



THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR FEDERAL POLICY RESEARCH
invites you to attend a

– *Capitol Hill Briefing & Discussion* –
“*American Democracy's Uncertain Future*
– *And Is California An Unsettling Vision*
Of Our Democratic Destiny?”

Thursday, August 21, 2003

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

1300 Longworth House Office Building

You are invited to join us for a discussion of the future trajectory of the nation and its democratic institutions – with a special focus on California – featuring former Congressman Glen Browder, a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School (California) and Jacksonville State University (Alabama), and author of *The Future of American Democracy: A Former Congressman's Unconventional Analysis*.

Leon Panetta, former White House chief of staff and now director of the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy at the California State University at Monterey, says Browder's book “challenges all of us to awake...and restore the fundamental strength of our democracy.”

Browder comments, “Current public discussion about American democracy is a stale orthodoxy of simplistically-progressive ideas buttressed by theoretically-limited and politically-cautious analysis; furthermore, those who muster sufficient civic courage to sound the alarm too often are afflicted with excessive ideological arrogance.” He notes that, “Growing philosophical tensions over historic ideals, cultural values and principles of governance are transforming our national democratic experiment. Our civic mix of people, politics and government no longer works the way it has in the past. Therefore, it is time for serious national dialogue about America.”

California, Browder says, raises “particularly tricky questions and provides some useful points of guidance about important developments—the delicate, difficult, dangerous interplay among diversity, divergence, dissentience, and democracy—in future America.” Details about his book and the ideas it presents are available at <http://www.futureofamericandemocracy.org>.

Former Sen. Mike Gravel (National Initiative For Democracy) and Dr. Larry Berman (University of California Washington Center) will assess Browder's provocative analysis and recommendations, and audience Q&A will follow. The session is open to the public. For additional information, contact the California Institute at 202-546-2390.