



**Committee Passes COMPETES with Bipartisan Support :**  
*Legislation to Advance Innovation & Strengthen American Competitiveness in the 21st Century*



Chairman Gordon explaining his manager's amendment at the markup on April 28, 2010.

On April 28, the Full Committee approved an Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5116, the *America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010*, by a vote of 29 to 8. The bill makes investments in science, innovation, and education to strengthen the U.S. scientific and economic leadership, support employers, and create jobs in the short-, mid-, and long-term. Over 140 organizations have endorsed the bill, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Business Roundtable, and the American Chemical Society.

"The statistics speak for them themselves. More than half of our economic growth since World War II can be directly attributed to development and adoption of new technologies. The path is simple. Research and education lead to innovation. Innovation leads to economic development and good paying jobs," stated **Chairman Bart Gordon**.

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Committee Members at the Full Committee markup. (From L to R, T to B) Rep. Lynn Woolsey, Rep. David Wu, Rep. Brian Baird, Rep. Jim Matheson, Rep. Lincoln Davis, Rep. Suzanne Kosmas, and Rep. Gary Peters.

**Looking Ahead**

The Committee is working toward getting the COMPETES reauthorization, H.R. 5116, through the House before the Memorial Day district work period.

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Sincerely,

Bart Gordon,  
Chairman,  
U.S. House Committee

**April events:**

April 14 — *Research & Science Education Subcommittee Markup: Committee Print*

April 21 — *Technology & Innovation Subcommittee Markup: Committee Print*

April 22 — *Caught by Surprise: Causes and Consequences of the Helium-3 Supply Crisis*

April 28 — *Full Committee Markup: an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 5116*