

Update on U.S. Border Legislation

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Targeting Terrorist Travel and Weapons

- Targeting the high-risk using information
 - Expedite movement of low-risk travelers and cargo
 - Layers of security
 - Efficient use of limited homeland security resources
 - Open borders to allow free flow of goods and people
 - Minimize impact on trade and the economy
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Traveler Screening

- Visas and U.S. Consulate interviews mandatory
 - Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004
 - Consolidated Terrorist Watchlist generated by the Terrorist Screening Center
 - Advanced Passenger Information System (APIS) transmits passenger name information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection
 - ATS targeting of individuals at port of entry
 - U.S.-VISIT confirms biometric identity at entry
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Visa Waiver Program

- Visas required except for tourists from 27 countries participate in VWP:
 - Austria, Australia, Andorra, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom
 - Two-thirds of foreign air travelers to the U.S.
 - 9,000 travelers arrive in NYC every day
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VWP Terrorism Risks

- Great Britain's MI5 is monitoring 2,000 terrorist suspects in the UK



- No interview at consulate
 - No fingerprint check against terrorist or criminal databases before flight
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Enhances to Visa Waiver Program Security in H.R. 1

- Country must share of intelligence on prospective travelers
- Electronic Travel Authorization
- Improved reporting of lost and stolen passports
- US-VISIT exit at U.S. airports

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Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative -- WHTI

- Know who is entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, and Caribbean countries
- Intel Reform Act, Section 7209, requires Passport or “alternative document”
- Ahmed Ressam – Detected at Washington State Port of Entry



WHTI Changes in 2008

- Reduce the variety of documents reviewed by Customs and Border Protection Officers
 - But DHS plans to require a driver’s license and copy of birth certificate beginning in January 2008
- DHS intends to implement passport rule at land and sea ports of entry in 2008
 - 2008 Homeland Security Appropriations Bills have delay until June 2009

Alternative Documents

- State driver's license pilot projects
 - Washington, Arizona, Vermont, New York
 - Time to Implement Enhancements

 - Passport Card alternative
 - Cost and Execution Fee
 - State Department Capacity

 - Senate Bill 35
 - Senators Collins, Coleman, and 3 other co-sponsors
 - Mobile enrollment centers
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Infrastructure Improvements

- 2008 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill
 - \$230 million for improving primary vehicle inspections

 - CBP estimates that it will cost \$4 billion to upgrade land ports of entry
 - General Services Administration (GSA) Budget
 - Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations: \$50 million for Calais Port of Entry and \$12 million for Jackman
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Trends Affecting Border Inspections

- Frequent Traveler Programs
 - NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST
 - International Registered Traveler
- Earlier Transmission of Information
 - Advanced Trade Date Elements Rule
 - Airline Passenger Information Received Before Boarding
- Enhancing Canadian Border Security
 - U.S. Northern Border is Different Than Southern
- Import Safety Regulations