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## <u>Chambliss, McConnell React to Public Release of Senate</u> <u>Democrats' CIA Detention and Interrogation Report</u>

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.), vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), issued the following statement regarding the public release of the declassified version of the executive summary, findings and conclusions, and minority views to the committee's study of the CIA's Detention and Interrogation Program:

"As we have both stated before, we are opposed to this study and believe it will present serious consequences for U.S. national security. Regardless of what one's opinions may be on these issues, the study by Senate Democrats is an ideologically motivated and distorted recounting of historical events. The fact that the CIA's Detention and Interrogation program developed significant intelligence that helped us identify and capture important al-Qa'ida terrorists, disrupt their ongoing plotting, and take down Usama Bin Ladin is incontrovertible. Claims included in this report that assert the contrary are simply wrong."

Minority views to the SSCI's study will be released along with the majority report and available on the SSCI website HERE. As <u>Chambliss has previously noted</u>, these views are not an independent report and are intended to provide the minority's viewpoint on the committee's flawed study. The minority views are available to the public so that the American people may read the full report and draw their own conclusions.