SEC. 305. LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS.

(a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall develop a government-wide definition of lead systems integrators and complete a study on the use of such integrators by executive agencies.

(b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the study under subsection (a) is completed, the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall issue guidance on the appropriate use of lead system integrators to ensure that they are used in the best interests of the Federal Government.

SEC. 306. LIMITATIONS ON TIERING OF SUBCONTRACTORS.

(a) REGULATIONS.—The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall promulgate regulations applicable to contracts described in subsection (b) to minimize the excessive use by contractors of subcontractors or tiers of subcontractors in cases where a subcontractor does not perform work in proportion to any overhead or profit that the subcontractor receives under the contract.

(b) COVERED CONTRACTS.—This section applies to any cost-reimbursement type contract or task or delivery order in an amount greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (as defined by section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403)).

SEC. 307. RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS THAT ARE SERIOUS THREATS TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

(a) RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR.—The contracting officer for an executive agency may consider whether a contractor may pose a serious threat to national security in assessing whether a contractor is responsible enough to be awarded a Federal contract.

(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall provide guidance to executive agencies on implementation of this section.

SEC. 308. REQUIRED CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM MANAGERS FOR DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY LEVEL ONE PROGRAMS.

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall assign to each program of the Department of Homeland Security with an estimated value of more than $100,000,000 at least one program manager certified by the Secretary as competent to administer programs of that size.

SEC. 309. ELIMINATION OF ONE-YEAR LIMITATION ON INTEREST DUE ON LATE PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS.

Section 3901(d)(3)(A) of title 31, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(3)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), an interest penalty under this chapter does not continue to accrue after a claim for an interest penalty is filed in the manner described in paragraph (2).''.

SEC. 310. ENSURING THAT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PERFORM INHERENTLY GOVERNMENTAL WORK.

The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall—

(1) analyze the services for which agencies are contracting (other than through the process governed by Office of Management and Budget Circular A–76);

(2) establish government-wide guidelines to ensure that inherently governmental work is performed by Federal employees; and

(3) report to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives on actions taken under this section not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 311. REPORT ON ACQUISITION ADVISORY PANEL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives a comprehensive report on implementation of the recommendations of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (in this section referred to as the ''Panel'') established under section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003 (title XIV of Public Law 108–136; 41 U.S.C. 405 note).

(b) CONTENT.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a description of the implementation of the recommendations of the Panel; and

(2) with respect to any recommendations of the Panel not implemented, a justification and discussion of the reasons for not implementing such recommendations.

SEC. 312. REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.

(a) REPORT.—In order to assess additional actions that should be taken to further improve the acquisition system, the Comptroller General of the United States shall, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, conduct reviews and submit one or more reports to Congress on Federal acquisition policy.

(b) CONTENT.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the 2 statutory standards governing the qualifications of the government's acquisition workforce and an assessment of the implementation of and practical impact of both standards and whether there should be a single standard for the acquisition workforce.

(2) A list and assessment of all Federal institutions providing acquisition and program management education and training and a recommendation on the advisability of continuing to offer education and training through multiple institutions or whether education and training should be combined at one government-wide institution.

(3) A review of agency compliance with Section 1412 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003 (title XIV of Public Law 108–136; 41 U.S.C. 433 note), including whether agencies have appointed Chief Acquisition Officers whose primary duties are acquisition management, and recommendations for the appointment of Chief Acquisition Officers government-wide.

(c) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REVIEW.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall review the determinations made by executive agencies under section 303(g) regarding indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts and shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of requirements related to such determinations.

SEC. 313. MAPPING AND SURVEYING SERVICES.

The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation to provide guidance on contracting for mapping and surveying services in accordance with chapter 11 of title 40, United States Code, to ensure that these services are being procured through appropriate competitive procedures and that offers are evaluated using a qualifications-based selection process.

SEC. 314. TIMELY AND ACCURATE TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION INCLUDED IN FEDERAL PROCUREMENT DATA SYSTEM.

Section 19 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 417(d)) is amended to read as follows:

''(d) TRANSMISSION AND DATA ENTRY OF INFORMATION.—The head of each executive agency shall ensure the accuracy of the information included in the record established and maintained by such agency under subsection (a) and shall timely transmit such information to the General Services Administration for entry into the Federal Procurement Data System referred to in section 6(d)(4), or any successor system.''.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the substitute amendment at the desk be agreed to, the committee-reported amendment as amended be agreed to, the bill as amended be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3565) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under ''Text of Amendments.'')

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 680) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2318

Mr. DURBIN. I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2318) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax and to permanently extend the reductions in income tax rates, and for other purposes.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:45 a.m., Thursday, November 8; that on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day, that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; provided that the majority controls the first half and the Republicans controlling the final portion; that at the close of morning business, the Senate resume the veto message on H.R. 1495, as provided for under a previous order.