

(Washington, D.C.) – Congressman Rob Wittman (R-VA) released the following statement after receiving word that he had been assigned to the House Armed Services Committee:

“I was thrilled to learn today that I was appointed to the House Armed Services Committee (HASC). Republican Leader Boehner promised me a seat on this Committee, and he has honored his commitment.

The First Congressional District has a long tradition of representation on the HASC, and I am honored to continue that legacy as the newest member of the Committee. My predecessors, Herb Bateman and Jo Ann Davis, served on the Committee with great distinction, and I am privileged to have the opportunity to resume their work and serve the fine men and women who protect our freedoms at home and abroad. I look forward to working with Ranking Member Duncan Hunter and my other colleagues on the Committee.

The First District, with five military installations and more than 20 percent of the population active or retired military, is deserving of a voice and a vote on this important Committee. With so many families affected directly by the actions of the HASC, it is critical that the Member of Congress from Virginia's First District have a seat at the table when important discussions are underway and votes taken. I am pleased to have the chance to be part of that process and look forward to getting to work on behalf of our armed forces right away.” Wittman will serve on the Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee and the Readiness Subcommittee.