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WATCHDOGS Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Latest Action: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security. (May 26, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]

Party: Republican • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	May 26, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Website for American Taxpayers to Check and Help Deter Out-of-control Government Spending Act or WATCHDOGS Act - Defines: (1) a "contractor entity" as any entity that receives federal funds as a general contractor or subcontractor at any tier in connection with a federal contract; and (2) "covered entity" as any entity that receives federal funds through a grant or loan, with exceptions. Requires each contractor entity and covered entity to: (1) apply to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a federal funds application number; and (2) annually provide OMB with specified information.

Directs OMB to: (1) issue a federal funds application number to each covered entity or contractor entity that applies for such number; (2) develop and establish a publicly accessible searchable database website of information on each covered entity and contractor entity; (3) promulgate regulations to designate, as specified, loan programs not covered by this Act; and (4) provide for information disclosure exemptions in the interest of national defense or national security.

Requires each federal agency to: (1) use the federal funds application number with respect to any document relating to a covered entity or contractor entity receiving federal funds; and (2) make such information relating to covered entities or contractor entities available to OMB as OMB may require.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2006:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security.
- **May 4, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 4, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4053-4054)
- **May 4, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.