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Subcommittee on Airland:

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Subcommittee on Personnel:

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Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support:

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Subcommittee on Seapower:

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Subcommittee on Strategic Forces:

Minority Professional Staff Members: Madelyn R. Creedon (Lead), Richard W. Fieldhouse, Creighton Greene.

Minority Professional Staff Members for:

Acquisition Policy.—Peter K. Levine.  
Acquisition Workforce.—Peter K. Levine.

Arms Control/Non-proliferation.—Richard W. Fieldhouse/Madelyn R. Creedon.

Army Programs.—Daniel J. Cox, Jr.

Aviation Systems.—Creighton Greene/Daniel J. Cox, Jr./Madelyn R. Creedon.

Budget Tracking.—Michael J. McCord.

Buy America.—Peter K. Levine.

Chemical-Biological Defense.—Richard W. Fieldhouse.

Chemical Demilitarization.—Richard W. Fieldhouse.

Civilian Nominations.—Peter K. Levine.

Civilian Personnel Policy.—Gerald J. Leeling/Peter K. Levine.

Combatant Commands.—

CENTCOM—Michael J. Kuiken/Gabriella Eisen.

ECOM—William G. P. Monahan.

JFCOM—Michael J. McCord/Arun A. Seraphin.

NORTHCOM—Evelyn N. Farkas.

PACOM—Evelyn N. Farkas.

SOCOM—Evelyn N. Farkas.

SOUTHCOM—Evelyn N. Farkas.

STRATCOM—Madelyn R. Creedon.

TRANSCOM—Creighton Greene.

Combating Terrorism/Domestic Preparedness.—Evelyn N. Farkas.

Competition Policy/Mergers and Acquisitions.—Peter K. Levine.

Competitive Sourcing/ A76.—Peter K. Levine.

Contracting (including service contracts).—Peter K. Levine.

Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs.—Madelyn R. Creedon.

Counterdrug Programs.—Evelyn N. Farkas.

Defense Laboratory Management.—Peter K. Levine/Arun A. Seraphin.

Defense Security Assistance.—Evelyn N. Farkas/William G.P. Monahan

Department of Defense Schools.—Gerald J. Leeling/Jonathan D. Clark

Department of Energy Issues.—Madelyn R. Creedon

Depot Maintenance Policy.—Michael J. McCord

Detainee Policy.—William G.P. Monahan/Peter K. Levine/Jonathan D. Clark/Gabriella Eisen

Environmental Issues.—Peter K. Levine

Export Controls.—Evelyn N. Farkas/Peter K. Levine

Financial Management.—Peter K. Levine/Michael J. McCord

Foreign Language Policy.—Creighton Greene/Evelyn N. Farkas

Foreign Policy/Geographical Region.—

Afghanistan—Daniel J. Cox, Jr./Evelyn N. Farkas

Africa—Michael J. Kuiken/Gabriella Eisen/William G.P. Monahan

Asia/Pacific Region.—Evelyn N. Farkas

Europe/Russia—William G.P. Monahan/Madelyn R. Creedon

Iraq—Daniel J. Cox, Jr./William G. P. Monahan

Middle East—Michael J. Kuiken/Gabriella Eisen

South America.—Evelyn N. Farkas

Helicopters.—Daniel J. Cox, Jr./Creighton Greene

Homeland Security/Defense.—Richard W. Fieldhouse

Humanitarian and Civic Assistance.—Evelyn N. Farkas/William G.P. Monahan

Information Assurance/Cyber Security.—Creighton Greene/Arun A. Seraphin

Information Management.—Creighton Greene/Peter K. Levine

Information Technology Systems.—(Business Systems)—Peter K. Levine

(Tactical Systems)—Creighton Greene/Arun A. Seraphin

Intelligence Issues.—Creighton Greene

International Defense Cooperation.—Evelyn N. Farkas/Peter K. Levine/William G.P. Monahan

Inventory Management.—Peter K. Levine/Michael J. McCord

Military Personnel Issues.—Gerald J. Leeling/Jonathan D. Clark

End Strength—Jonathan D. Clark/Gerald J. Leeling

Military Family Policy—Gerald J. Leeling/Jonathan D. Clark

Health Care—Gerald J. Leeling/Jonathan D. Clark

Pay and Benefits—Jonathan D. Clark/Gerald J. Leeling

Military Personnel Policy—Gerald J. Leeling/Jonathan D. Clark

Military Construction/Base Closures.—Michael J. McCord

Military Nominations.—Gerald J. Leeling

Military Space.—Madelyn R. Creedon

Military Strategy.—Daniel J. Cox, Jr.

Missile Defense.—Richard W. Fieldhouse

Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Commissaries/Exchanges.—Jonathan D. Clark/Gerald J. Leeling

Nuclear Weapons Stockpile.—Madelyn R. Creedon

POW/MIA Issues.—Jonathan D. Clark

Readiness/O&M.—Michael J. McCord

Reprogramming.—Michael J. McCord

Science and Technology.—Arun A. Seraphin

Sexual Harassment/Sexual Assault Policy.—Gerald J. Leeling/Jonathan D. Clark

Shipbuilding Programs.—Creighton Greene

Small Business.—Peter K. Levine

Special Operations Forces.—Evelyn N. Farkas

Stability Operations.—Evelyn N. Farkas/William G.P. Monahan

Strategic Programs.—Madelyn R. Creedon

Test and Evaluation.—Arun A. Seraphin/Peter K. Levine

Transportation and Logistics Policy.—Michael J. McCord/Creighton Greene

Unmanned Aircraft Systems.—Creighton Greene/Daniel J. Cox, Jr.

Women in Combat.—Jonathan D. Clark/Gerald J. Leeling

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll. The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized for up to 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### COMMENDING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RUMSFELD

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to commend a gentleman who has served our country with honor, integrity, and distinction for the past 6 years and who has sacrificed his energy, a comfortable private life, as well as his personal privacy in service to our men and women in uniform during the course of two wars that our country did not invite and did not welcome. That gentleman is Donald Rumsfeld.

As I have worked with Secretary Rumsfeld over the last 6 years as a U.S. Senator and as a U.S. Representative, he and I have occasionally disagreed, and those disagreements have been very public, very open, and very heartfelt on both sides. But there is no question in my mind that Don Rumsfeld has given the President and the United States as much commitment, energy, and service as any previous Secretary of Defense in the history of our great country. For that, this entire country owes Don Rumsfeld a debt of gratitude.

It sometimes surprises me that we can convince high-quality, intelligent, committed people like Donald Rumsfeld to leave private life, often near or at the end of their careers, to take jobs in government that require an enormous amount of commitment, sacrifice, and sometimes offer few rewards. These individuals could, without question, be better off financially and sleeping much better and might even be happier if they were doing something else. Donald Rumsfeld has served as Secretary of Defense during one of the more difficult times in our Nation's history. As a nation, we should be grateful that someone of his caliber has served as long and with as much distinction in the job as he has. I think we as a nation should be grateful, regardless of whether we agree or disagree with everything Secretary Rumsfeld has done or tried to do during his tenure. We should be grateful

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.