

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 609

Recognizing the need for rapid recapitalization of the KC-135 aerial refueling fleet through re-competition of the United States Air Force's KC-X solicitation.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 7, 2008

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the need for rapid recapitalization of the KC-135 aerial refueling fleet through re-competition of the United States Air Force's KC-X solicitation.

Whereas aerial refueling tankers are the backbone of the worldwide airpower capability of the United States;

Whereas the United States Air Force fleet of KC-135 aerial refueling tankers is aging and needs to be recapitalized; and

Whereas recapitalization of the KC-135 medium-sized aerial refueling tanker is the top acquisition priority of the United States Air Force: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) encourages the United States Air Force to  
2 quickly re-compete the KC-X solicitation on the  
3 terms the Government Accountability Office (GAO)  
4 recommended in its June 18, 2008, decision;

5           (2) recognizes that a rapid, thorough, and fair  
6 re-competition under the terms of the original KC-  
7 X request for proposals is the best way to provide  
8 the United States Air Force with next-generation  
9 aerial refueling tanker capability in a timely manner;

10          (3) recognizes that the KC-X solicitation is the  
11 first phase of a three-phased strategy for recapital-  
12 izing the tanker fleet, and that the KC-X sollicita-  
13 tion should be based on a full and transparent com-  
14 petition to select a single aircraft design; and

15          (4) supports the recommendation of the Gov-  
16 ernment Accountability Office that “the Air Force  
17 reopen discussions with the offerors, obtain revised  
18 proposals, re-evaluate the revised proposals, and  
19 make a new source selection decision, consistent with  
20 this decision.”

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