

Security Legislative Monitor

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Jim Nussle's Agenda ...

***Expand Iowa's
Economy to Create
Jobs***

***Improve Iowa
Education and
Expect Better Results***

***Access to Quality
Health Care for All
Iowans***

***Secure Our Nation
and Support Our
Troops***

***Strengthen Iowa's
Agriculture and
Encourage Fair
Trade***

***Responsible Budgets
and Common-Sense
Taxation***

***Promote Iowa as an
Energy State***

***Retirement Security
for All Iowans***

***Honor Promises
Made to Iowa's Vet-
erans***

Nussle Agenda to Secure Our Nation and Support Our Troops

"Ensuring a strong national defense and homeland security are the top jobs for the federal government. As the war on terrorism continues, we must support our troops with the resources they need and be prepared for new and emerging threats. At home, we must provide safety and security for our borders, infrastructure, natural resources and food supply."

Jim Nussle

Jim has worked to achieve a positive legislative agenda for Iowa and our country's security since coming to Congress and will continue to work on these goals in the 109th Congress.

Secure Our Nation and Support Our Troops Goals:

1. Support our troops to combat terrorism
2. Enhance intelligence capability and coordination
3. Prevent further terrorist attacks at home and around the world
4. Protect our borders from illegal immigration
5. Improve security of postal facilities and safety of the mail
6. Ensure the safety of our Nation's energy and water resources
7. Ensure the safety of our Nation's crops and food supply
8. Ensure necessary resources to respond to any future attacks
9. Develop next generation vaccines and antibiotics

To achieve these goals, Jim has sponsored and co-sponsored many pieces of legislation. As the House Budget Committee Chairman, he has written many security items into his budget. You will find more details on the following pages.

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Nussle's Security Agenda Legislation:

Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Resolution (H. Con. Res. 376)

- Provides a 7 percent increase for defense and 3.8 percent for homeland security.
- Sets aside a \$50 billion reserve fund to pay for war costs.
- *Constructed by Rep. Nussle as chairman of the House Budget committee. Approved by the House of Representatives on May 18, 2006.*

Fiscal Year 2007 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (H.R. 5441)

- Provides \$32.0 billion operations and activities at the Department of Homeland Security.
- Provides \$3.2 billion for first responders; firefighters and state and local law enforcement training.
- Funding levels include \$2.33 billion in funds for border security and control, which includes the hiring of 1,200 new Border Patrol agents, making a total of 13,580 on the border.
- *Approved by the House of Representatives on June 6, 2006.*

National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2007 (H.R. 5122)

- Provides \$50 billion in supplemental funding for ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Recommends additional increases in Army and Marine Corps active duty personnel.
- Includes funds to strengthen and expand our National Guard Forces.
- Provides a 2.7 percent pay raise for member of the Armed Forces.
- *Approved by the House of Representatives on May 11, 2006.*

Promoting Border Security

Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act (H.R. 4437)

- Ends the practice of "Catch and Release," where illegal immigrants are caught and released when local governments cannot detain them.
- Speeds up deportation process for immigrants who are deported and then return. Current law requires a second court order for the deportation to take place.
- Cracks down on hiring illegal workers by U.S. employers.
- *Approved by the House of Representatives on December 16, 2005. The Senate approved its own immigration bill and a joint House-Senate conference committee is being held to iron out the differences.*
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Enhanced Border Security Act and Visa Entry Reform Act

- Requires other countries to tell the U.S. about thefts of blank passports.
- Bars nationals of countries that sponsor terrorism from receiving visas unless it is determined that those aliens do not pose a threat to our nation.
- Creates new regulations for tracking of student visas by creating an electronic visa tracking system and requiring educational institutions to report students who do not enroll in classes.
- *Approved by Congress and signed by the President on May 14, 2002.*

Department of Homeland Security/Homeland Security Act

- Announcement by the President to create a new cabinet-level agency.
- Most significant reorganization of the federal government in a half-century.
- Provides compromise between new department and Dept. of Agriculture on joint jurisdiction of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- Brings these existing agencies under one federal department:
 - > Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - > National Domestic Preparedness Office of the FBI
 - > Immigration and Naturalization Service
 - > National Disaster Medical System
 - > Secret Service
 - > Coast Guard
 - > Transportation Security Administration
- *Co-sponsored by Rep. Nussle.*
- *Approved by Congress and signed into law on November 25, 2002.*

Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act

- Enhances and reforms the national intelligence community based on the recommendations of the 9-11 commission.
- Makes Critical changes to secure our nation from the threat of terrorism.
- *Approved by Congress and signed into law on December 23, 2004.*

Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act

- Protects the nation from bioterrorist threats.
- Authorizes \$1.6 billion in grants to improve planning and preparedness activities.
- Expands stockpiles of anthrax and smallpox vaccines.
- *Approved by Congress and signed into law on June 12, 2002.*

Aviation and Transportation Security Act

- Provides increased measures for aviation security including a military presence at all airports.
- Requires airport security personnel to be U.S. citizens and they will be federal employees.
- Deployment of Federal Air Marshals.
- Allows pilots to carry firearms in the cockpit.
- *Approved by Congress and signed into law on November 19, 2001.*