

program and it is going to cost you \$200 million over what they estimated. I cannot do that because I am saying those are estimates. Who wants to deal with costs? Should the taxpayers bear the cost of mismanagement? I do not think so. I think the contractor ought to bear it to the extent that there is a mismanagement.

I think we have got to try to come to some recognition of what we are after here. We are trying to make an accurate assessment of the nature of the threat that confronts us and size the defense to fit that. I am not talking about 5 or 2 or 1 percent. That is not the problem. The question is, What is the nature of the threat? What do we have to do to confront the threat and neutralize it?

I will declare a recess until Senator Roth returns from the vote. At that point we will proceed with the next witness, whom I believe will be Walt Sheley from the GAO.

Mr. THAYER. Thank you, Senator.

Mr. DELAUER. Thank you.

[Mr. Thayer's prepared statement and responses to written questions submitted by Senators Roth and Levin follow:]