

## HR 1162

Government Accountability Office Improvement Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Mar 14, 2013

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 264.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 264. (Dec 17, 2013)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 14, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2013
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 12, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on April 15, 2013. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Government Accountability Office Improvement Act - Authorizes the Comptroller General to: (1) obtain federal agency records required to discharge his or her duties (including audit, evaluation, and investigative duties), including through bringing civil actions under this Act, (2) make and retain copies of agency records, and (3) administer oaths when investigating fraud or federal employee misconduct.

States that no provision of the Social Security Act or the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act shall be construed to limit, amend, or supersede the Comptroller General's authority to obtain any information, inspect, or copy any record under this Act.

Requires the Comptroller General to prescribe policies and procedures to protect from public disclosure proprietary or trade secret information obtained pursuant to the authority of the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Declares that nothing in this Act shall be construed to: (1) alter or amend the prohibitions against the disclosure of trade secret or other sensitive information prohibited by federal and other applicable laws; or (2) affect the applicability of this Act, including the protections against unauthorized disclosure to obtained information.

Requires agency statements on actions taken or planned in response to Comptroller General recommendations to be submitted to the congressional committees with jurisdiction over the pertinent agency program or activity and to GAO.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 17, 2013:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Carper without amendment. With written report No. 113-128.
- **Dec 17, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 264.
- **Jul 31, 2013:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 16, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1998-1999)
- **Apr 15, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1162.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** 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.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2010-2011)
- **Apr 15, 2013:** 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): 408 - 0 (Roll no. 103).(text: CR H1998)
- **Apr 15, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 0 (Roll no. 103). (text: CR H1998)
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 12, 2013:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 113-36.
- **Apr 12, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 22.
- **Mar 20, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 20, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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