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Joint Committee on Taxation Chief of Staff to Depart

WASHINGTON - Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) Chairman Bill Thomas (R-CA) and Vice-Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA) announced today that JCT Chief of Staff George K. Yin will leave the staff effective November 18, 2005.

“George was a great asset during his time at JCT,” said Chairman Bill Thomas. “His knowledge was valuable as Congress worked on legislation that provided important tax relief to families and modernized significant international tax provisions.”

“George brought a wealth of tax expertise to one of the most prestigious tax policy positions in the country. The Finance Committee will miss George’s valuable counsel,” said Vice-Chairman Chuck Grassley. “I wish George well in his return to the University of Virginia.”

Mr. Yin has headed the JCT staff since early 2003 and assisted the Congress on a number of tax bills, including the *Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003* (JGTRRA), the *Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004* and the *American Jobs Creation Act of 2004*.

In addition, during his tenure with the Joint Committee, the staff expanded its ability to perform macroeconomic analyses of tax legislation and issued its first such analysis in connection with the House Ways & Means Committee’s consideration of JGTRRA. The staff also completed a major report setting forth options to improve tax compliance and reform tax expenditures.

Mr. Yin is currently on leave from the University of Virginia School of Law and is returning there to teach. He will be nominated to become the inaugural Edwin S. Cohen Distinguished Professor of Law and Taxation. The chair honors Professor Emeritus Cohen, a long-time member of the Virginia Law School faculty and for many years one of the nation’s leading authorities on tax law and policy.