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Terrorist Surveillance Act of 2006

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 13, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 3874	Identical bill	Sep 8, 2006: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 597.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Terrorist Surveillance Act of 2006 - Allows the President to authorize a Terrorist Surveillance Program (Program) of electronic surveillance without a court order for periods of up to 45 days if: (1) the President determines that the surveillance is necessary to protect the United States, its citizens, or its interests, whether inside or outside the United States; (2) there is probable cause to believe that a surveillance subject is an agent or member of a group or organization on the Terrorist Surveillance List (established in this Act); (3) the surveillance is initiated and conducted in a manner reasonably designed to acquire only communications to or from the United States where at least one party to the surveillance is located outside the United States, or the communications appear to originate or terminate outside the United States; (4) there is not a substantial likelihood that the surveillance will acquire the substance of any communication where every party thereto is located within the United States; (5) a significant purpose of the surveillance is to obtain foreign intelligence information; and (6) procedures are in place for the minimization of privacy infringement standards outlined under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA). Requires the Attorney General (AG) to establish such minimization procedures within 30 days after the enactment of this Act, and to update such procedures at least annually.

Directs the President to establish and maintain a Terrorist Surveillance List.

Requires the AG: (1) after the end of each Program period, to review and recommend to the President whether the program should be reauthorized; and (2) to review the surveillance of individual targets within the United States under each Program. Authorizes, as an alternative to surveillance under a Program, continued court-ordered surveillance under FISA.

Provides for the creation of Senate and House intelligence subcommittees to oversee and monitor surveillance conducted by the President under each Program. Requires: (1) the President to submit to the intelligence committees a current Terrorist Surveillance List, a report on the management and operational details of each Program, and semiannual reports on surveillance conducted under each Program; and (2) the subcommittees to prepare annual reports on each Program conducted.

Amends federal criminal law to provide criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of information collected under each Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 13, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
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- **Sep 13, 2006:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 607.
- **Aug 2, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Apr 27, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held.
- **Mar 16, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 16, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.