Legislative History of The Privacy Act of 1974


Nov. 21, 1974—S. 3418 was considered and passed by Senate. 120 CONG. REC. 36917.
November 21, 1974—H.R. 16373 was considered and passed by House. 120 CONG. REC. 36976.
Dec. 11, 1974—S. 3418 was considered and passed by House, amended in lieu of H.R. 16373.
Dec. 17, 1974—Senate concurred in House amendment to S. 3418 with amendments. 120 CONG. REC. 40445.
Dec. 18, 1974—House concurred in Senate amendments.

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1982 Amendments

Note: Congress, in passing the Debt Collection Act of 1982, P.L. 97-365, 97th Cong., 2d Sess., H.R. 4613, 96 Stat. 1749, amended subsection 552a(e)(4) to substitute “upon establishment or revision” for “at least annually,” and amended subsection 552a(m) to redesignate the existing provision as par. (1) and add Par. (2).

1. House Report:
   H. Rep. No. 97-496 (Ways and Means Committee)

2. Senate Reports:
   S. Rep. No. 97-287 (Finance Committee)
   S. Rep. No. 97-378 (Governmental Affairs Committee)


Note: Congress, in passing the Congressional Reports Elimination Act of 1982, P.L. 97-375, 97th Cong., 2d Sess., H.R. 6005, 96 Stat. 1819, amended subsection 552a(p) to substitute annual reporting requirements for existing requirements for consolidated reports to be filed by June 30 of each calendar year.

1. House Report:
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Note: Congress, in enacting the National Archives and Records Administration Act of 1984, P.L. 98-497, 98th Cong., 2d Sess., S. 905, 98 Stat. 2280, amended subsections 552a(b)(6) and (l)(1) generally by substituting references to the “Archivist of the United States” for the “Administrator of General Services.”

1. House Reports:
   H. Rep. No. 98-1124 (Conference Committee).

2. Senate Report:
   S. Rep. No. 98-373 (Governmental Affairs Committee).


Note: Congress, in enacting the Central Intelligence Information Act, P.L. 98-477, 98th Cong., 2d Sess., HR. 5164, 98 Stat. 2209, amended subsection 552a(q) to redesignate that provision as (q)(1) and add another provision (q)(2) which clarified that Privacy Act exemptions do not constitute authority to withhold records from a requester who would otherwise have access to them under the FOIA.

1. House Reports:
   H. Rep. No. 98-726 (I) (Intelligence Comm.).

2. Senate Report:
   S. Rep. No. 98-305 (Intelligence Comm.).


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1. House Report:

   H. Rep. No. 100-802 on H.R. 4699 (House Comm. on Gov’t Op.).

2. Congressional Record:

   134 Cong. Rec. H 6068-91 (English/McCandless Statements).
   134 Cong. Rec. S 12995 (Senate Concurred in House Amendment with an Amendment).

Subsequent Amendments

   Pub. L. 105-362, title XIII, Sec. 1301(d), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3293