

HR 583

Putting Our Resources Toward Security (PORTS) Act

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

Introduced: Feb 6, 2013

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture. (Feb 25, 2013)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2013
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 20, 2013
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 7, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 19, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2013)

Putting Our Resources Toward Security (PORTS) Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, between FY2014-FY2018, to increase the number of full-time Customs and Border Protection officers, active-duty agriculture specialists, and active-duty 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 FY2012.

Authorizes appropriations to the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) for each of FY2014-FY2018 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

- **Feb 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Feb 20, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Feb 19, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Feb 7, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Feb 6, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2013:** 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.