



## John E. Sununu

**Thursday, November 5**  
**Keynote Speaker**  
**3:45 pm-5:00 pm**

Called both a philosopher and the smartest man in the Senate, Senator John Sununu (R-NH) cut a unique path from the private sector to public office, serving for three terms in the House of Representatives and for six years as the youngest member of the United States Senate. Before entering public service, Sununu worked for emerging high-tech firms as an engineer, strategy consultant, and a chief financial officer. In Congress, he put his expertise to work for the country, serving on Senate committees such as Commerce, Finance, Banking, and Foreign Relations.

John Sununu draws from his engineering and business background to speak passionately and in great detail about the economic landscape, financial and regulatory reform, the science and economics behind the climate change debate, and the transformative effect of technology.

Known as a strong fiscal conservative and an author of legislation reforming the regulation of financial institutions, Sununu currently serves as one of five panel members responsible for the oversight of TARP funds and has developed numerous proposals for regulatory reform, mortgage issuance, and national insurance oversight.

In the House, Sununu rose quickly to earn a seat on the Appropriations Committee and serve as vice chairman of the Budget Committee. During his term in the Senate, Sununu wrote comprehensive legislation to reform financial giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and negotiated a seven year ban on Internet taxes. In 2005 he led a successful filibuster to stop the USA PATRIOT Act until additional protection for civil liberties could be added to the final package.

He has traveled extensively in the Middle East and Central Asia, leading delegations to monitor the Palestinian presidential elections in 2005, and the Lebanese parliamentary elections in June 2009.

Well respected by Republicans and Democrats alike, Sununu is a refreshingly funny and brilliant speaker with a sharp economic perspective. He speaks with enthusiasm and from experience about the policies and issues most relevant to the business community. Currently, he serves on the board of directors for Time Warner Cable and Boston Scientific.

Senator Sununu holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University.