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WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D-Palo Alto) and House Democrats today challenged the Majority Leadership to carry out the House's constitutional duty of oversight and investigate failures of pre-war intelligence. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi offered a Privileged Resolution calling on Republican Leadership to conduct a thorough investigation, but the resolution failed by a party line vote, 220 to 191, when Republicans unanimously moved to table the resolution.

Eshoo, a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, has repeatedly called for investigations at the Intelligence Committee as well as during full meetings of the House. The Committee has never opened a full inquiry into pre-war intelligence efforts and the allegations that intelligence was manipulated to support the Administration's call for war.

"The American people have a right to know the truth about the intelligence that led us to war in Iraq, and Congress has the duty to investigate on their behalf," said Eshoo. "We've now lost over 2,000 American lives in Iraq and witnessed abuses of power in the highest levels of the government --- perhaps, even criminality. Congress has failed in its role of oversight."

Democratic appeals to conduct investigations into the various abuses have twice been rejected along party lines in the Intelligence Committee. Democrats have sought investigation on everything from the lack of weapons of mass destruction and pre-war intelligence, to prisoner abuse at military prisons, to the intentional leak of a covert CIA operative's identity, to the strategy for troop withdrawal.

To read the full text of Leader Pelosi's Privileged Resolution, please visit <http://democraticleader.house.gov/>.

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