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New Terrorist Surveillance: **Interrupted**

Midnight. February 16th.

A vital law protecting terrorist surveillance programs expires, depriving U.S. intelligence agencies of some of the tools used to prevent attacks.

Senate Republicans and Democrats vote overwhelmingly to extend the law. But the House refused to vote — and instead went on vacation — despite bipartisan warnings from the intelligence community.

- Democrat Jay Rockefeller, Chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee:
"What people have to understand around here is that the quality of the intelligence we are going to be receiving is going to be degraded. It is going to be degraded." 2/14/08
- Admiral Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence:
"We have lost intelligence information this past week as a direct result of the uncertainty created by Congress' failure to act." 2/22/08
- Letter from Twenty-Five Attorneys General to Speaker Nancy Pelosi:
"With S. 2248 still pending in the House of Representatives, our national security is in jeopardy." 3/4/08

Since 9/11, these programs have helped intelligence agencies prevent more attacks at home, and abroad. Without them, surveillance of new terrorist threats is crippled.

The House must act to pass the Senate's Terror Surveillance Bill — and restore essential intelligence-gathering capabilities.

Because while Congress may take vacations, America's enemies do not.

Pass the Senate's Terror Surveillance Bill.

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