

## **Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing**

### **“An Oversight Hearing on Trade Policy and the U.S. Automobile Industry”**

#### **Witness Biographies**

##### **Steven M. Beckman**

Director, Governmental and International Affairs Department  
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement  
Workers of America (UAW)

Since June 1985, Steve Beckman has been responsible for developing UAW positions and policies on all aspects of international trade and investment issues. He represents the UAW in meetings with officials in executive branch agencies, with Members of Congress and their staff, and with various business, academic, government and general audiences on international trade and related issues. He served as International Economist in the Governmental and International Affairs Department until becoming Assistant Director in 1998 and Director in 2004.

Mr. Beckman has been involved in major trade negotiations (Uruguay Round, U.S.-Japan Framework, NAFTA) and legislation through testimony before House and Senate committees on behalf of the UAW.

Mr. Beckman has been a member of government advisory committees on international trade, including the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy at the U.S. Department of Labor and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; the Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy at the U.S. Department of State; and the Auto Parts Advisory Committee at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

##### **Stephen J. Collins**

President, Automotive Trade Policy Council

Stephen Collins has served as the President of the Automotive Trade Policy Council (ATPC) since 1999. ATPC is the trade association whose members are DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation. ATPC represents the international economic and trade policy interests of the U.S. auto companies both in the United States and in global markets.

Prior to joining ATPC, Mr. Collins served as Director of the Economic and International Affairs Department of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, which also represented the traditional three U.S. auto companies. He began his service in the auto industry in 1981.

In government, Mr. Collins served as a Legislative Assistant to Senator Edward Kennedy from 1973 to 1977 and served for three years at the State Department as a Senior Economist.

Mr. Collins received a Master's Degree in International Economics from the London School of Economics, and a Master's Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. He received his B.A. degree in Economics from American International College.

**John R. Walker**

President of Walker Die Casting, Inc.

John R. Walker is the president of Walker Die Casting, Inc., a privately held producer of castings that sells to several major manufacturing industries, including the automotive industry. Mr. Walker's father, Robert Walker, founded the company in Lewisburg, Tennessee, in 1950, and still serves as chairman.

Mr. Walker has also served as chairman of the United States Business & Industry Council (USBIC) since 2005. USBIC is a national business organization founded in 1933 and comprised of roughly 1,500 small and mid-sized manufacturing companies.

**Jeffrey J. Schott**

Senior Fellow on International Trade Policy and Economic Sanctions  
Institute for International Economics

Jeffrey Schott joined the Institute for International Economics in 1983 and currently is a Senior Fellow working on international trade policy and economic sanctions. During his tenure at the Institute, Mr. Schott also has been a Visiting Lecturer at Princeton University (1994) and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University (1986-88). Mr. Schott was previously a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (1982-83) and an official at the U.S. Treasury Department in the areas of international trade and energy policy (1974-1982). During the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations, he was a member of the U.S. delegation that negotiated the GATT Subsidies Code.

Mr. Schott is the author of numerous books and articles on trade-related issues. He holds a B.A. degree magna cum laude from Washington University, St. Louis (1971), and an M.A. degree with distinction in international relations from the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University (1973). Since January 2003, he has been a member of the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee of the U.S. government.

**Charles W. McMillion**

President and Chief Economist, MBG Information Services

Dr. McMillion is president and chief economist at MBG Information Services, a Washington-based consultancy that provides timely business information, analysis and forecasting to a small, diverse national client base.

Dr. McMillion is a former Associate Director and Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins University Policy Institute, where he researched and managed business and economic policy issues and projects in the U.S. and abroad. He has held Staff Director and Chief Economist positions in the U.S. House and Senate and is a founder and former Executive Director of the bipartisan United States Congressional Economic Leadership Institute, where he worked with the Speaker of the House to conduct the major opening activity of the 100th Congress. He is associated with 12 successful legislative initiatives on economic and business policy.

Dr. McMillion is the author or editor of four books and over 150 scholarly and popular articles and reports. A former Contributing Editor of *The Harvard Business Review*, he wrote a regular column on key business and financial trends. He has also written a regular monthly column on business conditions in the local Capitol region for *The Washington Business Times*. A featured speaker in President Clinton's Little Rock Economic Summit in December 1992, McMillion has often testified on business issue before the U.S. Senate and House, and to state legislatures.