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Rogers Praises House Passage of FY11 Intelligence Authorization Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Mike Rogers, today announced the passage in the House of Representatives of what he hopes will be the first complete Intelligence Authorization Bill in six years. The FY11 Intelligence Authorization Bill overwhelmingly passed the House by a vote of 392 to 15.

When Mike Rogers took over as Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in January of this year, one of his top priorities was to reassert the Committee as the force for serious bipartisan oversight, and to restore the critical function of the committee, which is to pass meaningful, annual intelligence authorization bills.

“The passing of this bill is a solid first step for Congress and the Intelligence Committees in reasserting their proper role overseeing the intelligence community,” said Chairman Rogers. “I am particularly pleased that this bill received such strong bipartisan support from Ranking Member Ruppberger. This important bill would not have passed today without serious bipartisan consensus,” Rogers said.

The annual intelligence authorization bill is one of the most important bills that the House passes each year. It provides and allocates resources to critical national security programs, including those that detect, prevent, and disrupt potential terrorist attacks against the American people.

Chairman Rogers said, “Today we reaffirmed to our intelligence professionals on the front lines that we are serious about providing the support they need to keep America safe. We need to get back in the habit of passing an Intelligence Authorization bill every year, and that needs to start with getting this FY11 signed into law.

The bill now moves over to the Senate for consideration. “I urge the Senate to pass this bill and get it to the President’s desk for signature without delay,” Chairman Rogers said.

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