



2018 CONGRESSIONAL CALL-UP

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
TUESDAY, MARCH 6



HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP STEVE SCALISE (R-LA.)

Congressman Steve Scalise proudly represents the First Congressional District of Louisiana, which stretches from the beautiful Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain and the culturally distinct New Orleans suburbs to the vibrant bayous and wetlands abundant in natural resources. He was elected to Congress in May of 2008 after serving in the Louisiana State Legislature from 1996-2008. He currently serves his colleagues as the House Majority Whip, the third highest position for House Republicans.

Scalise is a strong conservative leader who upholds the Constitution, advocating for the principles of fiscal discipline, lower taxes, an all-of-the-above national energy strategy, a robust national defense, and conservative values. Through his previous experiences as a House Deputy Whip and Chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC), Scalise developed a proven formula to pass effective legislation that unites his colleagues.

As Chairman of the RSC, a caucus of more than 170 conservative members in the House, he coalesced members around a unified vision. During his time as Chairman, Scalise championed a free-market, patient-centered Obamacare alternative that gained the support of 130 House members. He also introduced legislation that promotes job creation and economic growth, established an RSC national defense working group, released a conservative budget that would balance in four years, and crafted bills that protect constitutionally-guaranteed rights, like freedom of speech.

Scalise knows the importance of energy development to Louisiana. As a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Scalise is fighting to enact a national energy strategy that increases the supply of American energy through enhanced production and technological innovation to lower prices at the pump and reduce our dependence on Middle Eastern oil. Each Congress, Scalise has spearheaded legislation to increase revenue sharing, energy production, and development; create good energy jobs; and lower energy costs for all Americans.

Scalise is also effective at working across the aisle to build bipartisan majorities in Congress to pass legislation on issues important to Louisiana. A steadfast defender of Louisiana's coast, Scalise led the effort in the House to pass the RESTORE Act, which was signed into law in July 2012. The RESTORE Act dedicated the vast majority of Clean Water Act fines from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to coastal restoration. This legislation is widely regarded as the single most significant action taken to restore Louisiana's coast. Whip Scalise also is a strong supporter of revenue sharing, and leads the fight in Washington to protect Louisiana's GOMESA funding, ensuring that Louisiana has access to the hundreds of millions of dollars dedicated to restoring our coast. He has also passed numerous pieces of legislation to provide additional funding for coastal restoration and hurricane protection priorities.

A native of Jefferson Parish, Scalise is a graduate of Archbishop Rummel High School and Louisiana State University, where he earned a degree in Computer Science and a minor in Political Science. Scalise is married to the former Jennifer Letulle, and they have two children, Madison and Harrison.



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CHRIS STIREWALT

Politics Editor, Fox News

Chris Stirewalt is the politics editor for the Fox News Channel and one of the liveliest commentators covering politics today. Working in FNC's Washington bureau since 2010, Stirewalt helps coordinate political coverage across Fox platforms, contributing articles, video segments, a popular newsletter, a weekly podcast with co-host Dana Perino, and regular appearances on Fox's most popular programs to the network's lineup. Stirewalt's daily newsletter, *Fox News Halftime Report*, boasts nearly 200,000 subscribers, and his podcast *I'll Tell You What* was so successful that it was spun off into a television show of the same name leading up to the 2016 election, an industry first.

Stirewalt is an expert storyteller and astute speaker who keeps audiences engrossed with his trademark humor while breaking down complex political issues. He offers candid and witty insights on the current political climate and the latest happenings on Capitol Hill and in the White House, as well as a breakdown of how our political party system reached its current state of polarization and what he sees coming down the pike in Washington and across the nation. Stirewalt is a quickly rising star on cable news and within political circles whose speeches offer the perfect balance between meaty and hard-hitting takeaways and entertaining personal and professional anecdotes.

Stirewalt makes daily appearances on multiple Fox network programs, including *America's Newsroom*, *Outnumbered*, *Special Report with Bret Baier*, and *Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace*. He is also a part of the *Fox News Decision Desk* team, where he has called races on election nights over the past three electoral cycles, and hosts the feature video series *Power Play* on FoxNews.com.

Prior to joining FNC, Stirewalt served as political editor for *The Washington Examiner* where he wrote a twice-weekly column and led political coverage for the newspaper. He also served as politics editor at the *Charleston Daily Mail* and West Virginia Media. Stirewalt began his career at the *Wheeling Intelligencer* in West Virginia.

He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia.