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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2006

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. REICHERT, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

Additional sponsors: Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. DENT, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. McNULTY

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 14, 2006]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Promoting*
5 *Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Coopera-*
6 *tion Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 *The Congress finds the following:*

9 (1) *The development and implementation of tech-*
10 *nology is critical to combating terrorism and other*
11 *high consequence events and implementing a com-*
12 *prehensive homeland security strategy.*

13 (2) *The United States and its allies in the global*
14 *war on terrorism share a common interest in facili-*
15 *tating research, development, testing, and evaluation*
16 *of technologies that will aid in detecting, preventing,*
17 *responding to, recovering from, and mitigating*
18 *against acts of terrorism.*

1 (3) *Certain United States allies in the global*
2 *war on terrorism, including Israel, the United King-*
3 *dom, Canada, Australia, and Singapore have exten-*
4 *sive experience with, and technological expertise in,*
5 *homeland security.*

6 (4) *The United States and certain of its allies in*
7 *the global war on terrorism have a history of success-*
8 *ful collaboration in developing mutually beneficial*
9 *technologies in the areas of defense, agriculture, and*
10 *telecommunications.*

11 (5) *The United States and its allies in the global*
12 *war on terrorism will mutually benefit from the shar-*
13 *ing of technological expertise to combat domestic and*
14 *international terrorism.*

15 (6) *The establishment of an office to facilitate*
16 *and support cooperative endeavors between and*
17 *among government agencies, for-profit business enti-*
18 *ties, academic institutions, and nonprofit entities of*
19 *the United States and its allies will safeguard lives*
20 *and property worldwide against acts of terrorism and*
21 *other high consequence events.*

1 **SEC. 3. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTER-**
2 **NATIONAL COOPERATION ACT.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Homeland Security Act of*
4 *2002 is amended by inserting after section 313 (6 U.S.C.*
5 *193) the following new section:*

6 **“SEC. 314. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTER-**
7 **NATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

9 “(1) *DIRECTOR.*—*The term ‘Director’ means the*
10 *Director selected under subsection (c)(1).*

11 “(2) *INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVI-*
12 *TIES.*—*The term ‘international cooperative activities’*
13 *includes—*

14 “(A) *coordinated research projects, joint re-*
15 *search projects, or joint ventures;*

16 “(B) *joint studies or technical demonstra-*
17 *tions;*

18 “(C) *coordinated field exercises, scientific*
19 *seminars, conferences, symposia, and workshops;*

20 “(D) *training of scientists and engineers;*

21 “(E) *visits and exchanges of scientists, engi-*
22 *neers, or other appropriate personnel;*

23 “(F) *exchanges or sharing of scientific and*
24 *technological information; and*

25 “(G) *joint use of laboratory facilities and*
26 *equipment.*

1 “(3) *UNDER SECRETARY.*—*The term ‘Under Sec-*
2 *retary’ means the Under Secretary for Science and*
3 *Technology of the Department of Homeland Security.*

4 “(4) *INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*—*The*
5 *term ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning*
6 *given such term in section 101(a) of the Higher Edu-*
7 *cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).*

8 “(b) *INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES.*—

9 “(1) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*The Under Secretary is*
10 *authorized to carry out international cooperative ac-*
11 *tivities to support the responsibilities specified under*
12 *section 302.*

13 “(2) *MECHANISMS AND EQUITABILITY.*—*In car-*
14 *rying out this section, the Under Secretary may*
15 *award grants to and enter into cooperative agree-*
16 *ments or contracts with United States governmental*
17 *organizations, businesses, federally funded research*
18 *and development centers, institutions of higher edu-*
19 *cation, and foreign public or private entities. The*
20 *Under Secretary shall ensure that funding and re-*
21 *sources expended in international cooperative activi-*
22 *ties will be equitably matched by the foreign partner*
23 *organization through direct funding or funding of*
24 *complementary activities, or through provision of*
25 *staff, facilities, materials, or equipment.*

