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Herger Appointed Ranking Member of Trade Subcommittee

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Congressman Wally Herger today announced his selection as ranking member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade. In his new role as the top Republican on the Trade Subcommittee, Herger will play a leading role in the trade-related matters brought before Congress, including efforts to bring down barriers to trade with other countries, and to open markets for our nation's agricultural commodities, manufactured goods, and services. Herger has served on the Ways and Means Committee for fourteen years, and has served on the Trade Subcommittee since the 105th Congress. Herger made the following remarks following his appointment:

"I very much look forward to the opportunity to play more of a leading role in promoting free and fair trade in the House, which is vitally important to the economic success of Northern California and our nation," Herger stated. "Americans produce more than we can consume. Accordingly, it is critical that we continue to pursue new and expanded markets for our goods and services abroad. Nowhere is this more important than in agriculture-rich Northern California, where rice, prunes, almonds, walnuts, and other commodities are dependent on exports for their continued success."

Rep. Jim McCrery, ranking member of the full Ways and Means Committee, stated, "I am extremely pleased with the selection of Rep. Wally Herger as ranking member for the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee. He is a leader who brings years of experience on the Ways and Means Committee, and a thorough understanding of the issues he will face in his new role. I congratulate him."

Herger concluded, "I believe free trade not only strengthens our economy, producing quality jobs for Americans, but it also serves to introduce and bolster transparency and strong free-market institutions among our major trading partners. As ranking member of the Trade Subcommittee, I look forward to working with others in Congress and the Administration to expand free and fair trade opportunities in the 110th Congress."

Herger will also continue to serve on the Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee, where he will continue working on welfare and foster care reforms, among other issues, that he has advocated as chairman for the last several years when Republicans were in the majority.

For more information, please visit <http://www.house.gov/herger> on the Internet!