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Mr. President

I rise in support of HR ⁸⁴²⁷ which ~~is an important bill~~ has as its purpose the establishment of a retirement and disability system for certain employees of the Central Intelligence Agency. ~~and in so doing,~~ Before commenting upon the merits of the Bill itself, I should like to ~~briefly~~ ^{briefly} speak about the Agency and its place in our system of government.

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The centralization of the ~~main~~ collection, coordination, collation and evaluation processes of U.S. intelligence, as we know it today, came into being with the National Security Act of 1947. This Act, ~~in addition to~~ ^{the submission of} establishing a channel for intelligence to the President, ^{the} established the Central Intelligence Agency as the focal point ~~of~~ ⁱⁿ our intelligence community; and the ~~main~~ position of the Director of Central Intelligence and his two-fold job as principal administrator of the CIA and coordinator of US ^{foreign} intelligence activities.

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The circumstances, both pre-war and post war, which led to the ~~the~~ ^{circumstances} National Security Act of 1947 is too well known by the members of the Senate to require any explanation or elaboration by me. What is important, however, is the early recognition given to the fact that intelligence information is ~~an~~ ^{to the formulation of policy affecting} essential to the national security of the United States, ~~and the free world's interests,~~ as well. This need has not waned in the ^{intervening} ~~interceding~~ 18 years, ^{The need} ~~but~~ has become increasingly important with each passing year.

it features to assure that it will be applied only to those
main employees for ^{whom} which it is intended. First, it spells out in
every title and statement of purpose that it is for certain
CIA employees; it does not cover the vast majority. Second,
it requires that the regulations, which the Director of Central Intell-
igence must prepare under this bill and which will spell out the
qualifying standards in detail, be approved by the chairman
and ranking minority members of the Armed Services Committees of the
House and the Senate. Third, it sets forth the types of
duties which qualify for coverage under the bill in general but
descriptive language. Fourth, it limits the number of
retirees under the system to 800 for approximately the first ten
years of its operation.

I think that the Bill we have reported will assure the continuing
and increasing effectiveness of the CIA. ^{As bill} ~~One~~ which is badly needed
~~now~~, because the 20th anniversary of the Agency is but three years
away, and many have been laboring under the conditions I have described
for some 17 years now. Orderly planning for their retirement and for
their replacements, requires ~~action~~ ^{now} action. The bill in no way over-
rewards those who have dedicated their ~~lives~~ ^{lives} and working lives
and sometimes their lives, to a monumental task under most onerous condi-
tions. The bill has been tightened up in every conceivable way,
consistent with security, to assure it is implemented and applied
in keeping with the principles that went into its formulation. This
is a good and needed Bill and is most assuredly deserving of your