

HR 2331

Restore Open Government Act of 2005

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Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 12, 2005
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		May 18, 2005
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		May 18, 2005
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 18, 2005
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 7, 2005
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2005
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 25, 2005
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Oct 18, 2005
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Nov 7, 2005
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 15, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2005
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Restore Open Government Act of 2005 - Revokes the "Memorandum for Heads of all Federal Departments and Agencies on The Freedom of Information Act" and "Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Department and Agencies on Action to Safeguard Information Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction and Other Sensitive Documents Related to Homeland Security."

Directs the Archivist of the United States to: (1) report on the use of psuedo-classification designations; and (2) promulgate regulations banning unnecessary psuedo-classification designations. Provides for standards for information control designations related to the classification of national security information, if needed.

Revokes specified executive orders limiting access to presidential records.

Requires publishing the names of Presidential interagency advisory committee members. Requires public disclosure of non-governmental committee contacts.

Permits the Archivist to charge an agency a specified fee to cover costs required for activities of the Public Interest Declassification Board, if funds appropriated for the Board are insufficient.

Restricts the availability of a record under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) pertaining to the vulnerability of and threats to critical infrastructure that is furnished voluntarily to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Amends the FOIA concerning additional matters to be included in agency reports to the Attorney General. Prohibits aggregating public information requests with information on individuals in reports.

Amends the FOIA to permit assessing the United States reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred in any case seeking information under any other Federal law in which the complainant has substantially prevailed.

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