



Hearing Notice

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Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing

“Contracting Abuses in Iraq: Is the Bush Administration Safeguarding American Taxpayer Dollars?”

Monday, April 28, 2008
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
406 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses at this hearing, which will be the thirteenth in a series of hearings conducted by the Democratic Policy Committee on waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, will testify about widespread, systemic examples of contracting abuses by American companies in Iraq. One former KBR employee will describe how the company used “burn pits” to overcharge the U.S. government on cost-plus contracts. Another former KBR employee will testify that the company ignored theft by its employees from the U.S. military and the Iraqi government. The final witness at the hearing will explain how American taxpayers have ended up paying for 1,000 percent mark-ups on contracts involving multiple layers of sub-contractors.

Witnesses

Frank Cassaday: Mr. Cassaday worked as an ice plant operator for KBR in Iraq. During the two years he worked in Iraq, Mr. Cassaday witnessed KBR employees using “burn pits” to dispose still useable products that were purchased by KBR on a cost-plus basis, including lumber, electronic equipment, and food. He will also testify about pervasive theft by KBR employees of military equipment and supplies, including weapons and munitions.

Linda Warren: Ms. Warren is a former KBR employee who worked as a Laundry Foreman and as a Morale Welfare and Recreation technician in Iraq. She will testify about KBR employees who stole items, including gold, crystal and expensive rugs, from Iraqi government facilities, and at least one KBR employee who sold the stolen goods on eBay. She will also testify about how KBR deliberately overcharged the U.S. government by systematically exaggerating head counts at recreational facilities the company operated for American troops.

Barry Halley: Mr. Halley is a former U.S. Marine who worked as a Project Manager for WWNS on a DynCorp contract and as an Operations and Security Manager at CAPE Environmental. Mr. Halley will testify that American taxpayers paid 1,000 percent mark-ups on DynCorp contracts in Iraq involving multiple layers of sub-contractors. Mr. Halley will also testify that while at CAPE, he witnessed the company double-bill the U.S. government for meals and charge the government for work that was never performed. Mr. Halley will also state that he was beaten by CAPE employees in retaliation for reporting misconduct to the U.S. Embassy.