1 “(3) *COOPERATION.*—*The Under Secretary is*
2 *authorized to conduct international cooperative ac-*
3 *tivities jointly with other agencies.*

4 “(4) *FOREIGN PARTNERS.*—*Under this section,*
5 *the Under Secretary may form partnerships with*
6 *United States allies in the global war on terrorism,*
7 *including Israel, the United Kingdom, Canada, Aus-*
8 *tralia, Singapore, and other countries as appropriate.*

9 “(5) *EXOTIC DISEASES.*—*As part of the inter-*
10 *national cooperative activities authorized in this sec-*
11 *tion, the Under Secretary may facilitate the develop-*
12 *ment of information sharing and other types of coop-*
13 *erative mechanisms with foreign countries, including*
14 *nations in Africa, to strengthen American prepared-*
15 *ness against threats to the Nation’s agricultural and*
16 *public health sectors from exotic diseases.*

17 “(c) *OFFICE AND DIRECTOR.*—

18 “(1) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Under Secretary*
19 *shall establish the Science and Technology Homeland*
20 *Security International Cooperative Programs Office*
21 *to facilitate international cooperative activities*
22 *throughout the Science and Technology Directorate.*
23 *The Office shall be headed by a Director, who shall*
24 *be selected by and shall report to the Under Secretary.*

25 “(2) *RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR.*—

1 “(A) *DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS.*—*The*
2 *Director shall be responsible for developing, in*
3 *coordination with the Department of State and*
4 *other Federal agencies, mechanisms and legal*
5 *frameworks to allow and to support inter-*
6 *national cooperative activities in support of*
7 *homeland security research.*

8 “(B) *IDENTIFICATION OF PARTNERS.*—*The*
9 *Director shall facilitate the matching of United*
10 *States entities engaged in homeland security re-*
11 *search with non-United States entities engaged*
12 *in homeland security research so that they may*
13 *partner in homeland security research activities.*

14 “(C) *COORDINATION.*—*The Director shall*
15 *ensure that the activities under this subsection*
16 *are coordinated with those of other components of*
17 *the Department and of other relevant research*
18 *agencies.*

19 “(D) *CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS.*—*The*
20 *Director, periodically, shall support the planning*
21 *and execution of international homeland security*
22 *technology workshops and conferences to improve*
23 *contact among the international community of*
24 *technology developers and to help establish direc-*
25 *tion for future technology goals.*

1 “(3) *PROGRAM MANAGER AUTHORITY.*—*This sub-*
2 *section shall not be construed to limit the ability of*
3 *a program manager to initiate or carry out inter-*
4 *national cooperative activities provided that such ac-*
5 *tivities are appropriately coordinated with the office*
6 *established under this subsection.*

7 “(d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There*
8 *are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Home-*
9 *land Security for international cooperative activities au-*
10 *thorized under this section \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal*
11 *years 2007 through 2010.*

12 “(e) *REPORT TO CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL COOP-*
13 *ERATIVE ACTIVITIES.*—

14 “(1) *INITIAL REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days*
15 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Sec-*
16 *retary, acting through the Director, shall transmit to*
17 *the Congress a report containing—*

18 “(A) *a brief description of each partnership*
19 *formed under subsection (b)(4), including the*
20 *participants, goals, and amount and sources of*
21 *funding; and*

22 “(B) *a list of international cooperative ac-*
23 *tivities underway, including the participants,*
24 *goals, expected duration, and amount and*

1 *sources of funding, including resources provided*
2 *to support the activities in lieu of direct funding.*

3 “(2) *UPDATES.—At the end of the fiscal year*
4 *that occurs 5 years after the transmittal of the report*
5 *under subsection (a), and every 5 years thereafter, the*
6 *Under Secretary, acting through the Director, shall*
7 *transmit to the Congress an update of the report re-*
8 *quired under subsection (a).”.*

9 “(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The table of*
10 *contents of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended*
11 *by adding after the item relating to section 313 the fol-*
12 *lowing new item:*

 “*Sec. 314. Promoting antiterrorism through international cooperation program.*”.

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