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S. RES. 609

Recognizing the need for rapid recapitalization of the KC–135 aerial refueling fleet through re-competition of the United States Air Force’s KC–X solicitation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 7, 2008

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mrs. MCCASKILL)
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee
on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the need for rapid recapitalization of the KC–135 aerial refueling fleet through re-competition of the United States Air Force’s KC–X solicitation.

Whereas aerial refueling tankers are the backbone of the worldwide airpower capability of the United States;

Whereas the United States Air Force fleet of KC–135 aerial refueling tankers is aging and needs to be recapitalized;
and

Whereas recapitalization of the KC–135 medium-sized aerial refueling tanker is the top acquisition priority of the United States Air Force: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) encourages the United States Air Force to
2 quickly re-compete the KC-X solicitation on the
3 terms the Government Accountability Office (GAO)
4 recommended in its June 18, 2008, decision;

5 (2) recognizes that a rapid, thorough, and fair
6 re-competition under the terms of the original KC-
7 X request for proposals is the best way to provide
8 the United States Air Force with next-generation
9 aerial refueling tanker capability in a timely manner;

10 (3) recognizes that the KC-X solicitation is the
11 first phase of a three-phased strategy for recapital-
12 izing the tanker fleet, and that the KC-X solicita-
13 tion should be based on a full and transparent com-
14 petition to select a single aircraft design; and

15 (4) supports the recommendation of the Gov-
16 ernment Accountability Office that “the Air Force
17 reopen discussions with the offerors, obtain revised
18 proposals, re-evaluate the revised proposals, and
19 make a new source selection decision, consistent with
20 this decision.”

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