

US CONGRESSMAN JIM KOLBE VISITS EPP

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US Member of Congress **Jim Kolbe** visited the EPP on 11 and 12 of October 2006, in the framework of the cooperation programme between the European People's Party (EPP) and the International Republican Institute (IRI).

Specifically, the Republican Congressman from Arizona gave at a joint EPP-IRI dinner event a keynote speech on "*The Challenge of Immigration: A Transatlantic Perspective*" and had a number of meetings at the European Parliament - including EPP-ED Group Chairman **Hans-Gert Poettering** - and the European Commission - including Commission Vice President **Franco**

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EPP President **Wilfried Martens** was very pleased to hear Mr Kolbe's comments on the problem of illegal immigration, an issue that will also be discussed at the EPP Summit of Heads of Government in Helsinki on 19 October 2006.

Jim Kolbe, who ends later this year his 22 years of service as a Member of the US Congress, is a Member of the Board of the IRI.

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