

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**
Tuesday, October 17, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W125 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. Brad King
Mr. Brian Farr
Mr. Miguel R. Rovira

Members Absent:

Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Carlene Walker
Mr. Brett W. Heimburger

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Chris Parker, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Commission Business

Rep. Allen called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Sen. Walker and Mr. Heimburger were excused from attending the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Utah International Trade Office

Mr. Miguel Rovira, Utah International Trade Office, reviewed the agenda for the Governor's Asian trade initiatives and trip to China. He explained that the focus of the China Trade Mission is economic development, tourism, and education. The focus on key Utah clusters is natural products, financial / international trade and manufacturing / aerospace. He discussed the possibility of post-trade initiative briefings by the Governor's Office and those the trade office has contracted with to assist in trade promotion.

Mr. Rovira distributed a handout "International Trade & Diplomacy Office, Network of Trade Representatives" and reviewed trade and export information. He noted that the International Trade & Diplomacy Office's global network consists of Trade Representatives and partner organizations in eleven targeted countries and markets. He explained that the Utah Trade Representatives work with Utah companies to introduce them to contacts and resources in their home country, provide industry-specific reports and information to the International Office and Utah companies, identify potential sources of investment for Utah, and represent Utah in their home countries.

Mr. Rovira reported on Utah Agricultural Exports and agriculture in WTO (World Trade Organization) trade negotiations.

The Commission discussed how it can become involved with the Governor's Office on issues related to International Trade for Utah.

3. USTR (United States Trade Representative)

Mr. Parker distributed handouts, "United States Trade Representative (USTR)" and "Canada News Release, June 19, 2006, Minister Emerson Discusses WTO With Provincial and Territorial

Representatives." He gave an overview on how the USTR is organized and what functions it plays in the development of international trade treaties. He presented information on USTR's Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee and how the states have a limited role in providing input on international trade treaties. He referred to the news release that was distributed and provided comparative information about the Canadian model of treaty input between the provinces and federal government.

4. International Trade-Gambling and Congressional Regulation

Mr. Parker presented an update on international gambling in the United States and recent federal action to regulate certain electronic methods of paying. He explained that the Untied States is in violation of GATS because there is inconsistent treatment under the federal Horse Racing act, which allows wire betting domestically, but not internationally.

5. Domestic Economic Regulation: International Treaties

Mr. Brian Farr, Attorney General's Office, distributed and reviewed handouts "Article VI - Domestic Regulation" and "Inside US Trade - Schwab Calls on Services Industry to Increase Trade Lobbying Efforts." He briefed the Commission on state economic regulations across both public and private sectors with international trade treaty provisions. He referred to Article VI, Domestic Regulations (Section 4) and discussed the issue of ensuring the measures relating to qualification requirements and procedures, technical standard and licensing requirements. He noted there is concern with (Section b) regarding the necessity standard.

6. Federal Trade Promotion Authority (Fast Track)

Mr. North distributed a handout, "Trade Promotion Authority" and gave a presentation on "Fast Track" trade promotion authority including what it was designed to accomplish, Congressional oversight, how it has been applied, and current status.

Chair Allen noted that this issue will be on the November agenda and suggested inviting Congressional representatives with expertise on international trade to address the Commission.

7. Other Items / Adjourn

Chair Allen indicated that the next meeting of the Commission was scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Rovira noted that the Salt Lake Chamber is hosting a luncheon on October 19, 2006 for His Excellency George Achulike Obiozor, Ambassador to the U.S. for Nigeris. Mr. Rovira invited Commission members to attend the luncheon.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.