



# SENATOR HARRY REID, MAJORITY LEADER FIGHTING TERRORISM AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION



*Senator Harry Reid has an established track record of fighting to make America more secure by combating terrorism, improving U.S. intelligence capabilities, and preventing the spread of the world's worst weapons into the world's worst hands. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Senator Reid has been among the Senate's key leaders in working to reorganize the government, military, and intelligence community to more effectively prevent future terrorist attacks and destroy global terrorist networks.*

**Senator Reid Supported Strengthening, Expanding, and Reorganizing Our Intelligence Community to Make Our Nation More Secure.** In the wake of the 9/11 attacks, experts concluded that Congress should take urgent action to expand and enhance the reach of the Intelligence Community in order to improve our capacity to gather timely, actionable intelligence to stop potential terrorist threats to the American homeland. Senator Reid played a leading role in rebuilding and reorganizing the Intelligence Community:

- Expanding the Reach of Our Intelligence** Since 9/11, Senator Reid has voted over 30 times to increase the Intelligence Community's budget. In addition, Reid voted to increase the number of CIA field operatives and analysts and supported major increases in the FBI's special agent and analyst cadre, including Nevada field offices and Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs). [UC, S. 2386, 10/11/04; UC, H.R. 4548, 10/11/04; Senate Vote 204, H.R. 5010, 8/1/02; Senate Vote 239, H.R. 5010, 10/16/02; Voice Vote, H.R. 3338, 12/7/01; Senate Vote 380, H.R. 3338, 12/20/01; Senate Vote 149, H.R. 4613, 6/24/04; Senate Vote 163, H.R. 4613, 7/22/04; Senate Vote 400, S. 1689, 10/17/03; Voice Vote, H.R. 3289, 11/3/03; UC, H.R. 4548, 12/8/04; Senate Vote 364, H.R. 2658, 9/25/03; Senate Vote 290, H.R. 2658, 7/17/03; UC, H.R. 2417, 7/31/03; Voice Vote, H.R. 2417, 11/21/03; Roll Call 239, H.R. 5631, 9/7/06; Senate Vote 261, S.Amdt. 2077 to H.R. 3058, 9/29/06; Senate Vote 112, H.R. 4939, 5/4/06; Senate Vote 171, H.R. 4939, 6/15/06; Senate Vote 254, H.R. 2863, 10/7/05; Senate Vote 366, H.R. 2863, 12/21/05; Senate Vote 109, H.R. 1268, 4/21/05; Senate Vote 117, H.R. 1268, 5/10/05; UC, H.R. 2082, 10/3/07; Senate Vote 22, H.R. 2082, 2/13/08; Senate Vote 131, S. 372, 4/17/07; Voice Vote, H.R. 3222, 10/3/07; Voice Vote, H.R. 3222, 11/8/07; Senate Vote 208, H.R. 2638, 9/27/08; Voice Vote, H.R. 2206, 5/17/07; Senate Vote 181, H.R. 2206, 5/24/07; Senate Vote 126, H.R. 1519, 3/29/07; Senate Vote 147, H.R. 1591, 4/26/07; UC, S. 1494, 9/16/09; Senate Vote 315, H.R. 3326, 10/6/09; UC, S. 2506, 9/25/02; Senate Vote 332, H.R. 2883, 11/8/01; S. 2778, Senate Appropriations Committee, 7/18/02]

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SENATOR REID'S RECORD TO FIGHT TERRORISM

- ★ Senator Reid Supported Strengthening, Expanding, and Reorganizing Our Intelligence Community to Make Our Nation More Secure
- ★ Senator Reid Helped Establish the 9/11 Commission and Then Fought to Implement All of its Recommendations
- ★ Senator Reid Sought to Take the Fight to Al Qaeda and Disrupt Terrorist Safe Havens
- ★ Senator Reid Fought to Keep Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons Out of the Hands of Terrorists and Rogue Countries
- ★ Senator Reid Worked to Transform the U.S. Military to Fight Terrorism and Other 21<sup>st</sup> Century Threats

- **Organizing the Intelligence Community for Success** Senator Reid voted to pass the Intelligence Reform and Terrorist Prevention Act, which dramatically reshaped the Intelligence Community and established the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) to coordinate intelligence collection and sharing community-wide. In 2004, Senator Reid led a bipartisan effort to reorganize Congressional oversight of intelligence in line with the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. In 2008, Senator Reid voted for legislation to enhance Congressional oversight of intelligence activities and to create the position of United States Coordinator for the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism. [Roll Call Vote 199, October 6, 2004; Cosponsor of S. Amdt. 3981 to S. Res. 445, Voice Vote, October 9, 2004; Roll Call Vote 208, October 9, 2004; Senate Vote 284, H.R. 1, 7/26/07]

