



## Senator Feinstein Welcomes House Proposal To Reform Intelligence Community April 1, 2004

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) welcomed the introduction of a package of intelligence reform measures by the Democratic members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Thursday. The measures include a key provision creating, for the first time, a single Director of National Intelligence separate from the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, to lead the 15 agencies, departments and offices which make up America's Intelligence Community.

**Senator Feinstein also announced a May 19 hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on the Intelligence Community Leadership Reform Act, which she co-sponsored with Senator Bob Graham (D-FL). The bill includes Senator Feinstein's proposal to establish a Director of National Intelligence, a single person with statutory and budget authority over the entire Intelligence Community.**

**"Our current intelligence structure is in critical need of reform,"** Senator Feinstein said. **"The failures leading up to 9/11 and in Iraq demonstrate the urgency of improving the way we collect and analyze intelligence, but also the way we guide our overall Intelligence Community in preparing for current and future threats."**

**Approximately eighty percent of the intelligence budget is administered by the Defense Department while the Director of Central Intelligence administers the remaining twenty percent.**

**"How can a Director of Central Intelligence who controls only twenty percent of the budget of fifteen different intelligence agencies provide [exercise] the authority if he doesn't have meaningful control over resources?"** Senator Feinstein said.

**In the House, the Intelligence Transformation Act was introduced by Representatives Jane Harman (CA), Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; Alcee Hastings (FL); Silvestre Reyes (TX); Leonard Boswell (IA); Collin Peterson (MN); Bud Cramer (AL); Anna Eshoo (CA); Rush Holt (NJ); and Dutch Ruppersberger (MD).**

**The Intelligence Transformation Act would also establish an Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence who would simultaneously serve as the Deputy Director of National Intelligence, streamline the collection and analysis of intelligence, and launch a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Proliferation Threat Integration Center.**

**“I am hopeful that the two bodies will continue to work together on this problem, as we did on the House-Senate Joint Inquiry into the Attacks of 9/11” added Senator Feinstein. “We cannot afford to wait any longer.”**

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