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**SENATOR KENNEDY HOLDS HEARING ON VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS**

*Addresses guarantees of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act*

WASHINGTON, DC— At **10:30am** tomorrow, Thursday, November 8th, 2007, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, will hold a hearing on protecting the employment rights of veterans. The hearing will address reemployment problems service members face when they return from their tour of duty, including rights guaranteed by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). The hearing will also present important data collected by the Department of Defense, but not made public, demonstrating that significant numbers of veterans experience difficulties in reentering the workforce and in having their reemployment rights enforced by government agencies.

**WHAT:** Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing on veterans' employment

**WHEN:** **10:30am** tomorrow, Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**WHO:** Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

**Witnesses:**

**Panel I**

Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary for the Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor, Washington, DC

L. Gordon Sumner, Ph.D., Executive Director, National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Arlington, VA

Scott Bloch, Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Washington, DC

Brenda Farrell, Director of Military and Civilian Personnel Issues  
in the Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government  
Accountability Office, Washington, DC

**Panel II**

Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, National Executive  
Director, Reserve Officers Association, Washington, DC

Lieutenant Colonel Steve Duarte, US Marine Corps, Centennial,  
Colorado

Major Tammy Duckworth, Director, Illinois Department of  
Veterans' Affairs, Springfield, Illinois

Richard Halbrook, Executive Vice President, Dollar Thrifty  
Automotive Group, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma

**WHERE:** Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 430

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