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### **House Intelligence Committee Announces Subcommittee Leaders, Adopts Committee Work Plan, and Makes Iraq NIE Available to All Members**

**Washington, D.C.** - On February 7, 2007, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held a business meeting to announce the leadership of four subcommittees, adopt the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress, and consider requests by non-Committee members to read the classified National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on Iraq.

The Subcommittee leadership is as follows:

- Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence (HUMINT), Analysis, and Counterintelligence: Rep. Mike Thompson, Chairman; Rep. Mike Rogers, Ranking Republican Member
- Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence: Rep. C.A. "Dutch" Ruppensberger, Chairman; Rep. Heather Wilson, Ranking Republican Member
- Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management: Rep. Anna G. Eshoo, Chairwoman; Rep. Darrell E. Issa, Ranking Republican Member
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations: Rep. Alcee Hastings, Chairman; Rep. Rick Renzi, Ranking Republican Member

The Committee also adopted by voice vote the Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress (see attached).

"The House Intelligence Committee has adopted an agenda for sustained oversight of the intelligence community," said Chairman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX). "Our objective will be to ensure that policymakers and warfighters have the strongest intelligence capabilities possible to counter threats to America's national security and to ensure that all intelligence activities operate within the bounds of the Constitution and liberties that we cherish."

“The work plan adopted by the committee ensures the vigorous oversight and reform efforts begun by the Committee during the last Congress will continue,” said Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-MI), top Republican on the Intelligence Committee. “It also provides a framework for the Committee’s ongoing effort to strengthen the Intelligence Community to help protect the safety of our families and communities and, at the same time, provide vital, real-world information for our nation’s policymakers.”

The major items of focus on the Full Committee will be:

- Passage of the Intelligence Authorization Act.
- Iraq, Afghanistan, and Intelligence Support to the Policymaker and Warfighter.
- The Changing Nature of the Terrorist Threat.
- Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) proliferation, Iran, North Korea, and Other Hard Targets.
- Africa, Latin America, and Other Regions Requiring Sustained Focus.
- Developing a Diverse Intelligence Workforce.
- Review of Covert Action Programs.
- National Security Agency (NSA) Surveillance Program.
- Detention and Interrogation Programs.
- Border Intelligence and Other Homeland Security Intelligence Capabilities.
- Quality and Reliability of Sources.

The major items of focus for the Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence will be:

- Current International Developments Affecting National Security.
- National Clandestine Service.
- Defense HUMINT.
- Counterintelligence (CI) Resources and Coordination.
- Quality of All-Source Intelligence.
- National Security Branch at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- Counternarcotics.

The major items of focus for the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence will be:

- The Integrated Collection Architecture (ICA) Process – Next Steps.
- Major Program Reviews.
- Consideration of Space Radar.
- Future of Electro-Optical Issues.
- Tactical Intelligence Needs of the Warfighter.
- Information Operations.
- Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Modernization.
- NSA Infrastructure.

The major items of focus for the Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management will be:

- Progress of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and Implementation of Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.
- Coordination and Collaboration across the Intelligence Community.
- Classification, Over-Classification, and Selective Declassification.
- Security Clearance Reform.
- Acquisition Management and Reform.
- Workforce Development.
- Physical Infrastructure.

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (O & I) will expand the work of the Oversight Subcommittee, which was created in the 109th Congress. The Subcommittee will undertake targeted and in-depth investigations of discrete topics within the jurisdiction of the Committee. It is anticipated that the scope of these investigations will range from reviews of highly sensitive intelligence operations to current practices within the Intelligence Community that implicate legal, policy, or fiscal concerns. One area that will necessitate sustained oversight is the nature and scope of intelligence collection activities in the domestic arena and their impact on the privacy and civil liberties of the American people. More information about the scope of these investigations will be shared as they are developed by the Subcommittee.

In other action, the Committee voted unanimously to allow all Members of the House of Representatives to read the classified National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq, entitled: "Prospects for Iraq's Stability: A Challenging Road Ahead." Members will be required to review the document in the Committee's secure offices in the Capitol and sign a secrecy oath.

"It is critical that all Members of Congress understand the consensus view of the Intelligence Community on the gravity of the situation in Iraq and the consequences for U.S. troops and our long-term national security interests," Reyes said.