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### SECOND QUARTER ECONOMIC GROWTH REVISED UPWARD

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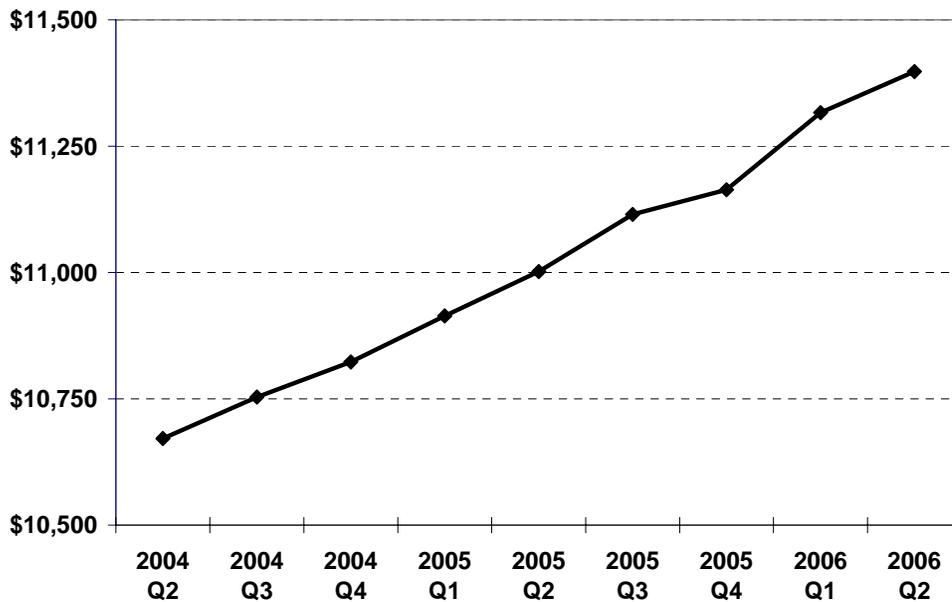
WASHINGTON, D.C. – The rate of economic growth in the second quarter of 2006 was revised upward to 2.9 percent, the Commerce Department announced today. This growth rate measures the increase in inflation-adjusted gross domestic product (GDP) -- the output of goods and services produced in the United States. Chairman Jim Saxton of the Joint Economic Committee issued the following statement:

“The data released today reflect the continuing expansion of the economy. A moderation of economic growth from the blistering and unsustainable 5.6 percent rate of the first quarter is underway, as the advance GDP data revised today, and other data, had already indicated. Setting aside normal quarterly fluctuations in economic growth, the performance of the economy in recent years has been quite good, as the Fed has noted.

“The figures out today confirm the slowdown in the housing sector via a sharp decline in residential investment that shaved over half a percentage point off the GDP growth rate. Given the tone of the housing sector, and the lags in the impact of monetary policy changes on the economy, the Federal Reserve’s decision to pause in raising interest rates further was well-advised.”

### U.S. Economic Expansion Continues

Real Gross Domestic Product  
(billions)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis / Haver Analytics

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