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As he approached his tenth anniversary of service on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Dick Walsh said early in 2011 that Pentagon personnel planners faced upwardly spiraling personnel costs, lower overall spending for the Defense Department, the need to succeed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the stress that a decade of war had put on combat forces and their families.

The committee's veteran Republican counsel further noted that Pentagon leadership was still adjusting a major shift in budgeting procedure, the move away from financing wartime operations through supplemental appropriations bills.

In order to cap what Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates called "the gusher" of Pentagon spending, the armed services also grappled with a plan to reduce the size of the active duty forces over the course of five years.

While Defense Department leaders asserted that those personnel reductions would be based on conditions in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan, the services had few alternatives for savings. One option to be scrutinized by the armed services personnel subcommittees was greater reliance on reserve components, which have become a much more capable operational force

Another ongoing goal was increasing the "dwell time" of combat forces for recovery back home between deployments. Also high on the priority list for Walsh and the committee's personnel team were maintaining solid rates of recruiting and retaining of service members, and careful scrutiny of policies to ensure continued readiness for every military mission.

One more essential job for the personnel subcommittees overseeing the implementation of a historic change in the culture of the armed forces was the integration of openly gay men and women into the ranks. Training on the new policy was already taking place early in 2001, with full repeal of the old policy later in the year. Congress in late 2010 rescinded the Clinton administration's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" rule on homosexuality in the military.

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