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**Statement by the Director of National Intelligence
Mr. Mike McConnell**

Minutes ago I just reviewed the proposal put forward by Chairman Rockefeller to modify the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. While I appreciate the effort to address critical gaps in our current intelligence capabilities, I cannot support this proposal.

The Majority Bill creates significant uncertainty in an area where certainty is paramount in order to protect the country. I must have certainty in order to protect the nation from attacks that are being planned today to inflict mass casualties on the United States.