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STUMP AND SKELTON COMMENT ON DOD PLANS FOR MILITARY TRIBUNALS

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Bob Stump (R-AZ) and Ranking Member Ike Skelton (D-MO) today released the following statement on Department of Defense plans for military tribunals:

“Based on the briefings we received today, we believe that the Department of Defense’s plans for military tribunals strike the proper balance between protecting national security secrets, the government’s ability to present a compelling case, and the legal rights of detainees under trial. They provide for the basic rights for individuals tried before them, they support the fundamental values of fairness and due process - values that this nation has always stood for and for which American service men and women have risked their lives. We applaud the efforts to balance these interests, and remain convinced that military tribunals are the proper forum for trying those detainees as the President may so designate.”

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