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ALLARD SAYS AIR FORCE ACADEMY SEX SCANDAL “DEEPER THAN TAILHOOK”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) said today during a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee that the current sex scandal at U.S. Air Force Academy could become “deeper” than the 1991 Navy Tailhook scandal.

“Over the last couple of days, I have been asked several times if I thought the current crisis at the Air Force Academy resembled the 1991 Navy Tailhook scandal,” said Allard. “In many ways, I think the scandal is worse. It seems clear to me that the problems at the Air Force Academy go much deeper than those that became apparent during the Tailhook scandal. The entire support and legal system at the academy appears to have failed.”

Allard made his remarks before Secretary of the Air Force James Roche, who was testifying before the committee. During the hearing the Colorado lawmaker pressed Secretary Roche on the status of the on-going investigation the Air Force is conducting into allegations that more than two dozen current and former female cadets were sexually assaulted or raped. He also said he and other members of Congress will not settle for anything less than a complete investigation.

“Many of us here today have urged and in fact have nominated high school students to attend the Air Force Academy. We stressed the honor and integrity of the institution,” added Allard. “I still believe in the Air Force Academy, and I am interested in working with the Air Force to correct many of the problems at the school. But first, we need to have a full and complete investigation.”

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