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has been in helping her understand chiropractic's legislative needs and challenges. Rep. Berkley urged every doctor of chiropractic present to get involved in the political fabric of their community and in active touch with their Member of Congress.

Former Virginia Congressman Ed Schrock who presently serves as staff director of one of the Subcommittees of the US House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform spoke on "Maximizing Your Lobbying Effectiveness" sharing his experience as a legislator and also the perspective of a key Congressional staff member. Mr. Schrock is a longtime chiropractic patient and was one of the profession's most active supporters during his service in the House of Representatives.

Legislative Day participants were treated to a lunchtime address by Mr. Wesley Pruden, nationally syndicated political commentator and Editor-in-Chief of *The Washington Times*. Bringing decades of experience and a unique journalistic capacity to see through the smoke and mirrors of American politics, Mr. Pruden offered a series of timely and relevant observations, especially noting the vital importance of being present in Washington, DC to bring chiropractic's issues and concerns to elected representatives face to face.

"I am very proud of the hundreds of doctors of chiropractic, students, families and staff who came to Washington to carry the chiropractic message to the US Congress at this critical time in our profession's history," said Dr. Michael S. McLean, ICA Legislative Committee Co-Chair. "The impact on a host of critical issues, especially the hard fought S.1955, was certainly felt and contributed in an important way to the defeat of this legislation universally opposed by the chiropractic profession." The Coalition Legislative Day activities immediately preceded the vote that blocked passage of the controversial S. 1955.

ICA and the Chiropractic Coalition partners want to thank all who participated and to announce the Coalition's **next Legislative Day is April 26, 2007**. Doctors should mark their calendars now and plan to participate in this annual chiropractic legislative gathering.

The Chiropractic Coalition was founded in November 2002 by three major chiropractic organizations, the International Chiropractors Association (ICA), the World Chiropractic Alliance (WCA) and the Federation of Straight Chiropractors and Organizations (FSCO). The mission of this cooperative effort is the promotion of chiropractic science and practice as a separate and distinct, drugless and non-surgical approach to health that mobilizes the body's natural healing abilities, without intrusion into the realms of other professions.

Robert Pohtos Takes Helm as ICA's New Executive Director

The ICA Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Robert (Bob) Pohtos as the new Executive Director of the ICA. Mr. Ronald Hendrickson, who has served as ICA's Executive Director since 1988 has stepped down due to health reasons and will continue to provide ICA the benefit of his many years of experience in chiropractic but in a different capacity.



Mr. Robert Pohtos

Mr. Robert Pohtos is no stranger to ICA. He served as ICA's Senior Finance and Management Director from 2000-2003. He left to take up a position as Vice President and Chief Operating Office for a special project with the USO serving the brave men and women in uniform in the

US-Metro area. During this period Bob was responsible for over 20 staff members and 100 volunteers in a tri-state area with a budget of \$15,000,000.

Prior to joining ICA in 2002, Pohtos commanded a submarine. He served in the US Navy for 25 years. His many years of military and civilian experience include operations, financial management, personnel and computer information systems management, as well as policy development and planning.

A native of Michigan, Pohtos received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan before joining the US Navy in 1973. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Christian Fellowship Church and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Bob lives in Northern Virginia with his wife and daughter. They are all chiropractic patients.

"We are very pleased that Bob agreed to accept this position," said ICA President Dr. John Maltby. "His more than 30+ years of experience in leadership and command positions, plus his familiarity with ICA and its history will help us move forward more quickly and efficiently toward our plans for the future progress of ICA."

Bob took over as Executive Director on June 15, 2006.

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