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## Ike Skelton Testifies Before House Armed Services Committee on U.S. Military Funding

### **Defense Budget Cuts Could Hamper America's Ability to Defend Itself**

Husch Blackwell Partner Ike Skelton testified in front of the House Armed Services Committee today about the future of the U.S. military. Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee from 2007 until 2011, Skelton testified with former Senator John Warner from Virginia (former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee) and former Congressman Duncan Hunter (another former chairman of the House Armed Services Committee).

"Our pilots are often younger than the planes they fly, and our Navy is not growing even as China builds a fleet that may threaten our ability to preserve freedom of navigation in the Western Pacific," Skelton said. Skelton's full comments can be viewed [here](#).

Prior to joining Husch Blackwell as a Partner in March, Skelton served 17 terms as a U.S. Representative from Missouri's 4th District. Skelton concentrates his practice in the area of Government Contracts, advising clients on a variety of legal and public policy issues, especially matters relating to national defense, small business and international trade.

Husch Blackwell's Government Contracts attorneys have represented domestic and international clients in all areas of Federal supply, service and construction contracts. As one of Washington's most experienced Government Contracts groups, Husch Blackwell attorneys are involved in all phases of government contracting, including bid protests, compliance with Federal laws and regulations, Defense Contract Audit Agency audits, compliance audits,

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