NEW DEMOCRATIC-LED CONGRESS IS EXERCISING <u>OVERSIGHT</u> AND DEMANDING <u>ACCOUNTABILITY</u> ON THE IRAQ WAR

A List of 97 Hearings Already Held on Issues Related to Iraq War – Through March 9

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 9th

• Senate Foreign Relations Committee – CLOSED full committee briefing on the situation in Iraq

Wednesday, January 10th

• Senate Foreign Relations Committee – full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Where We Are: The Current Situation in Iraq."

Thursday, January 11th

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on the way forward in Iraq
- House Foreign Affairs Committee full committee hearing on "Iraq, Part I"
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. The Administration's Plan for Iraq"
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Troop Surge, Partition, Withdrawal or Strengthen the Center?"
- Senate Select Committee on Intelligence full committee hearing on "Annual Threat Assessment"

Friday, January 12th

• Senate Armed Services Committee – full committee hearing on Iraq

Tuesday, January 16th

- House Armed Services Committee Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee hearing on Marine Corps force protection equipment for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom
- Senate Judiciary Committee full committee hearing on "The Plight of Iraqi Refugees"

Wednesday, January 17th

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on alternative perspectives on the President's strategy for Iraq
- House Appropriations Committee CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on Army and Marine Corps Readiness
- House Appropriations Committee CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds closed hearing on Army and Marine Operations and Equipment Reconstruction

- House Foreign Affairs Committee full committee hearing on "Iraq, Part II"
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Regional Diplomatic Strategy"

Thursday, January 18th

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on approaches to audit of reconstruction and support activities in Iraq
- House Armed Services Committee Air and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on Army force protection equipment for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom
- House Appropriations Committee CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds closed hearing on Guard and Reserve Readiness
- House Appropriations Committee CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds closed hearing on Navy and Air Force Readiness
- House Budget Committee full committee hearing on "Budgeting for War Costs"
- House Select Intelligence Committee full committee hearing on Worldwide Threats
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Military and Security Strategy"

Friday, January 19th

- House Foreign Affairs Committee full committee hearing on "Iraq: The Baker-Hamilton Commission Report. Part III"
- House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on Military Medical Readiness

Monday, January 22nd

• House Appropriations Committee – CLOSED. Defense Subcommittee holds closed hearing on Intelligence Readiness

Tuesday, January 23rd

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on Iraq's Effect on Total Force Readiness
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Alternative Plans: Federalism, Side with the Majority, Strategic Redeployment, or Negotiate?"
- Senate Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on "Nomination of Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, to be General and Commander, Multi-National Forces Iraq"

Wednesday, January 24th

House Select Intelligence Committee – CLOSED full committee hearing on Iraq Intelligence
Support to Policymakers

• Senate Foreign Relations Committee – full committee meeting on S. Con. Res. 2, the Biden-Hagel-Levin-Snowe Bipartisan Iraq War Resolution

Thursday, January 25th

- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Reconstruction Strategy"
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Political Strategy"
- Senate Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on "The Current Situation in Iraq and the Administration's Recently Announced Strategy for Continued United States Assistance tot eh Iraqi Government and for an Increased United States Military Presence in Iraq"

Friday, January 26th

• House Appropriations Committee – Defense Subcommittee hearing on Military Medical Readiness

Tuesday, January 30th

- Senate Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on the Nomination of Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, for Reappointment to the Grade of Admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Alternative Plans: The Iraq Study Group"
- Senate Judiciary Committee full committee hearing on "Exercising Congress' Constitutional Power to End a War"

Wednesday, January 31st

- House Armed Services Committee Readiness and Air Subcommittee and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on Army Equipment Reset/Maintaining Military Equipment in Iraq
- Senate Judiciary Committee full committee hearing on "Examining Recommendations for Improvements to Iraq's Justice System"
- Senate Armed Services Committee CLOSED full committee briefing on the Iraq "surge" plan
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Iraq in the Strategic Context, Part I"

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 1st

- Senate Armed Services Committee full committee hearing "The Nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, for Reappointment to the Grade of General and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army"
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Securing America's Interests in Iraq: The Remaining Options. Iraq in the Strategic Context, Part II"

Monday, February 5th

• House Select Intelligence Committee – CLOSED full committee briefing on the National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq

Tuesday, February 6th

- House Oversight & Government Reform Committee Full committee hearing on Waste, Fraud & Abuse: Part I Iraq Reconstruction
- Senate Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on the President's FY 2007 and FY 2008 war supplemental requests for Iraq and Afghanistan and the Defense Authorization Request for FY 2008
- Senate Budget Committee full committee hearing on "War Costs"

