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MATSUI AND TANNER TO INTRODUCE SENATE FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Saying the legislation marks the best hope to maximize votes in the House of Representatives, the ranking member on the Trade Subcommittee, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-CA-05) joined fellow Ways & Means Committee member Rep. John Tanner (D-TN-08) to announce they will introduce "Fast-Track" legislation identical to that passed by voice vote in the Senate Finance Committee Wednesday.

"The proposal passed by the Senate Finance Committee yesterday represents the best chance to maximize votes in the House," Matsui said. "This gives us the opportunity to gauge support in the House on both sides of the aisle with a bill that has proven, bi-partisan appeal."

"If we truly want to renew fast-track authority, the bipartisan consensus agreement approved by the Senate Finance Committee offers the most reasonable and balanced vehicle to do so," said Tanner. "It is my sincere hope that we can achieve the same level of bipartisan support for fast-track authority here in the House."

The legislation will be introduced Monday, October 6 when the House comes back into session from a weekend break.

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