

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
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Sen. Daines Statement for the Record

Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak to the *Homeland Security for Children Act* and the *FITARA Enhancement Act*. Thank you for including both of these important bipartisan bills in this business meeting.

The Department of Homeland Security is tasked with keeping the American public safe in the homeland. Nearly one quarter of our population are children. I say this as a father of four. They have unique needs and we must ensure those needs are met in the face of threat and in recovery. The *Homeland Security for Children Act* simply ensures DHS and FEMA integrate these needs into their activities to prepare for and respond to disasters.

Regarding my second bill, it is important to bring federal government into the 21st Century as it relates to IT. The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) passed congress in 2014. Many important programs were created as part of this legislation. My bill simply ensures these programs continue to modernize technology, promote transparency, and eliminate duplicative and unnecessary tech.

I want to thank Senator Hassan and for working closely with me on the *Homeland Security for Children Act* and Congressman Donald Payne Junior for leading in the House. And, thank Senators Moran, Udall, Warner, Ranking Member McCaskill for working with me on the *FITARA Enhancement Act* and Congressmen Connelly and Issa for leading in the House.

I look forward to working with my colleagues as these important pieces of legislations advance to the Senate Floor.