

COOPER NAMED TO HOUSE ARMED SERVICES DEFENSE ACQUISITION REFORM PANEL

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WASHINGTON—Congressman Jim Cooper today announced his appointment to the newly formed House Armed Services Committee Panel on Defense Acquisition Reform.

The panel will meet for six months to study the thorny issues surrounding Pentagon procurement. Its final report is expected to guide the committee as it writes the Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

Building on the work done by the panel on Roles and Missions he chaired last year, Cooper and his fellow members will take a fresh look at a perennial problem caused by deeply entrenched flaws in the process. "Chairman Skelton and President Obama have correctly identified defense acquisition as an area where reform is needed," said Cooper. "In the middle of an economic downturn and two wars, we can't afford to waste any taxpayer money on outdated or unneeded projects. I look forward to studying the defense spending process with my colleagues and putting some concrete recommendations into law. We must ensure that taxpayers are protected while the country is defended."

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