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CHAIRMAN HUNTER OPENING STATEMENT

Army and Marine Corps Reset Programs for Ground Equipment Utilized in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom

Washington, D.C. – Today the House Armed Services Committee meets to receive testimony on how the Army and Marine Corps plan to fund “equipment reset” on military equipment coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan. This process includes the maintenance, recapitalization and replacement of a majority of the mission-capable equipment belonging to the two services.

Immediately following the adjournment of the open portion of today’s hearing, the Committee will meet in room 2212 for a classified briefing on equipment reset. Specifically, the Army and Marine Corps will elaborate on their resource challenges, equipment issues and current readiness ratings as they relate to reset.

Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom have placed severe demands on ground and aviation equipment supporting our Army and Marine Corps forces. Therefore, resetting the force is an essential element in maintaining our ability to conduct this war, as well as preparing for any future threats.

We have a panel of two distinguished witnesses with us today who will discuss how equipment reset is currently managed, what will be necessary to fully accomplish reset now and in the future, and what funding the services will require for reset. The committee feels that the discussion on funding is essential to maintaining an accurate estimate of the costs associated with reset. Without this, it is impossible to create and adhere to an effective reset strategy. Furthermore, the committee believes that the services must dedicate sufficient priority and resources to reset, despite current budgetary pressures and ongoing requirements.

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