

New security plan proposed Entrepreneur program offers cash to students

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts says that a year ago he probably wouldn't have proposed the sweeping intelligence overhaul he brought forward this week.

But given the series of inquiries into the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the prewar intelligence on Iraq, and his eight years presiding over "Oh-my-God hearings," the Kansas Republican said he saw the need to act.

On Monday, he put forward details of a plan to break up the CIA and rearrange the Pentagon's spy agencies under a single national intelligence director, among a litany of other changes outlined in a 139-page draft bill.

Roberts calls it "a marker" in the debate and said he expects changes.

But with the legislation, he has solidified his position as a leading critic of the intelligence community by proposing the most far-reaching intelligence overhaul debated since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Roberts' proposal met immedi-

ate and broad resistance Monday.

The Intelligence Committee's top Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, said it would be a "severe mistake" to disband the CIA while it is embroiled in the war on terror.

Former CIA Director George Tenet, making his first public statement since he resigned last month, said Roberts' plan showed a "dangerous misunderstanding of the business of intelligence."

President Bush did not endorse Roberts' proposal Monday. Instead, the president said only that he was interested in finding "the best way to fashion intelligence so the president and his Cabinet secretaries have got the ability to make good judgment calls."

Bush has supported the need for a national director to oversee all intelligence-gathering, but has yet to detail the powers he wants the office to have.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he hadn't had a chance to see the restructuring proposal in writing.

"We do need to make signifi-

cant adjustments in how we collect, communicate and disperse information," Rumsfeld told an audience of about 1,300 troops at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, on Monday.

But he added: "We have to be careful about it. ... You don't want, in the middle of the war, to go tearin' up the pea patch."

Roberts surprised Republicans and Democrats alike when he announced on a Sunday morning talk show his proposal to remake the intelligence community by splitting the CIA into three separate agencies, pulling all or part of four defense intelligence agencies out of the Pentagon, and creating a new national intelligence director to oversee the National Intelligence Service he envisions.

On Monday, a defensive Roberts said, "If this proposal seems radical to some ... my response would be: What should we do?"

More than three dozen attempts to reorganize the intelligence community over more than five decades have failed, he said, adding that he spoke last week with colleagues of both parties, and eight of his panel's nine Republicans have agreed that Congress must act. Democrats, meanwhile, criticized Roberts for not working in a more bipartisan fashion, and demanded more details.

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UNC students soon will have the chance to take part in a little risky business.

This year, a new entrepreneurial program allows them to build a repertoire of important business experience and perhaps even win a piece of a \$27,500 cash prize.

Organized through the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, the Carolina Challenge asks students to propose original ideas for organizations and compete for several thousand dollars in cash.

"This is more than just a competition," said Bart Welch, chairman of Carolina Challenge. "It's a dynamic program throughout the year."

The yearlong event consists of a series of requirements that must be completed during the school year.

Cash awards totaling at least \$27,500 will be divided among the top three winners in both profit and nonprofit categories. Special awards also will be given to category winners.

Welch encouraged all students, regardless of major, to

participate.

He said the organizers of the challenge hope to expand both parts of the competition in the future.

At least two students must team up for each group entering the Carolina Challenge competition.

The challenge will culminate in April, when all competitors present a business plan.

The winners' names will be released April 16 during the annual Carolina Entrepreneurship celebration.

The event brings together students, faculty and entrepreneurs who support the Carolina Entrepreneurial Initiative.

The panel of judges has not been selected yet, but it will be drawn from the University, business, nonprofit and artistic communities. Welch said many of the judges will be leaders in their fields.

He said he is striving to engage students from all schools and departments throughout the University through the challenge.

"There are many ideas out there," he said. "We want to see ideas come out."

Jeff Reid, executive director of

the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, also encouraged students from all disciplines on campus to become involved in the challenge.

"There's a lot of entrepreneurial energy on campus," he said. "This is a great opportunity to learn about the process."

Students involved in the competition will receive support and expert coaching from professionals working in the field, Welch said.

"We are going to have so much support," he said. "Someone with no experience will walk out of this very knowledgeable."

Reid said he is excited to see where the competition will go in the future.

"We hope this will become an important part of the Carolina fabric," he said. "We hope to unleash the creative energy on campus."

Students interested in participating in the program can find more information on the Carolina Challenge Web site at <http://www.carolinachallenge.org>.

Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

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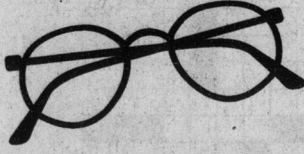
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