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Former Sen. Christopher Dodd to Keynote ETA Annual Meeting & Expo

Former U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd, who finished up a 36-year legislative career as chair of the Senate Banking Committee and one of the principal authors of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, will be the keynote speaker for ETA's Annual Meeting & Expo at the general session on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Sen. Dodd is best known in the electronic payments industry for the Dodd-Frank Act, the law which was the vehicle for the Durbin amendment on debit card fees and created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. But he also helped write the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which strengthened accounting and management standards for publicly held companies and many other significant pieces of legislation, especially regarding children's issues, civil rights, voting rights, and privacy protection, including financial data security issues. He is a veteran of the Peace Corps, and ran for President in 2007-08.

"We're extremely pleased to have Senator Dodd as our keynote," said Carla Balakgie, ETA's CEO. "His long and illustrious career as a legislator makes him intimately knowledgeable about how Congress works —and sometimes doesn't. And with the payments industry an increasing focus on Capitol Hill and among various regulatory agencies, his experience and insight will shed some much needed light on what lies ahead."

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The Electronic Transactions Association is an international trade association representing more than 500 companies who offer electronic transaction processing products and services.