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## **MAINE'S FIVE MOST RECENT U.S. SENATORS TO DISCUSS THEIR CAREERS AT THE MAINE STATE CHAMBER'S ANNUAL DINNER OCTOBER 28 IN BANGOR**

***Former Senators Cohen, Mitchell, and Snowe, and Senators Collins and King, to participate in a  
unique discussion moderated by CNBC's John Harwood***

AUGUSTA, MAINE – Maine's five most recent U.S. Senators – Secretary William Cohen, George Mitchell, Olympia Snowe, Susan Collins and Angus King – will gather together for a discussion of their careers and experiences representing Maine and the nation at the Maine State Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner on Friday, October 28, 2016 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. The discussion will be moderated by CNBC Chief Washington Correspondent John Harwood.

"Our upcoming dinner is a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate the careers of Maine's five most recent U.S. Senators, and we are honored to host this unique event where these outstanding leaders will be gathered together for this first-of-its-kind discussion," said Maine State Chamber of Commerce President Dana Connors. "These five Mainers have left an indelible imprint on our state and our country's political landscape with their dedication and service, and we look forward to hearing about their collective 80 years of experiences in Congress."

"Each of these former and current U.S. Senators has served Maine well throughout their careers, and each continues to provide solid examples of leadership and public service," said Maine State Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Melinda Poore of Charter Communications. "It is an incredible honor for the people of the State of Maine to have been represented in Washington by such capable and respected leaders, and it will be fascinating to learn of their experiences on October 28."

Connors added that he is pleased to host such a nationally well-respected and experienced journalist as John Harwood as moderator for the discussion. In addition to serving as Chief Washington Correspondent for CNBC, Harwood is a political writer for The New York Times and hosts the CNBC Digital original video series "Speakeasy with John Harwood." He also offers political analysis on "NBC Nightly News" and PBS' "Washington Week in Review."

The October 28 dinner in Bangor begins at 4:30 p.m. with a "Taste of Maine Reception," showcasing an impressive array of outstanding culinary products Maine has to offer. Event sponsors include Kaplan University, Comcast, TD Bank, and Central Maine Power Company.

For more information on the event, please go to [www.mainechamber.org](http://www.mainechamber.org).

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