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**Statement of Chairman Mike Rogers (R-AL)
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Markup of H.R. 2179

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Remarks as Prepared**

The bill under consideration today, H.R. 2179, would direct the TSA Administrator to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to the U-S-O, instead of TSA keeping the money, as is currently allowed.

As Chairman of this Subcommittee, and as a long-serving member of the Armed Services Committee, I am proud that today marks the second time this Congress that we will consider legislation to improve the nation's airports to better accommodate and support our military personnel.

The first, H.R. 1801, sponsored by my good friend Congressman Chip Cravaack, was signed into law by the President earlier this year and requires TSA to provide expedited screening for members of the armed forces. I look forward to its implementation.

TSA reported that in 2010, roughly \$400,000 was left behind at airport checkpoints throughout the country. It would be a positive change to see that money spent each year on providing a welcoming and comfortable

atmosphere at airports for our dedicated men and women of the Armed Forces. I commend Congressman Jeff Miller, the Chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, for his leadership on this issue and for introducing this important measure. I urge all of my colleagues to support it.