

HR 4661

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2004

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2004
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jun 23, 2004
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Sep 22, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 23, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2004 - Amends the Federal criminal code to prohibit intentionally accessing a protected computer without authorization, or exceeding authorized access, by causing a computer program or code to be copied onto the protected computer, and intentionally using that program or code: (1) in furtherance of another Federal criminal offense; (2) to obtain or transmit personal information (including a Social Security number or other government-issued identification number, a bank or credit card number, or an associated password or access code) with intent to defraud or injure a person or cause damage to a protected computer; or (3) to impair the security protection of that computer.

Prohibits any person from bringing a civil action under State law premised upon the defendant's violating this Act.

Provides that this Act does not prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency or a U.S. intelligence agency.

Authorizes appropriations for each of FY 2005 through 2008 to the Attorney General for prosecutions needed to discourage the use of spyware (i.e., software that aids in gathering and sending information about a person or organization, or in asserting control over their computer, without their knowledge or consent) and the practice called phishing (i.e., using the websites of, or e-mails that appear to be sent from, well known legitimate businesses to deceive Internet users into revealing personal information that can be used to defraud those users).

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Justice should use this Act and all other available tools to vigorously prosecute those who use spyware to commit crimes and those that conduct phishing scams.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 8, 2004:** Received in the Senate.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8649-8650)
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 0 (Roll no. 503).(text: CR 10/6/2004 H8250)
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- **Oct 7, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8250-8252)
- **Oct 6, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4661.
- **Oct 6, 2004:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 23, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 108-698.
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- **Sep 23, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 426.
- **Sep 8, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 8, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 24, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1235)
- **Jun 23, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **Jun 23, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.