

Background on Center for National Policy's Edmund S. Muskie Distinguished Public Service Award

The Center for National Policy, a progressive policy organization, based in Washington, DC, committed to the ideal of a vital public sector, established the Distinguished Public Service Award in honor of its longtime chairman, the late Edmund S. Muskie. The award is intended to honor public officials and private citizens who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the public interest at home and abroad.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is the third person receiving the award. The first recipients were Madeleine K. Albright, former president of the Center, honored when she was U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the Honorable Lee H. Hamilton, Member of Congress from Indiana and member of the House International Relations Committee.

Mrs. Clinton will be honored for her activities representing Americans and American interests and values in the international arena.



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Center for National Policy
1998 Edmund S. Muskie Distinguished Public Service Award

★A Tribute to Hillary Rodham Clinton★

Preliminary Agenda

6:30-7:30 pm	MAIN RECEPTION 14th Street Main Entrance "Oculus" area, Ground level by neon sculpture Bars close at 7:15 pm
7:15 pm	Doors open (Descend via stairs or elevator from "Oculus" area into Atrium)
7:30 pm	DINNER Atrium, Concourse level
7:40 pm	(Lights up on podium, house lights dim.)
(1-3 min.)	RUTH R. HARKIN welcomes everyone and introduces the REVEREND CANON ROBERT J. BROOKS for the invocation. Ruth R. Harkin remains on stage.
7:43 pm (2 minutes)	INVOCATION, REVEREND CANON ROBERT J. BROOKS
7:45 pm (5 minutes)	RUTH R. HARKIN , recognizes Dinner Vice Chairs, also Muskie family and former staffers, and others (asking those in attendance to stand as they are introduced.)
	JOHN F. COOKE
	DOUGLAS H. DORITY
	BARBARA EASTERLING
	PATRICK J. GRIFFIN
	DALE LEIBACH
	SUSAN THOMASES

RUTH R. HARKIN thanks members of the House and Senate and asks those in attendance to stand. Generally thanks dinner committee, Secretary Albright, CNP Board, and CNP staff. (Also will make remarks in memory of Kirk O'Donnell.)

7:50-8:40 pm

DINNER SERVICE (First course is pre-set)

8:40 pm
(10 minutes)

FORMAL PROGRAM BEGINS

MAUREEN S. STEINBRUNER, President of CNP, welcomes everyone and introduces **MICHAEL D. BARNES**, CNP Chair. Barnes makes brief remarks, and introduces **THOMAS F. "MACK" McLARTY**, CNP Dinner Co-Chair. McLarty makes a brief introduction of Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, indicating that she will be presenting the award. (**RUTH HARKIN** walks to side of stage.) **MADELEINE ALBRIGHT** makes brief remarks, introduces the video tribute and **HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON** as the 1998 recipient of the *Edmund S. Muskie Distinguished Public Service Award*.

Following their remarks, Steinbruner, Barnes, McLarty, and Albright each exit to side chairs and remain seated throughout the video and Clinton remarks. Harkin takes seat on stage (chairs will be provided).

8:50 pm
(6 minutes)

VIDEO HONORING HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

8:56 pm

(At the conclusion of the video, **PODIUM LIGHTS UP FULL, HOUSE LIGHTS DIM.**)

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON APPROACHES STAGE. Albright steps to podium to present award (award will be located on podium).

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

9:00 pm
(20 minutes)

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON makes speech accepting award.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

9:20 pm

RUTH R. HARKIN calls up Vice Chairs for photos and thanks everyone for coming.

[The timing and other exact details of Mrs. Clinton's exit are not yet fixed.]