

(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary and affected entities, shall develop—

(A) a comprehensive enterprise architecture for information systems, including communications systems, to achieve interoperability between and among information systems of agencies with responsibility for homeland security; and

(B) a plan to achieve interoperability between and among information systems, including communications systems, of agencies with responsibility for homeland security and those of State and local agencies with responsibility for homeland security.

(2) TIMETABLES.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary and affected entities, shall establish timetables for development and implementation of the enterprise architecture and plan under paragraph (1).

(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary and acting under the responsibilities of the Director under law (including the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996), shall—

(A) ensure the implementation of the enterprise architecture developed under paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) coordinate, oversee, and evaluate the management and acquisition of information technology by agencies with responsibility for homeland security to ensure interoperability consistent with the enterprise architecture developed under subsection (1)(A).

(4) UPDATED VERSIONS.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary, shall oversee and ensure the development of updated versions of the enterprise architecture and plan developed under paragraph (1), as necessary.

(5) REPORT.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary, shall annually report to Congress on the development and implementation of the enterprise architecture and plan under paragraph (1).

(6) CONSULTATION.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall consult with information systems management experts in the public and private sectors, in the development and implementation of the enterprise architecture and plan under paragraph (1).

(7) PRINCIPAL OFFICER.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall designate, with the approval of the President, a principal officer in the Office of Management and Budget, whose primary responsibility shall be to carry out the duties of the Director under this subsection.

(d) AGENCY COOPERATION.—The head of each agency with responsibility for homeland security shall fully cooperate with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the development of a comprehensive enterprise architecture for information systems and in the management and acquisition of information technology consistent with the comprehensive enterprise architecture developed under subsection (c).

(e) CONTENT.—The enterprise architecture developed under subsection (c), and the information systems managed and acquired under the enterprise architecture, shall possess the characteristics of—

- (1) rapid deployment;
- (2) a highly secure environment, providing data access only to authorized users; and
- (3) the capability for continuous system upgrades to benefit from advances in technology while preserving the integrity of stored data.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, let me clarify one point. Recent news stories indicate the former national security adviser John Poindexter is working at the Department of Defense to develop a plan to shift private database research in fear that it might be useful for intelligence purposes. That proposal raises some privacy questions, I concede. Another mistaken news story suggests that homeland security will facilitate that kind of investigation into private databases.

My proposal has nothing to do with this DOD plan. My proposal focuses only on making sure the Federal Government computer databases can communicate with one another when necessary to make certain, for example, that the INS and the FBI can share internal information—not information on private databases—to help protect against terrorist risk.

I yield the floor.

VISIT TO THE SENATE BY MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, one of the privileges accorded to the majority leader is the opportunity to welcome and to introduce our fellow legislators from the European Parliament. This is a tradition that began in 1972, and it has continued every year since.

Earlier this year in July, we welcomed the President of the European Parliament to the Senate. Today, I am pleased to welcome another 16 of his colleagues representing countries from across that great continent. As I said when Mr. Cox visited in July, this tradition is especially meaningful, because although the Atlantic Ocean separates us from our European friends, we are certainly connected—connected in beliefs and in the rule of law, and a commitment to the betterment of the people we serve and the world we share.

Today's visit has added significance, coming as it does at a period of heightened concern across Europe about the potential new terrorist attacks.

So we reiterate today our strong determination to stand together, united by our shared values and by our commitment to stand, as we have for now so long, on issues related to commerce, on issues related to trade, and on issues related to war.

I ask unanimous consent that the names of our colleagues from the European Parliament be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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GUE/NGL Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left.

UEN Union for Europe of the Nations Group.

EDD Group for a Europe of Democracies and Diversities.

NI Non-attached.

Mr. DASCHLE. I would also like to notify Senators that our colleagues from the European Parliament are available now to meet on the floor. I welcome them. I am delighted they are here.

Madam President, I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BREAUX). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I reiterate again our thanks to our colleagues for their willingness to join us on the Senate floor. It is a real pleasure for us to have the opportunity to talk with them. We wish them well in their travels within the United States.

We again reiterate how welcome they are and how hopeful we are that we can continue to maintain the dialog, the friendship, and the partnership that we have as countries interested in a mutual goal.

We thank them for being here.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002—Continued

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I now ask that we return to the regular order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL). Regular order.

The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I have sought recognition to comment on the bill generally, and to discuss three amendments which I have filed.

I believe it is vitally important that the Senate conclude action on homeland security at the earliest possible date. And I believe, regrettably, but importantly, that we should accept the