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HR 1157

Freedom to Read Protection Act of 2005

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Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2005

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Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL	Kole	Mar 8, 2005
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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2005
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Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Apr 5, 2005
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Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Apr 19, 2005
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Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Apr 20, 2005
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Apr 21, 2005
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Green, AI [D-TX-9]	D · TX		May 3, 2005
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		May 3, 2005
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 10, 2005
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		May 23, 2005
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jun 7, 2005

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Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	$D \cdot TN$		Jun 7, 2005
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Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Sep 8, 2005
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	$D \cdot NY$		Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 20, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2005)

Freedom to Read Protection Act of 2005 - Amends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) to provide that no application by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to a U.S. court for an order requiring the production of tangible things for an investigation to obtain foreign intelligence information from a U.S. person or to protect against international terrorism may be made for the sole purpose of searching for, or seizing from, a bookseller or library documentary materials that contain personally identifiable information concerning a patron. Provides that nothing in this Act shall be construed to preclude a physical search for documentary materials (including books, records, papers, documents, and other items) under other provisions of law.

Defines "personally identifiable information" as information that identifies a person as having used, requested, or obtained specific reading materials or services from a bookseller or library.

Revises congressional reporting requirements under FISA to require the Attorney General, in informing Congress with respect to applications for orders approving requests for the production of tangible things, to: (1) describe the specific purpose of each order application; (2) analyze the effectiveness of each application that was granted or modified in protecting U.S. citizens against terrorism; and (3) make public such information provided in a manner consistent with the national security of the United States.

Actions Timeline

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