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HR 29

Spy Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Transportation. (May 24, 2005)

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Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Feb 1, 2005
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Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	$D \cdot NY$		Feb 1, 2005
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Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	$R \cdot TN$		Feb 8, 2005
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Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	$R \cdot TN$		Feb 16, 2005
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	$R \cdot PA$		Feb 16, 2005
Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]	$R \cdot NC$		Feb 16, 2005
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Feb 16, 2005
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2005
Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3]	$R \cdot AZ$		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-17]	$D \cdot TX$		Mar 9, 2005
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D·KS		Mar 17, 2005
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	$R \cdot TX$		Apr 6, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2005
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Feb 16, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act or Spy Act - Makes it unlawful for any person who is not the owner or authorized user (user) of a protected computer (a computer exclusively for the use of a financial institution or the U.S. Government, or a computer used in interstate or foreign commerce or communication) to engage in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in connection with specified conduct, including: (1) taking unsolicited control of the computer; (2) modifying computer settings; (3) collecting personally identifiable information; (4) inducing the owner or authorized user to disclose personally identifiable information; (5) inducing the unsolicited installation of computer software; and (6) removing or disabling a security, anti-spyware, or anti-virus technology.

Makes it unlawful for a person to: (1) transmit to a protected computer any information collection program (a program that collects personally identifiable information and uses the information to send advertising), unless such program provides notice required by this Act before execution of any of the program's collection functions; or (2) execute any collection information program installed on a protected computer unless, before execution, the user has consented to such execution under notice requirements of this Act. Provides an exception with respect to Web pages visited within a particular website when the information collected is sent only to the provider of the website accessed.

Provides for enforcement of violations as unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

Makes this Act inapplicable with respect to: (1) law enforcement actions; (2) monitoring undertaken for network security; and (3) Good Samaritan actions (actions taken in good faith, and with the user's consent, by a computer software or service provider to remove or disable a program which violates this Act).

Directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to report to Congress: (1) annually on enforcement actions taken under this Act; (2) regarding the use of computer tracking cookies in the delivery or display of advertising to computer owners and users; and (3) concerning information collection programs installed before the effective date of this Act.

Makes this Act: (1) effective 12 months after its enactment; and (2) inapplicable after December 31, 2011.

Actions Timeline

- May 24, 2005: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- May 23, 2005: Mr. Barton (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- May 23, 2005: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3705-3712)
- May 23, 2005: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 29.
- May 23, 2005: At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- May 23, 2005: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3744-3745)
- May 23, 2005: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 393 4 (Roll no. 201).(text: CR H3705-3708)
- May 23, 2005: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 393 4 (Roll no. 201). (text: CR H3705-3708)
- May 23, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Apr 12, 2005: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 109-32.
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- Apr 12, 2005: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 15.
- Mar 9, 2005: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Mar 9, 2005: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 43 0.
- Feb 16, 2005: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Feb 16, 2005: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- Feb 4, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- Feb 4, 2005: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Feb 4, 2005: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- Jan 26, 2005: Committee Hearings Held.
- Jan 4, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Jan 4, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.