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SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI JOINS THE US-TAIWAN BUSINESS COUNCIL AS HONORARY CO-CHAIRMAN

William Brock, Chairman of the US-Taiwan Business Council, announced today that Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska has accepted his invitation to serve as one of the Council's Honorary Co-Chairman, joining Senator Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia. Murkowski replaces Conrad Burns, outgoing senator from Montana, who had held the post since 2003, and the change will take effect at the start of the 110th United States Congress on January 4, 2007.

Senator Murkowski, a Republican in her first full term, serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee where she is presently chairman for the subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, as well as a member of the subcommittees for African Affairs, European Affairs, and International Economic Policy, Export, and Trade Promotion. She is also a member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Indian Affairs Committee, and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

"I feel privileged to join Senator Rockefeller as an honorary Co-Chair of the US-Taiwan Business Council," said Senator Murkowski. "I look forward to working with the Council in fostering new trade and business partnerships between Taiwan and the United States."

Senator Murkowski has worked hard to build and strengthen the trade and business relations between Taiwan and Alaska, and Taiwan is one of Alaska's premier foreign markets for seafood and forest products, and a major market for Alaskan minerals exports and energy resources such as oil, gas, and coal. Alaska exported \$17 million of seafood and forest products to Taiwan in 2005, with seafood exports growing nearly nine percent and forest products 25 percent over 2004. Alaska first established trade representation in Taiwan in 1989, and the state maintains an active sister relationship with Taiwan.

About the US-Taiwan Business Council:

The US-Taiwan Business Council (www.us-taiwan.org) is a membership-based non-profit association, founded in 1976 to foster trade and business relations between the United States and Taiwan. The Council provides its members with business intelligence, offers access to an extensive network of relationships, and serves as a vital and effective representative in dealing with business, trade, and investment matters.

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