

Mahoney Statement on Iraq Testimony

(Washington, DC) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) today released the following statement on Iraq in anticipation of the testimony of Armed Forces Commander in Iraq General David Petraeus and Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker before the House Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs;

"I look forward to hearing what I hope will be an accurate assessment of the current situation in Iraq by the White House, General Petraeus, and Ambassador Crocker. When the President proposed the surge earlier this year, he said its purpose was to provide the security needed for political and economic progress to occur in Iraq. A number of reports released in the past few weeks, including a review by the independent Government Accountability Office and a report by retired Marine General James Jones show that Iraq remains torn by sectarian strife and meaningful political and economic progress has not occurred. We owe our brave men and women on the front lines a new strategy that refocuses America on winning the War on Terror and makes our country more secure."

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