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USCSF Speakers' Forum presents Senator Mike Lee

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On Friday, Senator Mike Lee of Utah addressed about 175 guests of the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation. Many in the audience who were interviewed after the program said Lee was the best speaker hosted by the foundation's Speakers' Forum since its inception in 2016.

Lee is a renowned authority on the U.S. Constitution, its origins and its relevance throughout our history. His talk focused on how, as a consequence of a 1937 Supreme Court decision, Congress was able to shift its legislative authority from making laws that governed society to empowering unelected members of government agencies to make and enforce policies and regulations that governed society and resulted in serious overspending.

Lee is very much a proponent of limited government and fiscal responsibility. He expressed serious concern over the direction of government spending enabled by



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Authorities on the U.S. Constitution, from left, Al Watson, President; Senator Mike Lee, Howard Pines, secretary; and Tripp Amos, Board Member.

both political parties for decades. He is hoping the 2023 Reins Act, if passed, will be able to limit out-of-control spending.

Lee's address was not without several moments of humor, including his account of an exchange between himself and then-President Trump on a matter of interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Lee generously engaged in a question and answer exchange with the audience.

The program opened with

University of US students Amelia Burbo, who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Haley Santos, who led the audience in singing "God Bless America." Al Watson, president of the foundation, addressed the audience with remarks on the role of the Foundation and how it has matured in the seven years since its founding. Board member Tripp Amos introduced Lee.

The USCSF Speakers' Forum has previously hosted many distinguished speakers, including former Attorney General Ed

Meese, Senator Jim DeMint and legendary coach Lou Holtz.

The U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit educational and scholarship organization dedicated to increasing knowledge and understanding of the U.S. Constitution and American heritage. Since inception in 2016, USCSF educational programs have delivered more than \$200,000 in scholarships and awards to high school juniors and seniors in Nassau County, Florida. Visit www.uscsf.net for more information.