

April 6, 2009 - Murtha Statement on Secretary Gates's Budget Decisions

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, released the following statement today, following Defense Secretary Robert Gates's comments on the Department's Fiscal Year 2010 budget request.

"The recommendations made today by Secretary Gates represent an important first step in balancing the Department's wants with our nation's needs. For far too long, the Defense Department has failed to address these challenges, and I applaud the Secretary for conducting this comprehensive review.

"However, the Committee will carefully review the Department's recommendations in the context of current and future threats when we receive the detailed fiscal year 2010 budget request."

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