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Restoration of Freedom of Information Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 12, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2526	Identical bill	Jul 2, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2003)

Restoration of Freedom of Information Act of 2003 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit a record pertaining to the vulnerability of and threats to critical infrastructure that is furnished voluntarily to the Department of Homeland Security from being made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act if: (1) the provider would not customarily make the record available to the public; and (2) the record is designated and certified by the provider as confidential and not customarily made available to the public. Prohibits other Federal agencies in receipt of such a record furnished to the Department from making the record publicly available. Allows a provider to withdraw the confidential designation of a record at any time.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 12, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 12, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3631-3637)
- **Mar 12, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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