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Human Rights Information Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 19, 2003)

Human Rights Information Act - Requires certain Federal agencies to identify, review, and organize all human rights records, for declassification and public disclosure, if the President determines bona fide a request for them by an individual or entity carrying an official mandate to investigate a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.

Prescribes guidelines under which the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel shall review agency determinations to postpone disclosure of any human rights record. Authorizes postponement of such public disclosures on specified grounds.

Requires each Federal agency to identify, review, and organize all human rights records regarding activities occurring in Guatemala and Honduras for declassification and public disclosure.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census.
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