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Carter Aide Joins in Talk on *Last Great Senate* *Frank Moore Joins Author Ira Shapiro for Reading*

Atlanta, GA. – President Jimmy Carter’s Congressional aide Frank Moore will join author Ira Shapiro for a discussion of Shapiro’s new book *The Last Great Senate: Courage and Statesmanship in Times of Crisis*. This special event will be held on Monday, October 15th at 7:00 pm in the Carter Presidential Museum Theater. The event is free and open to the public. Copies of *The Last Great Senate* will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Ira Shapiro came to Washington in 1975 and spent 12 years working in senior positions in the Senate, playing important roles in accomplishments as diverse as the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the Senate Code of Ethics, and completing the Metrorail system. During the Clinton administration, he served as a leading U.S. trade negotiator, ultimately earning the rank of ambassador. “Shapiro is an ardent researcher and a more than able writer, but it is his obvious love for the Senate that gives the book its personality,” according to *The Washington Post*.

The Christian Science Monitor calls Shapiro’s book “a first-hand, blow-by-blow account of the personalities and issues that animated the Senate during the Carter administration.”

There are few that have a better understanding of that time than Frank Moore, President Carter’s Congressional liaison. After what has been described as a rocky start between the Carter Administration and Congress, Moore developed a close working relationship with both houses of Congress. By June of 1977, Moore or someone from his office was speaking every day to Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd or someone from Byrd’s office. On the other side of Capitol Hill, House Speaker Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill’s chief assistant Gary Hymel said “I talk to Frank every day. There’s total communication back and forth between us.”

Join us for a look back at *The Last Great Senate*. As *The Washington Post* points out, “the real pleasure of the book is the way it takes us back to an era without the current madness.”

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