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The Foreign Press Center is pleased to share with you the first issue of the Midterm Elections Monitor - this resource will keep you informed of new reports, studies and major articles on the upcoming November 2, 2010 elections. The FPC is providing this resource in order to assist you in covering the elections, and the inclusion of any material does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation.

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Upcoming Events Around Town

- **Friday, September 9, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.** - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce (USCC) holds a lunch briefing on a series of nationwide activities the Campaign for Free Enterprise is embarking on over the next two months to get citizens to ask their candidates five questions about free enterprise and job creation. Speakers: Stan Anderson, Managing Director of the Campaign for Free Enterprise at USCC; and Martin Regalia, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at USCC.

WHERE: USCC, 1615 H Street NW, Washington, DC.

CONTACT: 202-463-5682, press@uschamber.com; web site:

<http://www.uschamber.com/calendar.asp>

NOTE: Register to, 202-463-5682 or press@uschamber.com

- **Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.** – Cato Institute Book Forum on “Give Us Liberty: A Tea Party Manifesto.” Speakers: Dick Armey, Chairman, Freedom Works, Former Majority Leader and main author of the Contract with America; and Matt Kibbe, President and CEO, Freedom Works, former Director of the Federal Budget Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Moderated by Roger Pilon, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Cato Institute.

WHERE: Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

CONTACT: 202-789-5200; web site: www.cato.org

- **Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.** – National Press Club Luncheon with Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., Chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Committee and Sen. John Cornyn, R- Texas, Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. The Senators will discuss the election outlook for the control of both the Senate and the House.

WHERE: National Press Club, 14th & F Streets, NW

CONTACT: 202-662-7501; web site: <http://npc.press.org>

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NOTE: For additional information on the upcoming elections and FPC programs, go to the FPC Midterm Elections website at: <http://fpc.state.gov/c38476>

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