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## Trade Briefs

### New Members of Trade Subcommittee Announced

Democrats and Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee have announced new assignments to their Subcommittee on Trade. The makeup of this Subcommittee could affect the way that trade legislation is handled in the House of Representatives in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

On the Democratic side, Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI) will remain as Chairman of the Subcommittee. Rep. John Tanner (D-TN) and Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) will also stay on the Subcommittee. However, the rest of the Subcommittee's Democratic membership will change. The names of the outgoing and incoming Democratic members of the committee are below:

#### DEMOCRATS

Outgoing Trade Subcommittee Members 110 <sup>th</sup> Congress	New Trade Subcommittee Members 111 <sup>th</sup> Congress
John B. Larson (D-CT)	Jim McDermott (D-WA)
Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Richard Neal (D-MA)
Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)	Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)
Shelley Berkley (D-NV)	Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)
Joseph Crowley (D-NY)	Bob Etheridge (D-NC)
Kendrick Meek (D-FL)	Linda Sanchez (D-CA)

The Cato Institute rates congressmen on their commitment to free trade. Their ratings are based on their votes on trade barriers and domestic subsidies. Based on the Cato statistics, the outgoing Democratic Trade Subcommittee members have voted against trade barriers an average of 49.8% of the time. And on average, they have voted against subsidies 29.7% of the time. This would generally put them in the Democratic mainstream.

The incoming Democratic Trade Subcommittee members, on average, have voted against trade barriers 59.2% of the time. Worse is their average voting record on trade subsidies, where they have voted against subsidies only 23.3% of the time.

The new Democrats on the Subcommittee are therefore marginally more opposed to trade barriers but marginally more amenable to domestic subsidies.

On the Republican side, two Republicans who were on the Trade Subcommittee in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress will remain: Rep. Wally Herger (R-CA) and Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX). Herger will pass his status as Ranking Member to Brady. The rest of the Republicans membership of the Subcommittee will change, and there will be one fewer Republican member. The names of the outgoing and incoming Republican members of the committee are below:

**REPUBLICANS**

Outgoing Trade Subcommittee Members 110 <sup>th</sup> Congress	New Trade Subcommittee Members 111 <sup>th</sup> Congress
Jerry Weller (R-IL)	Geoff Davis (KY)
Ron Lewis (R-KY)	Dave Reichert (WA)
Thomas M. Reynolds (R-NY)	Devin Nunes (CA)
Kenny Hulshof (R-MO)	

Based on Cato's ratings, the outgoing Republican Trade Subcommittee have voted against trade barriers an average of 72% of the time and against subsidies an average of 14.5% of the time.

The incoming Republican subcommittee members have voted against barriers 71% of the time and against subsidies 23.2% of the time on average.

Therefore, the new Republicans on the Subcommittee have very similar records on trade barrier votes and vote marginally more against domestic subsidies. This increase in voting against subsidies is almost totally due to the appointment of Rep. Dave Reichert who voted against subsidies 67% of the time. The other new members all voted against subsidies less than a quarter of the time.

These statistics reveal some general tendencies of the Subcommittee membership, but there are other factors that may be better indicators of how this Subcommittee will act over the next year.

First, the fact that Sander Levin remains as the Subcommittee's Chairman is significant. Levin is a high-ranking congressman from an industrial state with strong ties to the domestic auto industry. While according to Cato he has voted against trade barriers 63% of the time, he has not cast a single vote against a subsidy. He is considered to agree with his organized labor constituents on trade issues, arguing for "fair trade" as opposed to "free trade."

Second, two outgoing Democratic members of the subcommittee, Larson and Meek, are considered by some in the business community to be strong on the issue of free trade. Therefore, business lobbyists are not happy about their departure.

Also, one incoming member, Sanchez, is expected to be an opponent of free trade legislation. She co-founded the House Trade Working Group, a group that fought against the ratification of pending free trade agreements (FTAs). And since her election in 2002 she has not voted in favor of a single FTA.

Like the members they replace, the new Republicans on the Subcommittee are generally predisposed to favoring free trade. Dave Reichert (R-WA), however, is likely to be an especially strong supporter of free trade legislation. He campaigned on a platform of free trade and is supportive of implementation of the three pending FTAs. Reichert's state of

Washington is the home to a number of large corporations like Boeing, Starbucks, and Microsoft that depend on free trade, and he is likely to fight for their interests while in office.

## Dumping Watch

### Extension for Preliminary Results of Reviews of AD Orders on Ball Bearings from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom

On January 8, the Department of Commerce (DOC) gave notice that it was extending the time limit for preliminary results in the antidumping (AD) duty administrative reviews on ball bearings and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom. The DOC determined that it was not practicable to complete these reviews within the original time period. The preliminary results of these reviews will now be due on April 21, 2009.

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### **The Week Ahead**

- On Tuesday, January 13, the ITC will hold a hearing on the final phase antidumping investigation into welded stainless steel pressure pipe from China.