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Shuster Opposes Deeply Flawed War Supplemental Bill American Troops Should Come Before a Global Bailout of Rogue Regimes

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement on the House’s consideration of a war supplemental funding bill today:

The war supplemental bill being considered by the House today would cut \$4.1 billion in defense spending to help pay for a \$108 billion taxpayer funded global bailout to be paid out to foreign countries by the International Monetary Fund, or IMF.

This global bailout would enable the IMF to loan American tax dollars to a number of countries that could include regimes like Venezuela and Zimbabwe. Iran, a country undergoing significant international pressure for its nuclear program and its fraudulent presidential election could be eligible for \$1.8 billion in IMF assets.

“It is bad enough when the Democrats in Congress use taxpayer dollars to bail out private businesses here at home. But it is completely unconscionable to hand taxpayer dollars that should be going to our troops over to the IMF so they can bail out corrupt, radical and repressive regimes across the globe,” Shuster said.

Congressman Shuster also has reservations over the bill’s weak language on Guantanamo detainees. Nothing in this bill would directly ban the President from releasing Guantanamo detainees in the United States. The bill also fails to block the release of detainee interrogation photos. Our commander in Iraq, General Odierno, whom Shuster met with two weeks ago, has repeatedly warned that releasing the detainee photos would place our troops in extreme danger.

“A war funding bill should spend more time keeping our military equipped and prepared to protect us instead of coddling our enemies and inflaming Islamic radicals,” Shuster added.

“Last month the House overwhelmingly approved a clean version of this bill. The time for games is over and Speaker Pelosi should bring the clean bill up for a vote today.”

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