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House Intelligence Committee Completes Markup of FY12 Intelligence Authorization Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chairman Mike Rogers, and Ranking Member Dutch Ruppersberger of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence today announced that the committee has completed its markup of the Intelligence Authorization Bill for FY 2012. The bill passed the committee in a unanimous voice vote.

The completion of the committee’s markup of the FY12 Intel Authorization Bill comes quickly on the heels of the House passage of the committee’s FY11 Authorization Bill, which passed the House with an overwhelming bi-partisan vote less than two weeks ago.

When Mike Rogers took over as Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and Rep. Ruppersberger became Ranking Member in January of this year, one of their 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.

A main feature of the marked up bill is a provision that was identified by the CIA as needed after the Khowst bombing. The provision will provide for a burial benefit for CIA employees killed in the line of duty as well as clarifications of authorities relating to the solicitation and acceptance of gifts for injured employees and the families of employees killed in the line of duty.

“The committee has reported out a bill that provides and allocates resources to critical national security programs, including those that detect, prevent, and disrupt potential terrorist attacks against the American people,” said Chairman Rogers. “Additionally, the bill coming out of the committee today ensures that we provide proper burial services for our intelligence agents who make the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, and that CIA employees have the ability to offer gifts to the family members of deceased colleagues.”

The bill now moves to the House Floor for consideration. “I urge my colleagues in the House to pass this bill,” Chairman Rogers said.

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