship and tone between Congress and the Bush White House and will discuss the many forces that influence policy development within each institution. He will look ahead at how the executive and legislative branches will interact as the second session of the 107th Congress begins, and how the political dynamics will impact the congressional elections in November, 2002.

11:55 Complete Evaluations and Program Concludes

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