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Memorandum to Members of the House Armed Services Committee
From Ike Skelton, Chairman

Enclosed please find a detailed report on the activities of the House Armed Services Committee during the first seven months of this year.

Hope you find this document of interest.


110th CONGRESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

The House Armed Services Committee has been performing robust oversight of the Pentagon and of the Administration's military policies during the first half of the first session of the 110th Congress.

From the start of the 110th Congress in January 2007, the House Armed Services Committee has set an aggressive hearing and legislative schedule in order to develop defense policies that keep America safe and meet our national security requirements, while also demonstrating support for our men and women in uniform.

IMPROVING OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- HASC has held 83 hearings – including 26 full committee hearings and 57 subcommittee hearings.
- HASC has held nine subcommittee or committee markups and has passed seven major pieces of legislation through the full House of Representatives.
- After an absence of 12 years, HASC re-established the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.
- In June 2007, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee published a report, *The Continuing Challenges of Building the Iraqi Security Forces*, which was the result of the panel's first in-depth bipartisan investigation.
- Chairman Skelton and Ranking Member Hunter recently established the Roles and Missions Panel, a special committee panel to examine and make recommendations concerning the roles and missions of the military services.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Last December, the Chairman-designate outlined six strategic priorities for committee oversight: Iraq, Afghanistan, the War on Terrorism, Fixing U.S. Forces, Nuclear Non-Proliferation, and the Future Department of Defense. Over the past seven months, the committee and its subcommittees have focused significant attention on each of these strategic priorities:

Iraq – The committee has sponsored over 30 hearings and briefings on the wide range of issues involving U.S. activities in Iraq. Most recently, the full committee held a hearing on the findings of the President’s Interim Benchmarks Assessment Report, and the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee organized a series of four hearings exploring alternative ways forward for American policy in Iraq. The committee has focused particular attention on the missions of U.S. forces and force protection, the training of Iraqi Security Forces, and the status of reconstruction and rebuilding efforts. In mid-July, the Seapower and Air/Land Subcommittees held a joint hearing on the Department’s efforts to rapidly deliver Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Afghanistan – Through three full committee hearings and a full committee briefing, the committee has examined the NATO-led international force, the fight with terrorists along the border with Pakistan, and the problem of increasing drug production. The committee included a subtitle in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 devoted exclusively to Afghanistan, containing extensive recommendations on oversight and improvement of Afghan Security Forces, counter-narcotics, and overall stability and security programs.

War on Terrorism – Through ten hearings and briefings, the committee and the Terrorism and Unconventional Threats Subcommittee have examined the priority terrorism is getting within the military services, how the roles of special operations forces and intelligence have changed, and how DOD teams with other government agencies in the effort. Just last week, the committee held a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence evaluating the resurgence of Al-Qaeda.

Fixing U.S. Forces – The committee is focused on ensuring that the military gets the people, equipment, and training needed, that units returning from Iraq and the National Guard are fully reset, and that we improve the quality of life for military families. The Military Personnel and Readiness Subcommittees have held 15 hearings and briefings on these matters. The full committee further addressed this issue during a hearing on the readiness implications of the President’s Iraq strategy, three posture hearings with the military departments, and four posture hearings with nine combatant commanders.

Nuclear Non-Proliferation – The committee assisted in preparation and conferencing of H.R. 1, the recently-passed legislation to implement the 9/11 Commission’s recommendations to strengthen counter-proliferation programs. The committee held two briefings on nuclear nonproliferation topics including the proliferation security initiative and nuclear threats. The Strategic Forces Subcommittee held a hearing on the Department of Energy’s budget request, including the request for nuclear non-proliferation. The committee followed through on the commitment to increase the resources devoted to these efforts during consideration of the

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 by increasing funding for nuclear non-proliferation by \$200 million.

The Future Department of Defense – The committee and its subcommittees have been working to ensure that the Department is correctly postured for the security threats of the 21st century. We have held 26 hearings or briefings overseeing military modernization and transformation, with a focus on shipbuilding and to make sure the acquisition system is getting materials to our troops in a timely and efficient manner. The committee also addressed these issues during three full committee posture hearings with the military departments. The committee held a hearing on and approved legislation mandating that the Department comprehensively reassess its roles and missions, and recently created a special panel of the committee to evaluate the changing missions of the military services.

LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **H. Con. Res. 63, Disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq.** (House approved 2/13/07)
- **H.R. 1362, the Accountability in Contracting Act.** The bill improves the quality of contracts by limiting the duration of non-competitive contracts, minimizing sole-source contracts, and maximizing fixed-price procurement contracts. The bill increases contract oversight by requiring executive agencies to make certain documents publicly available and by requiring reports to Congress on completed audits that identify unjustified spending or performance deficiencies. Finally, the bill promotes integrity in contracting by tightening post-employment restrictions on government procurement officials. (HASC markup 3/13/07; House approved 3/15/07)
- **H.R. 1538 Wounded Warriors Assistance Act of 2007.** The bill provides the people, training, and oversight mechanisms needed to ensure that our wounded warriors feel secure that they will always receive committed quality care and that the system will not fail them. The legislation also sets the stage for much needed reform of administrative processes that will restore member confidence in the integrity and efficiency of the disability evaluation system and begin the process of achieving a truly seamless transition of service members to the Department of Veterans Affairs programs. (HASC markup 3/20/07; House approved 3/28/07)
- **H.R. 1585, Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act.** The bill authorizes \$506.7 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. The bill also authorizes \$141.8 billion to support ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan during fiscal year 2008. (HASC markup 5/9/07; House approved 5/17/07)
- **H.R. 2956, the Responsible Redeployment From Iraq Act.** The bill calls for beginning the redeployment of U.S. forces in Iraq within 120 days of enactment. By April 1, 2008, the transition to a limited presence would be complete. The bill emphasizes that troop reductions should be carried out in a way that maximizes force protection. It requires that the strategy that guides the transition, be submitted to Congress by January 1, 2008. The strategy must include diplomatic, political, economic, and military measures for dealing with Iraq, encouraging regional engagement and political reconciliation, as well as consider our security interests in the broader Middle East. (House approved 7/12/07)
- **H.R. 1, Implementation of the 9/11 Commission Recommendations.** The bill's provisions strengthen U.S. nonproliferation and threat reduction programs, repeal limits on Cooperative Threat Reduction Program assistance, which have impeded the effectiveness of this Department of Defense program in past years, authorize funding to strengthen and expand the Cooperative Threat Reduction and Department of Energy nonproliferation programs, and include other measures to counter the threat that WMD

proliferation and terrorism poses to the American people. (House approved conference report 7/27/07)

- **H.R. 3087, Expressing the Sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should conduct robust contingency planning.** Requires the Defense Secretary to submit a report on redeployment planning and brief Congress on its contents within 60 days of enactment. (Reported favorably by HASC, 7/27/07)
- **H.R. 3159, Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act.** The bill sets minimum periods of rest and recuperation for active and reserve component units deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. For active duty forces, the bill calls for time between deployments equal to or exceeding the length of the most recent previous deployment. For National Guard and Reserve units and members, the bill calls for time between deployments at least three times longer than the length of the most recent previous deployment. (Reported favorably by HASC, 7/27/07; House approved 8/2/07)

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT (NDAA) FOR FY 2008

This year, members of the House Armed Services Committee unanimously approved H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008. H.R. 1585, which authorizes \$506.7 billion for Department of Defense and Department of Energy programs, as well as \$141.8 billion for ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 17, 2007, on a vote of 397 to 27.

The NDAA is focused on restoring readiness, improving the health of the Army, providing for the National Guard, meeting the force protection needs of our troops, providing for our service members and their families, and examining the roles and missions of the military services.

- **Restoring Readiness** – The bill authorizes \$1 billion for the Strategic Readiness Fund; provides \$1 billion for National Guard equipment; provides \$250 million to address training shortfalls; establishes the Defense Readiness Production Board to mobilize the defense industrial base; and requires rating and reporting of National Guard readiness for homeland defense missions.
- **Restoring the Health of the Army and Marine Corps** – The bill authorizes \$13.6 billion for the Army and \$8.2 billion for the Marine Corps to fully address equipment reset requirements. The bill also increases the size of the Army by 36,000 soldiers, the Marine Corps by 9,000, and the Army National Guard by 1,300 individuals.
- **Providing Force Protection** – The bill authorizes \$4.1 billion for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, \$1.2 billion for body armor, and \$2.5 billion for up-armored HUMVEES.
- **Taking Care of Service Members and Their Families** – The bill authorizes a 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise for all service members and prohibits increases in both TRICARE and pharmacy user fees.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT & INVESTIGATIONS

The House Armed Services Committee re-established its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in January 2007 after a twelve year absence. The subcommittee has re-established the processes required to carry out detailed oversight of the Department of Defense and the Administration's military policies.

