Members Get Firsthand Look at Katrina Recovery Efforts

(Tuesday, March 21, 2006) On Tuesday, Reps. Michael McCaul (R-TX) and Bob Etheridge (D-NC), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Investigations, led a Congressional Delegation trip to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. The delegation examined the ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts in the region and talked with local officials and first responders about steps being taken to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

Representatives Michael McCaul (TX), Donna Christensen (VI), Bob Etheridge (NC), and Bennie Thompson (MS) depart Jackson Barracks in New Orleans for a Helo overflight of Louisianna and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Subcommittee Chairman Michael McCaul (TX) talks with members of the Mississippi National Gaurd over lunch.

Subcommittee Chairman Michael McCaul (TX) along with Representatives Donna Christensen (VI), and Zoe Lofgren(CA)meet with members of the Army Corps of Engineers and tour the 17th Street Canal Breach on Bellaire Drive.

Representatives Donna Christensen (VI), Zoe Lofgren (CA), Michael McCaul (TX), Bob Etheridge (NC), and Sheila Jackson Lee (TX) view plans for Emergency System Improvements with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Representatives Donna Christensen (VI), Zoe Lofgren (CA), Michael McCaul (TX), Bob Etheridge (NC), and Sheila Jackson Lee (TX) view the 17th Street levee in New Orleans with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Representatives Bob Etheridge (NC), Michael McCaul (TX), Bennie Thompson (MS), and Donna Christensen (VI) listen during a roundtable comment/discussion with members of the MEMA, American Medical Response, and local mayors.