

HR 4820

Port Operations Require Tough Scrutiny (PORTS) Act of 2006

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 30, 2006
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2006
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 21, 2006
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 28, 2006
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 7, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Port Operations Require Tough Scrutiny (PORTS) Act of 2006 - Amends the Defense Production Act of 1950 relating to investigations of proposed corporate mergers, acquisitions, or takeovers (transactions) in the United States by a foreign interest which could affect U.S. national security to: (1) extend from 30 to 60 days after notification of the proposed transaction the period in which such investigation must be commenced by the President, if it is determined that there should be an investigation; and (2) allow an extension of such deadline by up to ten additional days if determined appropriate.

Requires the investigation of a transaction which could result in foreign control of a person engaged in interstate commerce in the United States that could affect U.S. critical infrastructure.

States with respect to certain mandatory investigations that if the President determines that the transaction should be approved or does not otherwise object to the transaction and the President does not suspend or prohibit such transaction, then the President, within 30 days after such decision, shall notify Congress of the decision. Allows Congress 45 days after such notification to enact into law a joint resolution disapproving the decision of the President and requiring the President to prohibit the proposed transaction, or, if the transaction has been completed, directing the Attorney General to seek divestment.

Requires annual reports from the President to the congressional homeland security and intelligence committees on actions taken with regard to such investigations.

Directs the Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) verify on-site the security measures of each individual and entity participating in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program and the Free And Secure Trade (FAST) program; and (2) establish policies for non-compliance with requirements of the C-TPAT program, including probation and expulsion.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 21, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology.
- **Mar 17, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Mar 7, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity.
- **Feb 28, 2006:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 28, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E225-226)
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