

WASHINGTON, DC - Hampton Roads' Congressmen Glenn Nye (VA-02), Rob Wittman (VA-01), Randy Forbes (VA-04), and Bobby Scott (VA-03) issued the following statement concerning the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR).

"There have been conflicting news reports about the contents of the upcoming QDR, and it would be inappropriate to comment on specific provisions of the document until it is formally released to Congress with the Department of Defense budget request.

"The Navy has never demonstrated a clear strategic rationale for spending up to \$1 billion to create a redundant East Coast homeport at a time when other crucial priorities are going unfunded.

"This is the beginning of the process, and the QDR is just one planning document that Congress will evaluate as we develop the Fiscal Year 2011 defense authorization and appropriations bills.

"As members of the bipartisan Hampton Roads delegation, we look forward to working together to thoroughly review all of our critical national security priorities, and making sure we spend our defense dollars wisely and responsibly."

Nye, Wittman and Forbes are members of the House Armed Services Committee, which is responsible for passing the annual Defense Authorization bill. Scott is a member of the House Budget Committee.

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