

rity/Defense Management, and supports such efforts, especially when executed in cooperation with the Homeland Security/Defense Education Consortium and other Department of Defense educational institutions. The committee encourages the Department, as well as other federal agencies and civilian institutions, to continue to support these types of programs.

Improving International Pandemic Preparedness Through Theater Security Cooperation Programs

The committee notes that the Department of Defense was successful in providing rapid humanitarian assistance to Southeast Asia following the December 2004, tsunami due, in part, to military to military agreements, relationships, and training established through U.S. Pacific Command's Theater Security Cooperation Program. Such pre-existing military agreements, relationships, and training could only prove beneficial during other disasters, including regional health epidemics or a global pandemic. The committee believes that during foreign military training and joint exercises with international partners, the Department should actively seek to improve the capabilities of military allies in the areas of surveillance and early warning of infectious disease outbreak and pandemic preparedness, particularly in Africa and Southeast Asia. The committee encourages the regional combatant commanders to review current efforts and make specific recommendations to the Secretary of Defense for opportunities to expand such efforts in fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

Increasing the Availability of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Assets in the Event of a Catastrophic Natural or Man-made Disaster

The committee is aware that the federal response to Hurricane Katrina was hampered by a lack of situational awareness of post-landfall conditions along the Gulf Coast, as noted in the final report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina. The Department of Defense possesses unparalleled assets for intelligence collection that are used worldwide to coordinate and support military operations.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to increase the availability of these Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance assets in the event of a catastrophic natural or man-made disaster for use in damage assessment and the coordination of relief efforts. The committee also directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees as to the status of this effort by January 31, 2007.

Joint Training and Certification for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense

The 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) envisioned the future force would be organized, trained, equipped, and resourced to deal with all aspects of the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction; but the QDR provided no insight into how the Department of Defense will achieve its nuclear, chemical, and biological defense training objective. Therefore, the committee directs the As-

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, and Secretary of the Air Force, to perform a gap analysis on nuclear, chemical, and biological (NCB) defense training, to review NCB defense doctrine across each of the military services, and to make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services by October 1, 2007, regarding the implementation of joint training, certification, and doctrinal alignment for NCB defense for both the active and reserve components.

National Counter Proliferation Center

The committee commends the Director of National Intelligence for formally establishing the National Counter Proliferation Center (NCPC) on November 21, 2005. As a result of testimony received during recent Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities Subcommittee hearings, the committee believes that it is essential that a body within the U.S. Government integrate and coordinate all elements of national power to combat weapons of mass destruction. The committee notes that the National Security Intelligence Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458) mandates that the NCPC address seven missions and objectives. The committee is concerned that the NCPC is not, and has no plans to carry out the following two missions and objectives: (1) coordinating counter proliferation plans and activities of the various departments and agencies of the U.S. Government to prevent and halt the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems, and related materials and technologies and (2) conducting strategic operational counter proliferation planning for the U.S. Government to prevent and halt the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems, and related materials and technologies.

Therefore, the committee directs the Director of the NCPC to submit to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services, and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence by February 1, 2007, a report that explains why the NCPC has not taken steps to carry out its statutorily mandated missions and objectives to coordinate U.S. Government counter proliferation plans and activities and conduct strategic operational counter proliferation planning for the U.S. Government. The report should indicate whether the NCPC expects the President to waive any of the missions and objectives assigned to the NCPC pursuant to the National Security Intelligence Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458). In the event the NCPC will not carry out any or all of the seven of the missions and objectives detailed in the National Security Intelligence Reform Act of 2004, (Public Law 108-458) and the President will not execute a national security waiver, the report should explain how the President is meeting the requirements in section 1022 of the National Security Intelligence Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458).