- In June 2007, the subcommittee concluded its first in-depth investigation with the publication of a 205-page report, *Stand Up and Be Counted: The Continuing Challenge of Building the Iraqi Security Forces*.
 - This report was the result of more than four months of investigation, including nine hearings, multiple Member and staff trips to military bases throughout the United States, Iraq, Jordan and Kuwait, surveys of returning soldiers, and dozens of briefings, interviews, and document requests with the Departments of Defense, State, and Justice. The report produced over 50 extensively documented findings and 40 recommendations for the full committee and the Department of Defense.
 - The subcommittee's investigation and report makes a significant contribution to the congressional and public understanding of the war in Iraq. The effort to train Iraqi Security Forces has long been held out by the Administration as a linchpin of United States efforts to create a stable Iraq, but had not been studied and evaluated in a comprehensive manner. The subcommittee's report lays out the strategy for the ISF within the context of the broader Joint Campaign Plan in Iraq and identifies a number of specific problem areas with current efforts to train, equip, and deploy capable Iraqi troops and police.
 - In addition, the subcommittee's report makes clear that there are disturbing inadequacies in Department of Defense systems for working with Congress. Throughout the investigation, the Department was routinely unable or unwilling to comply with even the most basic requests for readily available information and documentation. Persistence by the subcommittee has, however, led to improved cooperation and breakthroughs in a number of areas, including the provision of Transition Readiness Assessments for Iraqi units and the Joint Campaign Plan. These documents, and improving communications between the subcommittee and the Department, will continue to pay dividends for the full committee and Congress as a whole.
- More recently, the subcommittee has embarked on a series of explorative hearings and discussions with retired military officers, administration officials, defense policy experts, and academics to analyze alternatives for U.S. strategy in Iraq. These hearings have identified military, political, and economic options that could provide practical alternatives to the unpalatable extremes of "precipitous withdrawal" and "stay the course." In addition, they have enabled the subcommittee to consider the war in Iraq within the larger context of U.S. military readiness, stress on our service members and their families, Middle Eastern regional stability, the challenges of worldwide terrorism,

and our nation's moral responsibility to the Iraqi people. The subcommittee is continuing to work to capture, analyze, and make these ideas available for use in the greater debate, both within Congress and in the public.

LIST OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Full Committee

- January 11, 2007: The way forward in Iraq
- January 17, 2007: Alternative Perspective on the President's Strategy for Iraq
- January 18, 2007: Approaches to audit of reconstruction and support activities in Iraq.
- January 23, 2007: Implications of Iraq policy on total force protection
- January 30, 2007: Security and Stability in Afghanistan: Challenges and Opportunities
- February 7, 2007: FY 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department Defense
- February 13, 2007: Assessment of security and stability in Afghanistan and developments strategy and operations.
- February 14, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of the Army.
- February 28, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force.
- March 1, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of the Navy.
- March 7, 2003: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea.
- March 8, 2007: Challenges and obstacles wounded and injured service members face during recovery.
- March 15, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. European Command and Joint Forces Command.
- March 21, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Strategic Command, Northern Command, Transportation Command, and Southern Command.
- March 23, 2007: Second Report to Congress by the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves.
- March 29, 2007: Military Commissions Act and the continued use of Guantanamo

- Bay as a detention facility.
- April 18, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Central Command.
- June 6, 2007: Department of Defense body armor programs
- June 13, 2007: China: Recent Security Developments.
- June 20, 2007: Organizing the Roles, Missions, and Requirements of the Department of Defense.
- June 26, 2007: Structure, process and tools for improving Department of Defense management.
- July 11, 2007: Global security assessment.
- July 18, 2007: Iraq: Trends and Recent Security Developments
- July 26, 2007: Upholding the Principle of Habeas Corpus for Detainees.
- July 27, 2007: H.R. 3087, to require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq, and H.R. 3159, the “Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007.”

Joint Full Committee and Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

- July 25, 2007: Implications of the National Intelligence Estimate regarding Al-Qaeda.

Terrorism and Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

- January 31, 2007: Current manning, equipping and readiness challenges facing Special Operations Forces
- February 14, 2007: The challenges for the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) posed by the global terrorist threat.
- March 14, 2007: Harnessing technological innovation: challenges and opportunities.

- March 21, 2007: Department of Defense counter proliferation, counterterrorism, and science and technology priorities.
- March 28, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on information technology.
- July 11, 2007: Strategic Communications and Comparative Ideas: Winning the Hearts and Minds in the Global War Against Terrorists.

