



U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

## U.S.-CHINA COMMISSION ELECTS CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO LEAD ITS THIRD YEAR OF WORK

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Washington, D.C. – The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission yesterday unanimously elected a Chairman and Vice Chairman to lead its third year of work for the Congress assessing the national security implications of trade and economic ties between the United States and the Peoples' Republic of China.

The Commission elected C. Richard D'Amato, Maryland attorney and former Delegate to the Maryland House of Delegates, as Chairman. Mr. D'Amato, appointed to the Commission by Senate Democratic Leader Daschle, has served in the past as both Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission. The Commission elected Roger W. Robinson, Jr., President and CEO of Conflict Securities Advisory Group, Inc. and a former Senior Director of International Economic Affairs for the National Security Council, as Vice Chairman. Mr. Robinson, appointed to the Commission by Senate Majority Leader Frist, served as the Commission's Chairman during the prior reporting period. Complete bios for Chairman D'Amato and Vice Chairman Robinson are available on the Commission's website ([www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov)).

Chairman D'Amato said, "I am honored to begin another term as Chairman of the Commission at a time when many aspects of U.S.-China relations, particularly those we are charged to look at by the Congress, are becoming front burner issues in the U.S. policy arena. We are fortunate in this third year of the Commission to be able to build on such a solid foundation of work undertaken during our first two years. I am confident that we can continue the Commission's record of identifying and assessing for the Congress cutting-edge issues affecting U.S. economic and security interests."

Vice Chairman Robinson stated, "The Commission will seek to stay ahead of the curve on the fast-moving developments in U.S.-China relations and surface issues in need of Congressional attention. Our 2004 Report identified an array of problematic trends in the relationship that we will continue to assess closely, enabling the Congress to gauge year-to-year improvements or backsliding."

The Commission released its second Annual Report to Congress on June 15, 2004, and will begin its 2004-2005 hearing schedule in September. As in the past, the Commission plans to hold an extensive series of public hearings on a broad array of topics within its legislative mandate, including field hearings this fall in Ohio and Washington state to continue its examination of the industry sector and regional impacts of U.S.-China trade and investment. The Commission's first two Annual Reports to Congress, transcripts of its public hearings, research papers, and translations of relevant Chinese-language materials are available at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov).

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