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JEC Hearing to Discuss the Proliferation and Use of Radio Frequency Weapons

-- What is the Potential Impact on the Economy? --

Washington, DC – The Joint Economic Committee (JEC) will hold a hearing on **Radio Frequency Weapons and Proliferation: Potential Impact on the Economy** at 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 25, 1998, in Room 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building. "Our hearing will explore the potential for economic terrorist attacks and how our country might prevent them," **JEC Chairman Jim Saxton said.** "Today there is a new class of radically different and important radio frequency weapons (RFW) that could have a tremendous impact on the military, the public, and our economy. That threat is even more real when you consider that 90 percent of our military communication passes over public networks."

Topic: **Radio Frequency Weapons and Proliferation: Potential Impact on the Economy**

Hearing focus will include:

- A discussion of radio frequency weapons, including where they come from, what they can do, and the implications of their use
- The conventional and terrorist threat to military personnel and civilians
- Whether stronger controls are needed

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 1998**Time:** 10 a.m.**Place:** 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building**Witnesses:****James O'Bryon**, Department of Defense**David Schriener**, Electronic Warfare Association**Ira Merritt**, Missile Defense Space Tech Center

Alan Kehs, U.S. Army Research Laboratories

Chairman Jim Saxton (R-NJ) will preside.

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