Air and Land

- January 18, 2007: Army force protection equipment for operation Iraqi Freedom & Operation Enduring Freedom
- January 31, 2007: Army equipment reset (joint hearing with Readiness)
- March 7, 2007: Air Force and Army airlift and aerial refueling fixed-wing aircraft programs.
- March 22, 2007: Department of Defense Aircraft Programs (joint hearing with Seapower)
- March 27, 2007: Army ground force acquisition programs
- April 19, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request – Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities
- July 19, 2007: Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program (joint hearing with Seapower).

Seapower and Expeditionary Forces

- January 16, 2007: Marine Corps force protection equipment for operation Iraqi Freedom & Operation Enduring Freedom
- February 8, 2007: Acquisition oversight of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat System.
- February 13, 2007: U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy reset requirements.
- March 1, 2007: Integrated nuclear power systems for future Naval surface combatants.
- March 8, 2007: Submarine force structure and acquisition policy.

- March 15, 2007: Federal ship construction loan guarantee program.
- March 20, 2007: U.S. shipyard modernization initiatives and ship cost reduction.
- June 6, 2007: Procurement of Navy boat barriers
- June 26, 2007: An update on the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle Program.
- July 19, 2007: Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program (joint hearing with Air and Land).
- July 24, 2007: Surface combatant construction update.

Readiness

- January 31, 2007: Army equipment reset (joint hearing with Air and Land).
- February 13, 2007: U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy reset requirements (joint hearing with Seapower).
- March 6, 2007: The National Security Personnel System – Is it Really Working?
- March 13, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request to meet readiness needs.
- March 20, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests for military construction, family housing, base closures and facilities’ operations and maintenance.
- March 27, 2007: Army and Air National Guard.
- July 12, 2007: Emerging contaminants and environmental management at Department of Defense installations.
- July 31, 2007: Use of In Lieu Of, Ad Hoc and Augmentee Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Oversight and Investigation

- March 28, 2007: Outside perspectives on transitioning security to the Iraqi security forces.
- April 25, 2007: Contracting for the Iraqi Security Forces.

- May 22, 2007: Training of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and employment of transition teams.
- May 24, 2007: Testimony on development of the Iraqi police service.
- June 12, 2007: Development of the Iraqi Security Forces.
- July 12, 2007: A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future (Part 1 of 3).
- July 18, 2007: A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future (Part 2 of 4).
- July 25, 2007: A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future (Part 3 of 4).
- July 31, 2007: A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future (Part 4 of 4).

Strategic Forces

- January 31, 2007 Department of Energy's implementation of the National Nuclear Security Administration Act of 2000.
- March 8, 2007: The posture of the U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM).
- March 20, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities.
- March 23, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and the status of space activities.
- March 27, 2007: Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for missile defense programs.
- March 18, 2007: U.S. nuclear weapons policy.

Military Personnel

- January 30, 2007: Examination of the Force requirements determination process
- February 13, 2007: Review of the fiscal year 2008 military health care budget and the challenges facing the military health care system.
- February 15, 2007: Overview of recruiting and retention.
- February 28, 2007: Impact of changes to the Reserve Montgomery G.I. Bill.

March 1, 2007: Views of military advocacy and beneficiary groups.

March 13, 2007: Overview of military resale programs.

March 27, 2007: Military health care system.

March 29, 2007: Overview of morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) programs.

June 26, 2007: Findings of the Independent Review Group and an in-progress review of actions at Walter Reed.

June 27, 2007: Review of the policies and procedures regarding the notification of next-of-kin of wounded and deceased service members.

July 12, 2007: Mental health.

August 1, 2007: Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve recruiting and retention.

August 2, 2007: A follow-up hearing on the notification of family members of next of kin of deceased and wounded process for the Marine Corps.

LIST OF COMMITTEE BRIEFINGS

Full Committee

- January 9, 2007: The committee met to receive a brief from the Department of the Army on the circumstances surrounding the June 2006 capture and killing in Iraq of PFC David J. Babineau, Private First Class Kristian Menchaca and PFC Thomas L. Tucker, from the 1st Batt., 502nd Inf. Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, KY.
- January 19, 2007: The committee met to receive a brief from the Office of the Secretary of Defense on the Military Commissions Act.
- January 23, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief from the Department of Defense on their perspective on Iran's involvement in Iraq.
- January 24, 2007: The committee met to receive a brief from the Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the U.S. on budget trends and implications for defense.
- February 5, 2007: The committee met to receive a brief from General Anthony Zinni, USMC (ret) on the situation in Iraq and other national security concerns facing the United States.
- February 15, 2007: The committee met to receive an SCI brief on intelligence estimates of Iran's involvement in Iraq.
- March 6, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief on the status of the Iraqi security forces.
- March 9, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief from the Army on readiness and Army pre-positioned stocks.
- March 14, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief from the Army on readiness and Army pre-positioned stocks.
- March 22, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief from GAO on the Proliferation Security Initiative.
- April 17, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief to allow members to review copies of the reports from the International Committee of the Red Cross related to detainees held at Guantanamo Bay.

