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[H.R. 3505, Department of Homeland Security Clearance Management and Administration Act](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Monday, November 2, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 3505](#), *the Department of Homeland Security Clearance Management and Administration Act*, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 3505 was introduced on September 15, 2015 by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS) and was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, which ordered the bill reported by voice vote on September 30, 2015.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3505 requires the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that the sensitivity level of national security positions are designated accurately across the Department and its components. The bill also requires the Secretary, no later than July 6, 2017, and every five years thereafter, to audit national security positions to ensure that such designations are still necessary. The bill allows the Secretary to adjust such designations if, during the course of a review, the Secretary determines that a change in the sensitivity level of a position affects the need for an individual to obtain access to classified information.

BACKGROUND

H.R. 3505 is designed to improve how DHS administers its security clearance program with respect to its security clearance and position designations practices. The bill seeks to ensure that DHS conducts a thorough accounting of workforce needs, to better manage the costs of unnecessary background investigations, and limits the number of positions that may be vulnerable to insider threats and targeting by foreign intelligence services.

COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently unavailable.

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