

U.S.-CHINA COMMISSION ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENTS OF PETER T. R. BROOKES AND KERRI HOUSTON

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Washington, D.C. – Mr. Peter T. R. Brookes, Senior Fellow for National Security Affairs and Director, Asian Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation, and Ms. Kerri Houston, Vice President of Policy, Frontiers of Freedom, were appointed to the Commission on January 25, 2006, by Speaker J. Dennis Hastert of the U.S. House of Representatives. Both were appointed for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2007. http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/C?r109:./temp/~r109oG2nUY.

Mr. Brookes is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs, and served as a staff member with the House Committee on International Relations. Full bio http://www.uscc.gov/about/commissioners/brookespg.php.

Ms. Houston is a former national field director for the American Conservative Union and executive director of State Policy Network, and director of external affairs for the Institute for Policy Innovation. Full bio http://www.uscc.gov/about/commissioners/houstonpg.php.

The Commission's twelve members are appointed by the joint Congressional leadership for two-year terms. The Commission was created by Congress in 2000 to investigate and assess the economic and security implications of the U.S.-China relationship: http://www.uscc.gov/about/charter.php.

The Commission released its third Annual Report to Congress on November 9, 2005, and began its 2006 hearing schedule on February 2. The Commission plans to hold a series of public hearings on a broad array of topics within its legislative mandate, to continue its examination of the industry sector, regional, and national security implications and impacts of U.S.-China trade and investment. The full 2006 schedule of hearings will be posted on line at www.uscc.gov soon.

The Commission's three Annual Reports to Congress, transcripts of its public hearings, research papers, trade and economic related data, and translations of relevant Chinese-language materials are available on line at www.uscc.gov.