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Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, Chairman



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Statement of Chairman Bennie G. Thompson

The FY 2010 Budget for the National Protection and Programs Directorate and the Transportation Security Administration

June 10, 2009 (Washington) – Today, Committee on Homeland Security Chairman Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) delivered the following prepared remarks for the Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee hearing entitled “The FY 2010 Budget for the National Protection and Programs Directorate and the Transportation Security Administration”:

“NPPD and the TSA are essential components at the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on protecting our critical infrastructure and transportation security.

The Committee has conducted rigorous oversight with respect to infrastructure protection, and security for the surface and aviation modes of transportation.

It has also been active in developing legislation to improve our efforts in these areas. Just recently, the House passed our TSA Authorization bill which authorized appropriations for several important transportation security programs, and we will soon be addressing security at the Nation’s chemical facilities.

In all of these efforts, we must work together with the Administration in achieving the goal of securing our Nation’s infrastructure and transportation security.

Today’s hearing will give us insight into the Administration’s budget request which will also help us to understand its priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

As we proceed to discuss this budget and the underlying policy issues, let me say that I look forward to working with the Administration as we continue our oversight and legislative efforts in the 111th Congress.”

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