**Senator Reid Helped Establish the 9/11 Commission and Then Fought to Implement All of its Recommendations.** The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 exposed serious, systemic vulnerabilities in U.S. national security policies. Congress established the 9/11 Commission to recommend actions to repair these vulnerabilities. Senator Reid played a central role in establishing the Commission and implementing its recommendations:

- **Establishing the 9/11 Commission** Senator Reid helped establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission) to review how 9/11 happened and to learn the lessons of 9/11. [Senate Vote 223, HR 5005, 09/24/02]
- **Implementing Recommendations to Prevent Terrorist Attacks** Senator Reid led efforts to implement 9/11 Commission recommendations by working to establish the Department of Homeland Security and reorganize the Intelligence Community. In 2007, Senator Reid introduced a bill to fully implement unaddressed recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, including efforts to improve intelligence-sharing, enhance defenses against weapons of mass destruction, and protect critical infrastructure, which was passed into law later that year. [Senate Vote 249, H.R. 5005, 11/19/02; Senate Vote 73, S. 4, 03/13/07]

**Senator Reid Fought to Keep Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons Out of the Hands of Terrorists and Rogue Countries.** No threat to the United States is more dangerous than a terrorist group armed with weapons of mass destruction (WMD), particularly nuclear weapons. The 9/11 Commission concluded that “the greatest danger of another catastrophic attack in the United States will materialize if the world’s most dangerous terrorists acquire the world’s most dangerous weapons.” Senator Reid fought to ensure that threat never comes to pass. [The 9/11 Commission Report, National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, p.380. 2004: U.S. Government Printing Office]

- **Securing Nuclear Material from Terrorists** Senator Reid consistently championed initiatives to ensure safe and secure storage and transfer of nuclear material in the United States. He also repeatedly voted to enhance efforts to secure loose nuclear materials in the former Soviet Union, which remain at risk for terrorist theft or sabotage. Finally, Senator Reid appointed the Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism to strengthen the government’s protections against this threat, which led to the appointment of a new White House coordinator to improve these efforts. [S. 2099, 109th Congress; S. 131 and S. Amdt. 440, 108th Congress; S. 1746, 107th Congress; S. Amdt. 3599, 109th Congress; Roll Call Vote 200, July 21, 2005; Roll Call Vote 311, November 8, 2005; Roll Call Vote 133, June 22, 2004; Press Release, May 16, 2008; <http://democrats.senate.gov/newsroom/record.cfm?id=297963&>]

- **Combating Nuclear Proliferation** Senator Reid acted to confront nuclear proliferation by Iran, a major state sponsor of terrorism, and to enhance intelligence gathering on Iran's nuclear program. In addition, Senator Reid helped secure approval for the agreement to authorize civilian nuclear cooperation with India, a key ally. The agreement not only allows for promoting and safeguarding civilian nuclear technology with India, but also enhances joint U.S.-Indian efforts to combat nuclear proliferation. [Roll Call Vote 349, September 26, 2007; S. 3536, 109th Congress; H.R. 6198, passed by Unanimous Consent, September 30, 2006; S. Con. Res 78, passed by Unanimous Consent, January 27, 2006; S. 1713, passed by Unanimous Consent, September 21, 2005; Roll Call Vote 211, October 1, 2008]
- **Protecting America Against Biological Terrorism** In 2007, Senator Reid facilitated the passage of legislation to enhance U.S. protections against bioterrorism. This legislation included provisions establishing a National Biosurveillance Integration Center to enhance the federal government's ability to identify and disseminate warnings of significant biological threats. Senator Reid has also been a strong supporter of funding for so-called Nunn-Lugar programs to secure and destroy chemical and biological weapons in the former Soviet Union, including provisions in the fiscal year 2008 Defense Authorization bill that significantly increased funding for biological weapons counterproliferation programs. [Roll Call Vote 73, March 13, 2007; Roll Call Vote 359, October 1, 2007]
- **Preventing a Chemical Weapons Attack** Senator Reid's support for efforts to protect the United States from chemical weapons attacks has spanned his entire Senate career. For example, in 1997, he cast a critical vote to ratify the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), prohibiting the production and use of chemical weapons. In 2003, Senator Reid cosponsored and voted in favor of a law to sanction Syria for its development of chemical weapons. Earlier this year, Senator Reid fought to confirm the United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, the body charged with negotiating multilateral arms control agreements like the CWC. [Roll Call Vote 51, April 24, 1997; Roll Call Vote 445, November 11, 2003; S. 982, 108th Congress; Remarks on Senate Floor, February 2, 2010]

