# HR 3815

Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2008

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**Chamber:** House
**Policy Area:** Emergency Management
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## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Sep 24, 2008 |
| Homeland Security Committee | House | Reported by | Jun 11, 2008 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary  (as of Sep 24, 2008)

Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2008 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Open Source and the Director of National Intelligence, to establish an open source collection, analysis, and dissemination program within the Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

Defines "open source information" to mean publicly available information that can be lawfully obtained by a member of the public by request, purchase, or observation. Requires the program to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source alerts, warnings, and other intelligence products relating to the mission of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Requires the Secretary to: (1) ensure that DHS makes full and efficient use of such information in intelligence analysis to identify terrorist threats; and (2) make DHS open source information available to federal, state, local, tribal, and private-sector entities, using systems and networks for the dissemination of homeland security information.

Directs: (1) the Secretary to ensure that the manner in which open source information is gathered and disseminated complies with all relevant federal laws; and (2) the Chief Privacy Officer of DHS to include in such Officer's annual report submitted to Congress an assessment of compliance by federal departments and agencies with laws relating to the use of open source information.

## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1051.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7596)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 7/29/2008 H7189-7190)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 7/29/2008 H7189-7190)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Ms. Harman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7189-7191)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3815.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Bilirakis objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 21, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 110-763.
- **Jul 21, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 486.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent .
- **Oct 12, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment.
- **Oct 10, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 10, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.