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Washington, D.C. - This afternoon, Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-05) selected three subcommittees to serve on during the 111th Congress through her position on the Energy and Commerce Committee. Congresswoman Matsui will serve on the following Subcommittees: Energy and Environment; Communications, Technology, and the Internet; and Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection. The Energy and Commerce Committee has jurisdiction over a vast amount of issues, ranging from national policy on energy and health care, to telecommunications and consumer safety.

"Sacramento has a unique perspective that I will bring to my new subcommittee assignments. In many arenas, Sacramento is a leading example for many of the issues that the Committee will address. As a region, we are moving forward into a green future and we have cutting edge medical facilities. I will use my committee post to spur clean, green job development in Sacramento and throughout the country and ensure that our healthcare system is modernized, and available and affordable for everyone," said Rep. Matsui.

"Some of the most critical challenges facing our nation today will be addressed through this Committee, including climate change legislation, healthcare reform, digital television conversion, and consumer protection. As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I will be positioned to bring Sacramento's vision to Washington."

The Energy and Commerce Committee is the oldest standing committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Throughout its history, the Committee has written landmark legislation greatly benefiting the American people: laws to improve air and water quality, to clean up toxic waste sites, to provide health care to senior citizens and children, to protect the safety of our food and drugs, to promote a vibrant telecommunications industry, and more.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment Jurisdiction Includes:

- National energy policy generally;
- Environmental protection in general, including the Safe Drinking Water Act and risk

assessment matters;

- Solid waste and hazardous waste, including Superfund and RCRA;
- Mining, oil, gas, and coal combustion wastes;
- Fossil energy, renewable energy resources and synthetic fuels; energy conservation;

energy information; energy regulation and regulation;

- Utility issues and regulation of nuclear facilities;
- Interstate energy compacts;
- Nuclear energy and waste;
- The Clean Air Act; and
- All laws, programs, and government activities affecting such matters

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection Jurisdiction Includes:

- Interstate and foreign commerce, including all trade matters within the jurisdiction of the

full Committee;

- Regulation of commercial practices (the FTC), including sports-related matters;

- Consumer affairs and consumer protection, including privacy matters generally;

consumer product safety (the CPSC); and product liability; and motor vehicle safety;

- Toxic substances;

- Noise pollution control; and

- Regulation of travel, tourism, and time

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet Jurisdiction Includes:

- Interstate and foreign telecommunications including, but not limited to all

telecommunication and information transmission by broadcast, radio, wire, microwave,

satellite, or other mode

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