**Senator Reid Sought to Take the Fight to Al Qaeda and Disrupt Terrorist Safe Havens.** Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda planned and carried out the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and they remain the single most dangerous terrorist threat to the United States. Senator Reid has played a leading role in focusing and enhancing U.S. efforts to destroy al Qaeda:

- **Refocusing U.S. Anti-Terrorism Efforts on Key Al Qaeda Strongholds** Senator Reid led efforts to refocus U.S. military operations on fighting terrorism in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He supported going after Al Qaeda's top leaders, and fought to enhance efforts to capture Osama Bin Laden. Moreover, Senator Reid sought to direct foreign assistance toward programs in troubled regions, including the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Gulf, to prevent the development of new terrorist havens. And he has called for a U.S. strategy for defeating al Qaeda globally that integrates military, intelligence, diplomatic, and other national assets. [S. 6, 111th Congress; Roll Call Vote 399, October 17, 2003; Roll Call Vote 129, June 17, 2004; Roll Call Vote 237, September 7, 2006; . Amdt. 4907, Roll Call Vote 235, September 7, 2006; S. Amdt. 1955, Roll Call Vote 247, July 13, 2007; S. Amdt. 3814, passed by Unanimous Consent, October 4, 2004; S. 2634, introduced February 28, 2008]
- **Dismantling Terrorist Networks** Senator Reid worked to strengthen U.S. tools to cut off financial support for terrorists. He also championed passage of the FISA Amendments Act of 2008. This legislation replaced the highly-flawed Protect America Act, which undermined strong civil liberties protections for Americans, with balanced amendments to the 1978 FISA statute providing for strong intelligence collection tools to track down and prosecute terrorists while ensuring the protection of privacy and civil liberties. [Roll Call Vote 203, July 26, 2005; Roll Call Vote 154, June 14, 2002; Roll Call Vote 199, October 16, 2004; S. Amdt. 3867, October 4, 2004; Roll Call Vote 313, October 25, 2001; Roll Call Vote 302, October 11, 2001; H.R. 3199, Unanimous Consent, July 29, 2005; H.R. 3773, Unanimous Consent, February 12, 2008]

- **Strengthening Criminal Justice Tools for Fighting Terrorism** Senator Reid helped the United States ratify the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, which strengthened U.S. criminal law relating to terrorist attacks. He also supported numerous other bills strengthening judicial tools for bringing terrorists to justice, including voting to establish or increase criminal penalties for money laundering in support of terrorism, providing safe harbor to terrorists, attacking mass transportation systems, and committing cyber terrorism. [Roll Call Vote 154, June 14, 2002; Roll Call Vote 313, October 25, 2001; H.R. 3199, Unanimous Consent, July 29, 2005; Roll Call Vote 199, October 6, 2004]

**Senator Reid Worked to Transform the U.S. Military to Fight Terrorism and Other 21st Century Threats.**

As the United States focused increasingly on counter-terrorism operations, the U.S. military needed to transition to its new missions from a focus on more conventional threats. Senator Reid has been a leader in efforts to provide the military with resources to support this transition and ensure military dominance in the fight against terrorism:

- **Expanding Key Military Capabilities** Senator Reid voted to significantly expand the Special Operations Forces and to provide them better, more specialized equipment and operational capabilities, including intelligence and aviation support. In addition, Senator Reid worked to increase the size of our military, voting more than ten times for expansion of the Army and Marines since 9/11. [Roll Call Vote 242, July 23, 2009; Roll Call Vote 290, October 2, 2001; Roll Call Vote 165, June 27, 2002; Roll Call Vote 194, May 22, 2003; Roll Call Vote 129, June 17, 2004; Roll Call Vote 146, June 23, 2004; Roll Call Vote 186, June 22, 2006; Roll Call Vote 326, November 15, 2005; Roll Call Vote 201, September 17, 2008; Roll Call Vote 1, January 22, 2008; Roll Call Vote 359, October 1, 2007; Roll Call Vote 242, July 23, 2009; Roll Call Vote 236, July 21, 2009]
- **Strengthening Innovative Warfighting Technologies** Senator Reid voted to increase procurement of Predator UAVs, a critical tool in locating terrorists in hard-to-reach hideouts. He also worked to modernize UAV headquarters facilities and has been a major supporter of the pilots who train and fly the Predator. Since 2006, Senator Reid steered more than \$160 million to support unmanned aircraft operations headquartered at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada. [S. Amdt. 1882, Unanimous Consent, October 5, 2005; Roll Call Vote 238, September 7, 2006; Defense Appropriations Acts for Fiscal Years 2006-2009]

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