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Capitol Hill is Site for December Civil Rights Panel's Meeting

WASHINGTON DC – At its monthly meeting, a panel of experts will advise the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concerning whether the methodological underpinnings and factual predicate and assumptions on which the federal government supports its use of racial classifications are sufficient to rebut the Constitution's presumption of illegality.

Speakers: Dr. Ian Ayres, William K. Townsend Professor, Yale Law School; Mr. Roger Clegg, Esq., General Counsel, Center for Equal Opportunity; Dr. Constance Citro, Director, Committee on National Statistics, the National Academies of Science; and Dr. George LaNoue, Professor of Political Science, University of Maryland Baltimore County, and Director, Project on Civil Rights and Public Contracting.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2005 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. State Advisory Committees: 1. Working Group on SAC Reform; 2. Arizona Report
- V. Program Planning: 1. Voting Rights Act: 2006 Statutory Report; 2. Campus Anti-Semitism
- VI. Briefing Reports: 1. Voting Rights Act; 2. Campus Anti-Semitism
- VII. Future Briefings: Minority Categorization in the U.S. Census
- VIII. Disparity Studies Briefing
- IX. Staff Director's Report
- X. Future Agenda Items

When: Friday, December 16, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Where: 2226 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Jennifer C. Braceras, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, and Michael Yaki. Kenneth L. Marcus is Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public.

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