Wednesday, February 7th

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on the FY 2008 Department of Defense Budget
- House Oversight & Government Reform Committee full committee hearing on Waste, Fraud & Abuse: Part II Iraq Private Contractor Oversight
- Senate Select Committee on Intelligence holds a CLOSED hearing on Iraq

Thursday, February 8th

- House Appropriations Committee CLOSED. Select Intelligence Oversight Panel holds closed hearing on the proposed FY 2007 war supplemental appropriations bill
- House Appropriations Committee State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds oversight hearing on assistance programs in Iraq
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing on the President's Foreign Relations Budget, including staffing diplomatic posts in Iraq

Friday, February 9th

- House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on the U.S. Army portion of the President's FY 2007 war supplemental request
- House Appropriations Committee Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds hearing on military quality of life, including the impact of the Iraq war
- Senate Armed Services Committee OPEN & CLOSED. Full committee hearing on the Department of Defense Inspector General's report on the activities of the Office of Special Plans prior to the war in Iraq. Closed session followed open session.

Monday, February 12th

• House Appropriations Committee – Defense Subcommittee hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request & the U.S. Air Force.

Tuesday, February 13th

- House Armed Services Committee The Readiness and Joint Seapower/Expeditionary Forces Subcommittees hold a hearing on U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy reset requirements
- House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request & the U.S. Navy and Marines Corps.

Wednesday, February 14th

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on the President's FY 2008 budget request for the Department of the Army
- House Armed Services Committee Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds hearing on the challenges for the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) posed by the global terrorist threat.

Thursday, February 15th

- House Armed Services Committee Military Personnel Subcommittee holds a hearing on recruiting and retention.
- House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee holds a hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request
- House Appropriations Committee Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds a hearing on long-term health care challenges facing the military and the Department of Veterans' Affairs
- House Appropriations Committee Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on Coast Guard issues, including Coast Guard Operations in Iraq
- House Select Intelligence Committee CLOSED full committee hearing on Iran's Involvement in Iraq
- House Oversight & Government Reform Committee full committee hearing on Iraq Reconstruction.
- Senate Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps.
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee confirmation hearing on Iraq and Afghanistan Ambassadorial Nominations

Friday, February 16th

- House Appropriations Committee State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee hearing on President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request
- House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization

Tuesday, February 27th

• Senate Appropriations Committee – full committee hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request

• Senate Armed Services Committee -- full committee hearing on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the U.S.

Wednesday, February 28th

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on the President's FY 2008 Department of Defense budget & the Air Force
- House Appropriations Committee Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds a hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request
- House Foreign Affairs Committee full committee hearing on Iraq and U.S. Foreign Policy
- House Intelligence Committee CLOSED. Full committee hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request
- Senate Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee holds a hearing on the President's FY 2008 Department of Defense budget

MARCH

Thursday, March 1st

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on the President's FY 2008 Department of Defense budget & the Navy and Marine Corps
- Senate Budget Committee full committee hearing on war costs and the President's FY 2008 Department of Defense budget
- Senate Select Committee on Intelligence CLOSED. Full committee hearing on the President's FY 2007 War Supplemental Request

Monday, March 5th

• House Oversight and Government Affairs Subcommittee – National Security and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee holds field hearing on the treatment of wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Tuesday, March 6th

- House Appropriations Committee State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds hearing on "Iraq Political and Reconstruction Strategy: Alternative Perspectives."
- House Appropriations Committee Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds hearing on Veterans' medical care and FY 2008 Military Construction/VA appropriations.
- House Budget Committee full committee hearing on FY 2008 Defense Department budget.
- Senate Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on care, living conditions, and administration of outpatients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- Senate Select Intelligence Committee CLOSED. Full committee hearing assessing intelligence issues in Iraq.

Wednesday, March 7th

- House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- Senate Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee holds hearing on Defense Department medical programs, including Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee full committee hearing on the adjudication process at the Department of Veterans Affairs, including the experiences of veterans who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Thursday, March 8th

- House Armed Services Committee full committee hearing on the challenges facing wounded military personnel during recovery.
- House Appropriations Committee Military Construction/VA Subcommittee holds hearing on VA Mental Health Programs and Initiatives and FY 2008 Military Construction/VA appropriations.
- House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations holds hearing on the condition of outpatient facilities at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and how dilapidated conditions and bureaucratic delays affect soldiers as they transition to their status as veterans.
- **House Select Intelligence Committee** full committee hearing on the proposed FY08 budget for military intelligence programs and activities.
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee CLOSED. Full committee hearing on the Gulf Security Dialogue.
- Senate Select Intelligence Committee CLOSED. Full committee hearing on Defense Department programs.

Friday, March 9th

• House Armed Services Committee – CLOSED. Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee holds hearing on current U.S. plans for and progress to date in training, equipping and sustaining the Iraqi Security Forces.