

# ***Security Legislative Monitor***

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## ***Jim Nussle's Agenda for Iowa...***

***Protect our Nation  
with Homeland  
Security***

***Strengthen the  
Family Farm***

***Fair Taxation &  
Responsible Budgets***

***Long-term  
Energy Strategies***

***Retirement Security  
for All Iowans***

***Strengthen Medicare  
& Ensure Health  
Care Access***

***Student-centered  
Education with  
Local Control***

***Keep Promises  
Made to Our  
Nation's Veterans***

***Grow Our Economy  
to Create Jobs***

## **Nussle Agenda to Protect Our Nation with Homeland Security**

*"Iowans are unquestionably aware of how our nation and world have changed since terrorism so tragically came to our shores in September 2001. I believe it is important to continue adapting to new and emerging threats, and to protect our nation from the threat of weapons of mass destruction. As the war on terrorism continues, we must support our troops with the resources they need. At home, we must provide safety and security for our borders, infrastructure, natural resources and food supply."*

**Jim Nussle**

**Jim is working to achieve a positive legislative agenda for Iowa's and our country's security.**

**After countless meetings with Iowans, as well as through letters, e-mails and phone calls, he has created the following goals.**

### **Protect our Nation with Homeland Security 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. Bring to justice those responsible for the September 11, 2001 attacks on America**
- 5. Implement security measures at the federal level for all methods of transportation**
- 6. Improve security of postal facilities and safety of the mail**
- 7. Ensure the safety of our Nation's energy and water resources**
- 8. Ensure the safety of our Nation's crops and food supply**
- 9. Ensure necessary resources to respond to any future attacks**
- 10. Develop next generation vaccines and antibiotics**
- 11. Ensure complete and thorough immigration policy review**

**To achieve the goals to help protect our nation with homeland security, Jim has sponsored and co-sponsored many pieces of legislation, and as the House Budget Committee Chairman, he has written many security items into his budget. You will find a listing of these items on the following pages.**

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**Nussle's Security Agenda Legislation:****FY 2005 Budget Resolution (S. Con. Res. 95)**

- Provides \$31.4 billion for the Department of Homeland Security, a 91% increase since 2001.
- Provides a 7 percent increase for defense, a 35 percent increase since 2001.
- Increased support for Rock Island Arsenal's key role in troop protection.
- *Constructed by Rep. Nussle as chairman of the House Budget committee. Approved by the House of Representatives on May 19, 2004.*

**FY 2005 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (H.R. 4567)**

- Provides \$32 billion for the operation of the Department of Homeland Security to protect our nation.
- Provides crucial resources for state and local first responders for terrorism prevention and emergency preparedness.
- Provides \$9.6 billion for border protection and \$5.7 billion for transportation security.
- *Approved by the House of Representatives on June 18, 2004.*

**National Defense Authorization Act for FY2005 (H.R. 4200)**

- Provides \$416 billion in military spending for FY2005, including extra funds for ongoing efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Continues our commitment to our troops authorizing a 3.5 percent military pay-raise and increased benefits for those serving in America's armed forces.
- Provides continued funding for armored door kits that are manufactured at Rock Island Arsenal.
- *Approved by the House of Representatives on May 20, 2004.*

**National Defense Authorization Act for FY2004 (H.R. 1588)**

- Increases our combat capabilities, supports our military personnel, and makes the homeland safe.
- Provides \$7.3 billion for programs to combat terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- Provides funding for critical readiness, procurement, and research and development.
- Provides a 4.1 percent average military pay raise (effective January 1, 2004) and reduces out-of-pocket housing costs for military personnel.
- **Provides solution of concurrent receipt for our most disabled veterans.**
- *Approved by the Congress on November 12, 2003. Signed into law by the President on November 24, 2003.*

**FY 2004 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations (H.R. 2555)**

- Provides \$29.4 billion for the Department of Homeland Security.
- Provides \$4.4 billion for the Office of Domestic Preparedness including significant funding for first responders.
- Provides \$9 billion for border protection.
- *Approved by Congress on September 24, 2003. Signed into law by the President on October 1, 2003.*

**FY 2004 Department of Defense (DOD) Appropriations (H.R. 2658)**

- Provides \$368 billion for the Department of Defense.
- Provides funding for a 4.1 percent average military pay raise.
- Provides \$98.3 billion for military personnel, \$74.7 billion for procurement.
- *Approved by Congress on September 25, 2003. Signed into law by the President on September 30, 2003.*

**Enhanced Screening for Foreign Visitors**

- New fingerprinting and screening of foreign visitors at all airports, seaports and other points of entry.
- *Parts of new screening rules were required by Congress in 2001.*

**Project BioShield Act (H.R. 2122)**

- Facilitates approval and spurs research of vaccines and drugs to counter biological, chemical, and radiological agents.
- Gives flexibility to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to hasten treatment for a potential bioterrorist threat.
- *Approved by the House of Representatives on July 16, 2003.*

**FY 2003 Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act (H.R. 1559)**

- Provides \$62 billion to support our troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Provides \$1.3 billion for states and localities for terrorism prevention and emergency preparedness.
- Provides funding for firefighter assistance, airport security, port security, and public health preparedness.
- *Approved by Congress on April 12, 2003. Signed into law by the President on April 16, 2003.*

**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 Representative Nussle in the 107th Congress. Approved by the Congress on November 22, 2002. Signed into law by the President on November 25, 2002.*

**Authorization of Force Against Terrorists**

- Authorizes the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the attacks launched against the United States.
- *Approved by Congress on September 14, 2001. Signed into law by the President on September 18, 2001.*

**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 the Congress on May 23, 2002. Signed into law by the President 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 the House and Senate on November 16, 2001. Signed into law by the President on November 19, 2001.*

**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 on May 8, 2002. Signed into law by the President on May 14, 2002.*