



## **Improving DOE Interaction with the National Laboratories**

S. 1229 facilitates better communication between the Department of Energy and the National Laboratories in order to elevate America's research and development efforts.

### ***Background***

Our national laboratory system is a critically important part of the nation's research and development efforts. A number of reports over many years have highlighted the challenges that exist with the working relationship between the Department of Energy and the contractor-operated National Laboratories.

### ***Key Provisions***

- Requires DOE to provide a plan for implementing recommendations made by the Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories to promote better relations between the Department of Energy and national laboratories.