- April 24, 2007: The committee met to receive a top secret brief from the Department of Defense on Special Access Programs (SAP) under the committee's jurisdiction.
- April 27, 2007: The committee met to receive a brief from the Department of the Army concerning the incident which occurred on January 20, 2007, in Karbala, Iraq, when the Provincial Joint Coordination center was attacked and entered by enemy fighters dressed in Army combat uniforms.
- May 24, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief on the Department of Defense body armor programs.
- June 7, 2007: The committee met to receive a brief with members of the Canadian Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defense.
- June 14, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief on recent security and stability developments in Afghanistan.
- June 21, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief on the status of the "surge" in Iraq.
- June 28, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief on security developments involving China.
- August 2, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief on JIEDDO.
- August 3, 2007: The committee met to receive a secret brief on contingency planning for the redeployment of forces from Iraq.

Terrorism and Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

- February 28, 2007: Theatre Special Operations Commands
- March 1, 2007: Special Operations Command activities in the Philippines
- March 15, 2007: Special Operations Command Activities in Colombia
- March 22, 2007: Special Operations Command Activities in the horn of Africa
- June 19, 2007: Information Operations and Cyber-Terrorism
- July 17, 2007: Chemical and Biological Threats and U.S. Efforts to Respond

Air and Land Forces

- January 17, 2007: Force Protection and Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Issues in Iraq and Afghanistan
- January 18, 2007: Armor and Active Protection Systems
- February 7, 2007: Aviation Safety Update
- March 13, 2007: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Programs
- April 5, 2007: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Programs
- June 5, 2007: Department of Defense Body Armor Programs.
- July 31, 2007: KC-X Program

Seapower and Expeditionary Forces

- February 6, 2007: Navy/Marine Corps Equipment Reset Requirements (joint briefing with Readiness)
- March 29, 2007: Member's-Only briefing on the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program.

Readiness

- February 6, 2007: The subcommittee met along with the Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee to receive a briefing from the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps on equipment reset.
- March 14, 2007: The subcommittee met to receive a brief from the Departments of Defense, Army, Navy and Air Force briefing on the A-76 program.

Oversight and Investigation

- February 6, 2007: The subcommittee met for a brief from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on investigations.
- February 28, 2007: The subcommittee received a briefing from the Project on Government Oversight (POGO) on Investigative Process and Methods.

- March 9, 2007: The subcommittee received a briefing from the Department of Defense, Special Inspector General for Iraq (SIGIR), and GAO on Iraqi Security Forces and Military Transition Team Equipment.
- March 13, 2007: The subcommittee received a briefing from DOD and GAO on ISF and MiTT Personnel and Training.
- March 22, 2007: The subcommittee received a briefing from DOD and GAO on ISF Costs and Contracts.
- March 24, 2007: The subcommittee received a briefing from Former Deputy Secretary of Defense, Rudy deLeon on National Security issues.
- July 26, 2007: The subcommittee received a briefing from Dr. Philip Zelikow on Alternatives for Iraq.

Strategic Forces

- January 19, 2007: Briefing on Military Space Activities especially regarding China's missile tests
- February 1, 2007: The subcommittee met for a classified briefing by the DIA on missile defense
- March 20, 2007: The subcommittee received a briefing on Missile Defense
- March 22, 2007: The subcommittee received an introductory briefing on Military Space activities
- June 27, 2007: The subcommittee met to receive a briefing on the nuclear weapons stockpile
- July 11, 2007: The subcommittee met to receive a classified briefing on Russian and Chinese missile capabilities
- July 24, 2007: The subcommittee met to receive a classified briefing on Conventional Prompt Global Strike
- July 31, 2007: The subcommittee met to receive a classified briefing on nuclear threats, focusing in particular on Iran

Military Personnel

July 17, 2007: Marine Corps Next of Kin Notification