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BAUCUS TO VISIT CHINA, INDIA JAN. 9-16

*From Beijing to Bangalore, Senator Plans Focus on Emerging Asian Economies,
How America Can Adapt to Improve Global Competitiveness*

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Ranking Member on the Senate committee responsible for U.S. trade law, announced today he will visit China and India next week to examine these countries' growing economies and determine ways to improve America's competitiveness in the new global marketplace.

In China and India, Baucus will tour businesses to see how and why jobs are flowing into the Asian technology sector – which can illuminate what sorts of good-paying jobs can be created and kept in the United States. In both countries, Baucus will meet with entrepreneurs and educators, and will give major addresses on how our nations should relate on trade and other issues. Baucus's trip will take him to Beijing, Chongqing, Bangalore and Delhi.

“America needs to take bold action now to stay competitive in the global marketplace, and to keep good, high-paying jobs available here at home for our children and grandchildren,” said Baucus. **“If we're going to make the most of the world's changing economics, we need to understand what's happening in Asia today. I'm going to see what China and India are doing right. I'm going to see the challenges those countries face. I'm going to see what opportunities are there for America – what partnerships need to be made and strengthened. And I'm going to see where we need to work harder to stay ahead.”**

Several Montana business leaders will accompany Baucus on the trip. Beginning in Beijing, the group will meet with government officials and entrepreneurs, and tour Microsoft and Lenovo facilities. The next stop in Chongqing, China, will show the contrast between development in Western and central China with development in the more prosperous East.

Baucus will stop in Singapore to meet with former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. The delegation will then travel to Bangalore, India to visit software giant Infosys, the Jack Welch Technology Center, and other sites. Finally, in Delhi, Baucus and the delegation will meet with top government officials and speak with students at Delhi's prestigious Indian Institute of Technology.

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Baucus is the highest-ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over international trade policy in the U.S. In 2000, Baucus led the Congress in granting normal trading status between the U.S. and China.

An itinerary for the trip follows. Some times and events are subject to change.

BAUCUS ASIA SCHEDULE – JANUARY 8-17, 2006

BEIJING, CHINA (arrive *Sunday, January 8*)

Monday, January 9

Tour and meetings at Microsoft Research Asia

Tour and meetings at Lenovo

Lunch with entrepreneurs and venture capitalists

Dinner with U.S. Ambassador Clark “Sandy” Randt

Tuesday, January 10

Meet with Chinese Government officials TBD

12:00 p.m. U.S.-China Business Council luncheon at China World Hotel

Senator Baucus gives keynote address (**NOTE: OPEN TO PRESS**)

Meet with Chinese Government officials TBD

CHONGQING, CHINA

Wednesday, January 11

Meet with Chongqing Resettlement Bureau officials

Meet with Chongqing Environmental Bureau officials

Lunch with Chinese academics from local universities

Tour Ford Motor Company factory

Dinner with Chongqing mayor Wang Hongju

SINGAPORE

Thursday, January 12

Meet with former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew

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Baucus Itinerary - continued

BANGALORE, INDIA

Friday, January 13

Tour and meetings at the Jack Welch Technology Center

Tour and meetings at the Indian Space Research Organization

Tour and meetings at Target facility

Dinner with the American Chamber of Commerce and Indo-American Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, January 14

Meet with Minister for Industry and Infrastructure, Government of Karnataka

Visit and tour Infosys

Visit Outreach micro-credit program field office

Visit Indian village to interact with micro-credit program beneficiaries

DELHI, INDIA

Sunday, January 15

Lunch with Ambassador Mulford

Visit to metro in Old Delhi

Visit to “Hole in the Wall” project (Internet kiosks for children in Delhi’s slums)

Dinner with Ambassador Mulford

Monday, January 16

Meet with Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission

Meet with senior opposition party official

Meet with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (TEN)

Meet with Congress Party president Sonia Gandhi (TEN)

1:00 p.m. CII Lunch at Windsor Hall, Hotel le Meridien, Windsor Place –
Senator Baucus to deliver keynote address (**NOTE: OPEN TO PRESS**)

Meet with Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways

Meet with Commerce Minister

Meet with students and faculty at Indian Institute of Technology

Meet with Foreign Secretary

Depart *Tuesday, January 17*

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