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"This is an incredibly important time to be at the center of discussions on how to keep this country safe. As we struggle with how to end our involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan, I want my constituents' voices to be heard, and that's why I'm honored to serve on this committee," said Murphy.

He added: "The Oversight Committee has been a thrilling place to serve over the last four years. Now more than ever, as our economic recovery is inching along in Connecticut, I wanted to be on the committee that can make a difference in how our federal dollars are spent. Buy American law reform will continue to be my focus."

The Foreign Affairs Committee is the lead body in the House of Representatives on foreign policy and diplomatic engagement around the world. With oversight over the State Department, the United States Agency for International Development, and the country's role at the United Nations, Murphy will be part of the debate on crucial national security and foreign policy affairs. Murphy is serving on the Middle East and South Asia subcommittee so that he can further understand the issues facing these regions and their impact on the United States.

Murphy is also a member of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which he has served on since he came to Congress in 2007. This is the main investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives and has oversight over federal contracting. The committee's high-profile hearings have covered subjects from reconstruction in Iraq, to the

state of our economy, to pharmaceutical marketing practices.

Murphy intends to continue his work on reforming our nation's Buy American laws on this committee. Last term, Murphy introduced several bills to close loopholes in our national procurement laws that allow too many tax dollars sent overseas, while Connecticut bled manufacturing jobs.

"Connecticut's economic recovery is tied to our ability to put our skilled workforce to good use. Manufacturing is what built our state, and we've got to reinvest and redirect federal dollars back to our factory floors," said Murphy.

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