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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

[STAFF WORKING DRAFT]

March 11, 2003

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to report to the Congress in writing on the impact of the Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System, proposed to be implemented by the Transportation Security Administration, on the privacy and civil liberties of United States citizens.

IN THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION—108TH Cong., 1ST Sess.

S. 165, 108TH Congress, 1ST Session

MARCH 13, 2003

INTENDED to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN

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1. At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2. SEC. ——. REPORT ON PASSENGER PRESCREENING PROGRAM.

3. (a) IN GENERAL.—Within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, after consultation with the Attorney General, shall submit a report in writing to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infra-
structure on the potential impact of the Transportation
Security Administration’s Computer Assisted Passenger
Prescreening system, commonly known as CAPPS II, on
the privacy and civil liberties of United States Citizens.

(b) Specific Issues To Be Addressed.—The re-
port shall include answers to the following:

(1) Whether and for what period of time will
data gathered on individual travelers be retained,
who will have access to such data, and who will
make decisions concerning access to such data?

(2) How will the Transportation Security Ad-
ministration treat the scores assigned to individual
travelers to measure the likelihood they may pose a
security threat, including how long such scores will
be retained and whether and under what cir-
cumstances they may be shared with other govern-
mental, non-governmental, or commercial entities?

(3) What role will airlines and outside vendors
or contractors have in implementing and operating
the system, and to what extent will they have access,
or the means to obtain access, to data, scores, or
other information generated by the system?

(4) What safeguards will be implemented to en-
sure that data, scores, or other information gen-
erated by the system will be used only as officially intended?

(5) What procedures will be implemented to mitigate the effect of any errors, and what procedural recourse will be available to passengers who believe the system has wrongly barred them from taking flights?

(6) What oversight procedures will be implemented to ensure that, on an ongoing basis, privacy and civil liberties issues will continue to be considered and addressed with high priority as the system is installed, operated and updated?