

Revamp antiquated classification and marking systems, as they relate to sensitive but unclassified information;

Ensure that information privacy and other legal rights of Americans are protected in the development and implementation of the ISE; and

Ensure that departments and agencies promote a culture of information sharing by assigning personnel and dedicating resources to terrorism information sharing.

The guidelines build on the strong commitment that my Administration and the Congress have already made to strengthening information sharing, as evidenced by Executive Orders 13311 of July 27, 2003, and 13388 of October 25, 2005, section 892 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the USA PATRIOT Act, and sections 1011 and 1016 of the IRTPA. While much work has been done by executive departments and agencies, more is required to fully develop and implement the ISE.

To lead this national effort, I designated the Program Manager (PM) responsible for information sharing across the Federal Government, and directed that the PM and his office be part of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), and that the DNI exercise authority, direction, and control over the PM and ensure that the PM carries out his responsibilities under section 1016 of IRTPA. I fully support the efforts of the PM and the Information Sharing Council to transform our current capabilities into the desired ISE, and I have directed all heads of executive departments and agencies to support the PM and the DNI to meet our stated objectives.

Creating the ISE is a difficult and complex task that will require a sustained effort and strong partnership with the Congress. I know that you share my commitment to achieve the goal of providing decision makers and the men and women on the front lines in the War on Terror with the best possible information to protect our Nation. I appreciate your support to date and look forward to working with you in the months ahead on this critical initiative.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, December 16, 2005.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1815) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HUNTER, WELDON of Pennsylvania, HEFLEY, SAXTON, MCHUGH, EVERETT, BARTLETT of Maryland, MCKEON, THORNBERRY, HOSTETTLER, RYUN of Kansas, GIBBONS, HAYES, CALVERT, SIMMONS, Mrs. DRAKE, Messrs. SKELTON, SPRATT, ORTIZ, EVANS, TAYLOR of Mississippi, ABERCROMBIE, MECHAN, REYES, SNYDER, SMITH of Washington, Ms. Loretta SANCHEZ of California, and Mrs. TAUSCHER.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. HOEKSTRA, LAHOOD, and Ms. HARMAN.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 561-563, 571, and 815 of the House bill, and sections 581-584 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CASTLE, WILSON of South Carolina, and HOLT.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 314, 601, 1032, and 3201 of the House bill, and sections 312, 1084, 2893, 3116, and 3201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BARTON of Texas, GILLMOR, and DINGELL.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 676 and 1073 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. OXLEY, NEY, and FRANK of Massachusetts.

From the Committee on Governmental Reform, for consideration of sections 322, 665, 811, 812, 820A, 822-825, 901, 1101-1106, 1108, title XIV, sections 2832, 2841, and 2852 of the House bill, and sections 652, 679, 801, 802, 809E, 809F, 809G, 809H, 811, 824, 831, 843-845, 857, 922, 1073, 1106, and 1109 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, SHAYS, and WAXMAN.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sections 1032, 1033, and 1035 of the House bill, and section 907 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. LINDER, DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, and THOMPSON of Mississippi.

From the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of sections 814, 1021, 1203-1206, and 1301-1305 of the House bill, and sections 803, 1033, 1203, 1205-1207, and 1301-1306 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HYDE, LEACH, and LANTOS.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 551, 673, 1021, 1043, and 1051 of the House bill, and sections 553, 615, 617, 619, 1072, 1075, 1077, and 1092 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, CHABOT, and CONYERS.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 341-346, 601, and 2813 of the House bill, and sections 1078, 2884, and 3116 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. POMBO, BROWN of South Carolina, and RAHALL.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of section 223 of the House bill and sections 814 and 3115 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BOEHLERT, AKIN, and GORDON.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of section 223 of the House bill, and sections 814, 849-852, 855, and 901 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. MANZULLO, Mrs. KELLY, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 314, 508, 601, and 1032-1034 of the House bill, and sections 312, 2890, 2893, and 3116 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. YOUNG of Alaska, DUNCAN, and SALAZAR.

From the Committee on Veterans Affairs, for consideration of sections 641, 678, 714, and 1085 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BUYER, MILLER of Florida, and Ms. BERKLEY.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 677 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THOMAS, HERGER, and McDERMOTT.

At 2:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2830. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 294. Concurrent resolution calling on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China, as a tool for suppression maintained by the Chinese Government.

H. Con. Res. 312. Concurrent resolution urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw the first draft of the proposed legislation as passed in its first reading in the State Duma that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic, international, and foreign non-governmental organizations in the Russian Federation, or to modify the proposed legislation to entirely remove these restrictions.

H. Con. Res. 315. Concurrent resolution urging the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month.

At 8:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the

amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4440) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for the Gulf Opportunity Zone and certain areas affected by Hurricane Rita and Wilma, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House insist upon its amendment to the bill (S. 1932) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95), disagreed to by the Senate, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

For consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment thereto, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DELAY, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. FORD.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of title I of the Senate bill and title I of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of title VII of the Senate bill and title II and subtitle C of title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of title III and title VI of the Senate bill and title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. UPTON, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, and Mr. DINGELL.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of title II of the Senate bill and title IV of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Provided, that Mr. NEY is appointed in lieu of Mr. BACHUS for consideration of subtitles C and D of title II of the Senate bill and subtitle B of title IV of the House amendment.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of title VIII of the Senate bill and title V of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. CONYERS.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of title IV of the Senate bill and title VI of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. POMBO, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. RAHALL.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consider-

ation of title V and division A of the Senate bill and title VII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. OBERSTAR.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 6039, 6071, and subtitle B of title VI of the Senate bill and title VIII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. RANGEL.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2892. An act to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to remove the limitation on the number of reverse mortgages that may be insured under the FHA mortgage insurance program for such mortgages.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that today, December 16, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 335. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4925. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solicitation of Federal Civilian and Uniformed Service Personnel for Contributions to Private Voluntary Organizations—Sanctions Compliance Certification" (RIN3206-AK71) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4926. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Change in the Survey Cycle for the Harrison, Mississippi, Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area a" (RIN3206-AK96) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4927. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Adams-Denver, CO, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-AK91) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4928. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter to Chairman Cropp and Members of the Council of the District of Columbia on the Auditor's Concerns Regarding Matters that May Adversely Affect the Financial Operations of the Washington Convention Center"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4929. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A for Fiscal Years 2003 Through 2005, as of March 31, 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4930. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Building a High-Quality Workforce: The Federal Career Intern Program"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4931. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act/Inspector General Act Reports for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4932. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report to Congress on Grants Streamlining; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4933. A communication from the Chairman, National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982 for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4934. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law a report relative to the Inspector General Act of 1978 for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4935. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Report on Management Decisions and Final Actions on Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4936. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1978 for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4937. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Inspector General Report for the period April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4938. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4939. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Border and Transportation Security Policy, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Task Force on the Prohibition of Importation of Products of Forced or Prison Labor from the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4940. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4941. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Postal Service,