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HR 744

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 10, 2005

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 24, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	$R \cdot VA$		Feb 10, 2005
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 10, 2005
Rep. Hostettler, John N. [R-IN-8]	$R \cdot IN$		Feb 10, 2005
Rep. Jenkins, William L. [R-TN-1]	$R \cdot TN$		Feb 10, 2005
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Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	$D \cdot NY$		Feb 10, 2005
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Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 10, 2005
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	$R \cdot VA$		Feb 10, 2005
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	$D\cdotHI$		Feb 16, 2005
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Feb 16, 2005
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	$R \cdot WI$		Feb 16, 2005
Rep. Schwarz, John J.H. "Joe" [R-MI-7]	$R \cdot MI$		Feb 16, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	May 23, 2005
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 23, 2005)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2005 - Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit intentionally accessing a protected computer without authorization, or exceeding authorized access, by causing a computer program or code to be copied onto the protected computer, and intentionally using that program or code: (1) in furtherance of another federal criminal offense; (2) to obtain or transmit personal information (including a Social Security number or other government-issued identification number, a bank or credit card number, or an associated password or access code) with intent to defraud or injure a person or cause damage to a protected computer; or (3) to impair the security protection of that computer.

Prohibits any person from bringing a civil action under state law premised upon the defendant's violating this Act.

Provides that this Act does not prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency or a U.S. intelligence agency.

Authorizes appropriations to the Attorney General for prosecutions needed to discourage the use of spyware and the practice called phishing.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Justice should vigorously prosecute those who use spyware to commit crimes and those that conduct phishing scams.

Actions Timeline

- May 24, 2005: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- May 23, 2005: Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-93.
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- May 23, 2005: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 50.
- May 23, 2005: Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- May 23, 2005: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3703-3705)
- May 23, 2005: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 744.
- 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)
- 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): 395 1 (Roll no. 200).(text: CR H3703)
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- May 23, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- May 18, 2005: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 18, 2005: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- Feb 10, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Feb 10, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E219)
- Feb 10, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.