

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Revised Schedule for Open Meetings To Prepare Report to Congress

Advisory Committee: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for open meetings to prepare 2008 Annual Report to Congress—September 24–26, 2008, October 6–8, 2008, October 20–22, 2008, and October 23–24, 2008 (if necessary) in Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

NAME: Larry Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on the U.S.-China economic and security relationship. The mandate specifically charges the Commission to prepare a report to the Congress “regarding the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China [that] shall include a full analysis, along with conclusions and recommendations for legislative and administrative actions * * *”

PURPOSE OF MEETINGS: Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will meet in Washington, DC on, September 24–26, October 6–8, October 20–22, and October 23–24 (if necessary), 2008, to consider the first and later rounds of drafts of material for its 2008 Annual Report to Congress that have been prepared for its consideration by the Commission staff, and to make modifications to those drafts that Commission members believe are needed. Please check the USCC Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> for updates on the tentatively scheduled meetings for October 23–24.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: The Commissioners will be considering draft Report sections addressing the following topics:

- The United States-China trade and economic relationship, including the relationship’s current status; significant changes during 2008; the control of China’s economy by its government, and the effect of that control on the United States.
- The implications of China’s Sovereign Wealth Fund; seafood imports from China into Louisiana and the U.S. Gulf Coast; and R&D activities in China and resulting technology

transfers to China for the U.S. economy and security.

- China’s Activities Directly Affecting U.S. Security Interests, including China’s proliferation policies and practices and China’s space and cyber activities.

- China’s Energy and Environmental Policies and Activities, including bilateral and multilateral energy and environment agreements; and China’s efforts pertaining to climate change.

- China’s Foreign and Regional Activities and Relationships in East Asia including those pertaining to Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea, and to its own special administrative region of Hong Kong.

- China’s Media and Information Controls.

- China’s Compliance with the U.S.-China Memorandum of Understanding on China’s Use of Prison Labor.

DATES AND TIMES (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME):

- Wednesday, September 24, 2008 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
- Thursday, September 25, 2008 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- Friday, September 26, 2008 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.).
- Monday and Tuesday, October 6–7, 2008 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- Wednesday, October 8, 2008 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).
- Monday, October 20, 2008 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21–22, 2008 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- Thursday and Friday, October 23–24, 2008 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) (if necessary).

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held in Conference Room 333 (3rd floor), except the meetings on September 25 and October 23–24 will be held in Conference Room 231 (2nd floor), of The Hall of the States located at 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Public seating is limited, and will be available on a “first-come, first-served” basis. *Advance reservations are not required. All participants must register at the front desk of the lobby.*

REQUIRED ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT: The entirety of these Commission editorial and drafting meetings will be open to the public. The Commission may recess the public editorial/drafting meetings to address administrative issues in closed session.

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Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: September 12, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials will be held November 18–19, 2008, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland. On November 18, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3:45 p.m. On November 19, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of national cemeteries, soldiers’ lots and plots, the selection of new national cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits.

On November 18, the Committee will receive updates on National Cemetery Administration issues. On November 19, the Committee will tour the historic Congressional Cemetery, located at 1801 E. Street in Southeast, Washington, DC, and reconvene at the hotel for a business session (beginning at 1 p.m.), which will include discussions of Committee recommendations, future meeting sites, and potential agenda topics for future meetings.

Time will not be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Michael Nacincik, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 461–6240. The Committee will accept written comments. Comments may be transmitted electronically to the Committee at Michael.n@va.gov or mailed to the National Cemetery Administration (41C2), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. In the public’s communications with the

Committee, the writers must identify themselves and state the organizations, associations, or persons they represent.

Dated: September 12, 2008.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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