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Senators Seek Report Card on Wartime Contracting

The [Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan](#) caused a stir with its final report to Congress in late August. And the panel's findings — including jaw-dropping [estimates of wasteful spending](#) — continue to resonate on Capitol Hill.

This afternoon, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on the commission's report that will feature testimony from two former commission members, Dov Zakheim and Katherine Schinasi. Also scheduled to appear: Frank Kendall, the Defense Department's acquisition chief, and Air Force Lieut. Gen. Brooks Bash, the director of logistics on the Pentagon's Joint Staff.

Both Mr. Kendall and Gen. Bash may be in for a grilling. In a letter sent yesterday, Sens. Claire McCaskill (D., Mo.), Jim Webb (D. Va.), and Kelly Ayotte (R., N.H.) asked U.S. Comptroller General Gene Dodaro to review how government departments and agencies have implemented recommendations of the commission.

Or, how they have *not*. The senators also asked that the Government Accountability Office find out why the relevant departments — which include State, Defense and the Agency for International Development — “may have failed to implement certain changes.”

The commissions's full report — and its recommendations — can be found [here](#).

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