

Washington - Congressman Lee Terry, Senator Ben Nelson, Senator Jeff Sessions (AL) and Congressman Devin Nunes (CA) will travel to Kuwait and Iraq this week to examine military operations and Iraqi security, political and economic conditions during a 3-day tour of the region.

"This tour will give us the opportunity to measure our progress in securing Baghdad and will also give us an opportunity to question Iraqi leaders about their ability to provide economic and political stability and security for the country," said Senator Nelson. "I am particularly looking forward to meeting with troops to get their impressions of the progress in Iraq." This will be Nelson's third trip to visit Nebraska troops in Iraq following November 2004 and June 2003 visits.

"This is an opportunity to talk with the troops and the commanders in the field and have a firsthand look at their important mission," Congressman Terry said. "It is important that I go for those families with a loved one overseas and spending considerable time apart. To the troops - Guard, Reserve and enlisted - I will offer my thanks and the thanks of many other grateful Nebraskans who have expressed to me their full confidence and support in the work of our U.S. servicemen and women."

"Our soldiers have done amazing work under very difficult circumstances. This trip will help us to determine the commitment level of the Iraqi government as the coalition is moving forward

with new security plans," said Congressman Nunes.

"I am looking forward to having frank conversations with our military leaders in Iraq."

This is Congressman Nunes' second trip to the region following a visit in July 2006.

The Delegation will meet with military commanders, Iraqi government leaders, and troops, including troops from Nebraska, Alabama and California. The delegation will depart April 26 and return April 30.

Senator Nelson serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. Congressman Nunes serves on the House Ways and Means Committee. Congressman Terry serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

