



U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY
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U.S.-CHINA COMMISSION ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS C. SHEA

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Washington, D.C. – Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Vice Chairman Dan Blumenthal are pleased to announce the appointment to the Commission of Dennis C. Shea by Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2008, vice former Senator Fred Thompson.

Mr. Shea's appointment in the congressional record is available at:

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getpage.cgi?dbname=2007_record&page=S2220&position=all.

During the past 20 years, Commissioner Shea has compiled a distinguished record of involvement in national public policy. Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Shea served as the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He also served as the Executive Director of the President's Commission on the United States Postal Service. Earlier in his career, Commissioner Shea was counsel and deputy chief of staff in the Office of Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole.

Mr. Shea received a B.A. in Government, M.A. in American History, and J.D from Harvard University.

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. Its statutory charter is available at

<http://www.uscc.gov/about/charter.php>.

The Commission will conduct its next public hearing on March 29-30, 2007, on the topic of "China's Military Modernization and its Impact on the United States and the Asia Pacific." Additional information about the specific location, the agenda, and the witnesses for this hearing will be posted on the Commission's web page as it becomes available. The full 2007 schedule of Commission hearings will be posted soon to the Commission's Web Site www.uscc.gov.

The Commission's four 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.

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DENNIS C. SHEA

Dennis Shea was appointed to the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on February 17, 2007 by Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell for a term expiring on December 31, 2008.

An attorney with more than 20 years of experience in government and public policy, Mr. Shea began his career as a corporate lawyer at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. In 1988, he joined the Office of Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole as counsel and later became the Office's deputy chief of staff. In these capacities, he advised Senator Dole and other Republican Senators on a broad range of domestic policy issues, was involved in the drafting of numerous pieces of legislation, and was recognized as one of the most influential staffers on Capitol Hill. Mr. Shea's service in the Office of the Senate Republican Leader was interrupted in 1992, when he ran for Congress in New York's 7th Congressional District after receiving the Republican and Conservative Party nominations.

In 1995 and 1996, Mr. Shea continued to help shape the national public-policy debate while serving as director of policy and senior advisor for the Dole for President Campaign.

Following the 1996 presidential election, Mr. Shea worked in the private sector, providing legislative and public affairs counsel to Fortune 500 companies, major U.S. financial institutions, professional associations, and children's hospitals, while employed at BKSH & Associates and Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand. Mr. Shea also served as a consultant to the American Enterprise Institute and The Brookings Institution on a report that outlined recommendations for reforming the independent counsel statute.

In 2003, Mr. Shea was named the Executive Director of the President's Commission on the United States Postal Service. Many of the Commission's recommendations were adopted as part of postal reform legislation recently enacted by Congress and signed into law. In 2004, Mr. Shea was nominated by President George W. Bush and later confirmed as Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research ("PD&R") at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. As the head of the PD&R office, Mr. Shea led a team responsible for conducting much of the critical economic and social-science research analysis necessary to support HUD's mission. In 2005, Mr. Shea left HUD to serve as senior advisor to Senator Elizabeth Dole in her capacity as chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

Mr. Shea received a J.D., an M.A. in History, and a B.A. in Government, all from Harvard University. His commentaries and articles have appeared on MSNBC.com and in *National Review*, *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times* and the *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, among others.

Mr. Shea was admitted to the bar in New York and the District of Columbia.

He currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife Elizabeth and daughter Juliette.