Mr. President, I thank Senator Rockefeller for

working with me on this amendment. We had very similar amendments that

both of us filed independently and our staffs got together with the

distinguished chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, Senator

Collins, and the ranking member, Senator Lieberman, and I think we have

come up with a comprehensive approach to competitive analysis. It is

something the majority of people who have served on the Intelligence

Committee know is desperately needed. Particularly as we are

consolidating agencies and trying to make our agencies mesh better

together. It is very important that we keep the competition of ideas,

challenge assumptions, and ensure a forum is provided for alternative

ideas and recommendations. The end result is an office which will

perform what many refer to as ``red teaming'' that is so important to

an effective intelligence network.

When Dr. Henry Kissinger testified before the Appropriations

Committee, of which I am a member, he said, particularly with the

consolidation of intelligence oversight, you have to make sure that you

have some way of finding out if there were different conclusions

reached with the same or even other extraneous material.

We had the challenge of making sure that the competition of ideas was

not lost. I believe the Rockefeller-Hutchison amendment does exactly

that.

I thank the Senator from West Virginia, Mr. Rockefeller. I appreciate

Senator Roberts also working with us on this, and Senator Mikulski.

Senator Kyl was interested in this as well. Everyone came together, and

I think the result will be an office which is able to quickly adapt to

terrorist threats. It will be an office of alternative intelligence

analysis that will be able to challenge the assumptions and make sure

that our highest policymakers, including the President of the United

States, have access to this alternative analysis so that he will be

able to make the very best decisions.

I thank the distinguished chairman and ranking member of the

committee. I thank Senator Rockefeller. I think we have a wonderful

approach, a wonderful amendment that will add greatly to the bill and

the goal we are all trying to reach of a quality intelligence product

with which our President and our Secretary of State, Secretary of

Defense can make decisions.

I yield the floor and urge adoption of the amendment.