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At 2:00 PM, Monday, September 18:

SENATE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO HOLD OVERSIGHT HEARING ON ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CONTRACTING ABUSES IN IRAQ

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) --- Senate Democratic Policy Committee (DPC) Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-ND) announced Friday the committee will conduct an important oversight hearing at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 18, on efforts to seek accountability for contracting abuses in Iraq.

The hearing will feature testimony from a Halliburton whistleblower who will describe how materials intended to help bolster the morale of U.S. soldiers in Iraq were diverted to benefit Halliburton's own employees. In one instance a widescreen television and refreshments for a Super Bowl party for the troops were kept for the use of Halliburton employees themselves.

In addition to conducting oversight and insisting on accountability for how tax dollars are spent, the hearing will examine the accountability of contractors in Iraq for the safety of their own employees.

Witnesses at the hearing will also reveal previously undisclosed details of an insurgent attack on a Halliburton fuel convoy in April 2004, in which six truckers and two soldiers lost their lives. They will describe how Halliburton supervisors knowingly ordered unarmed American civilians to drive through an active combat zone.

Attorneys for both the whistleblower and survivors of the April 2004 convoy attack will describe their efforts to hold Halliburton accountable for its alleged conduct.

Details follow:

- **WHO:** *U.S. Senators:* DPC Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-ND); Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV); Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), and Mark Dayton (D-MN).

Witnesses: Julie McBride a former Halliburton employee at Camp Fallujah in Iraq; Edward Sanchez and Sean Larvenz, former Halliburton truck drivers in Iraq; Scott Allen, an attorney who represents survivors of the April 2004 convoy attack; Alan Grayson, an attorney who represents Ms. McBride in a False Claims Act suit that seeks to recover mis-spent funds from Halliburton on behalf of the U.S. Government.
- **WHAT:** Oversight hearing on efforts to seek accountability for contracting abuses in Iraq.
- **WHEN:** 2:00 PM; Monday, September 18, 2006.
- **WHERE:** 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.
- **WHY:** To receive testimony from whistleblowers with firsthand knowledge of contracting abuses in Iraq and to receive testimony on their efforts to seek accountability for those abuses.

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