

## HR 2579

Government Employee Accountability Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 322, H.R. 2579 is laid on the table.

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 31, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2879	Related bill	Sep 9, 2013: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
113 HRES 322	Procedurally related	Aug 1, 2013: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
113 S 1378	Related bill	Jul 25, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of Jul 31, 2013)

Government Employee Accountability Act - Sets forth guidelines for placing career employees of the Senior Executive Service (SES) on investigative leave. Defines "investigative leave" as a temporary absence without duty for disciplinary reasons, of a period not greater than 90 days.

Authorizes a federal agency to: (1) place an SES employee on investigative leave, without loss of pay and without charge to annual or sick leave, only for misconduct, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or misappropriation of funds; (2) place such employee on leave without pay if such employee's conduct is flagrant and such employee intentionally engaged in such conduct; or (3) remove such employee if such employee acted in a manner that endangers the interest of the agency mission and the removal is deemed necessary or advisable in the interests of the United States.

Requires an agency head to periodically review the investigation into the conduct of an SES employee placed on investigative leave and take certain actions with respect to such employee at the end of a period of investigative leave, including removal, suspension without pay, or reinstatement to duty. Grants an employee placed on investigative leave certain rights, including: (1) advance written notice of, and the right to answer, charges; (2) the right to be represented by an attorney; and (3) the right to appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB).

Includes misappropriation of funds as a ground in suspending or reinstating an SES employee or placing such employee in another civil service position.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 1, 2013:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 322, H.R. 2579 is laid on the table.
- **Jul 31, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 113-186.
- **Jul 31, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 134.
- **Jul 31, 2013:** Mr. Meadows moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 31, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5196-5202; text of measure as reported in House: CR H5196-5197)
- **Jul 31, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2579.
- **Jul 31, 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.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.