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U.S. House Passes 15-day Extension of Protect America Act

Washington, D.C. -- *Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 5104, a bill authorizing a 15-day extension of the Protect America Act (PAA). Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-TX, Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement on the bill's passage:*

“While the PAA is a flawed bill, this 15-day extension will allow us to review documents regarding the President's warrantless surveillance program and negotiate with the Senate,” said Chairman Reyes. “This extension will allow time for all sides to engage in thorough discussion and produce sound legislation that provides our intelligence professionals with the tools they need to protect our nation, and protects our Constitution and civil rights.”