

## HR 1655

Putting Our Resources Towards Security (PORTS) Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Agriculture Committee                       | House   | Referred to | Apr 23, 2009 |
| Homeland Security Committee                 | House   | Referred to | Mar 24, 2009 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Referred to | Mar 20, 2009 |
| Ways and Means Committee                    | House   | Referred To | Mar 19, 2009 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Mar 19, 2009)

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Putting Our Resources Towards Security (PORTS) Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, between FY2010-FY2014, to increase the number of full-time Customs and Border Protection officers, agriculture specialists, and border security support personnel for U.S. ports of entry by not fewer than 5,000, 1,200, and 350, respectively, above the number of such personnel for which funds were made available during FY2009.

Authorizes appropriations to the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) for each of FY2010-FY2014 to make improvements to existing U.S. ports of entry to improve border security. Directs the Administrator to give priority to ports determined to be in most need of repair in accordance with required infrastructure assessment studies.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.
- **Mar 20, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to House Homeland Security
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to House Agriculture
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure