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American Decline or Renewal?—Globalizing Jobs and Technology

Thursday, May 22, 2008
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
2318 Rayburn House Office Building

Purpose:

The purpose of this hearing is to assess the effects of the globalization of jobs and technology on the American economy, and to develop an understanding of the incentives and disincentives that influence United States firms' decisions on whether to locate at home or abroad the production and research facilities that are critical sources of value creation and high-paying jobs. Firms' thinking both on whether to retain or to offshore existing U.S.-based capacity and on where to locate new investment will be explored.

The Committee on Science and Technology annually authorizes the expenditure of billions of dollars to support scientific research. It therefore has a direct interest in the extent to which the benefits of the innovations spawned by this federal funding are captured by the U.S. national economy and for the taxpayers with whom the funding originates. The Committee has a specific interest, through its connection to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, whose budget it authorizes, in the health of the Nation's manufacturing industries. Finally, the vigor of the Nation's scientific research enterprise, like the health of the economy that supports it, is closely linked to its ability to sustain value creation – in the form of both technological innovation and high-value added production – within its borders.

This hearing has been designed to help the Committee in identifying measures that might increase the likelihood of high-value-added activity's remaining, increasing, and succeeding within U.S. borders, and thereby contributing to the future health of the America's economy and the future prosperity of its citizens.

Witnesses:

Panel One

Dr. Ralph E. Gomory currently serves both as Research Professor at the NYU Stern School of Business and as President Emeritus of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. A mathematician who was a longtime Director of Research at IBM, he is author with the economist William J. Baumol of the book *Global Trade and Conflicting National Interests*.

Dr. Margaret M. Blair is a Ph.D. economist who serves as Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University Law School. She is the author of numerous scholarly articles on corporate governance and of the book *Ownership and Control: Rethinking Corporate Governance for the Twenty-First Century*.

Dr. Bruce R. Scott is the Paul Whiton Cherington Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. One of the founders of the competitiveness debate in the 1980s, he has a new book, *Capitalism, Democracy, and Development*. due to be published in October.

Panel Two

Mr. James R. Copland III is the Chairman of Copland Industries, Inc., and Copland Fabrics, Inc., located in Burlington, NC; he served as the companies' President, Treasurer, and CEO from 1986 until 2004. He is also the founder of two banks and currently serves as director of four banks.

Mr. Brian O'Shaughnessy has been Chairman since 1988 of Revere Copper Products, Inc., in Rome, NY, and until recently served as President and CEO as well. He also serves on the board of directors of the Coalition for a Prosperous America, three copper industry trade associations, and three manufacturing associations in New York State.

Mr. Wes Jurey is the President and CEO of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce in Arlington, TX. He founded the Center for Workforce Training & Preparation in El Paso, TX, and currently serves as Chair of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for a Competitive Workforce and as a member of the Texas Workforce Investment Council.