

## Union Calendar No. 352

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4005

[Report No. 112-499]

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study and report to Congress on gaps in port security in the United States and a plan to address them.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Ms. HAHN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

MAY 30, 2012

Additional sponsors: Mr. RANGEL, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. BROUN of Georgia

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Gauging American Port*  
5 *Security Act” or the “GAPS Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY, REPORT, AND PLAN TO ADDRESS GAPS IN**  
7 **PORT SECURITY.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date*  
9 *of enactment of this Act the Secretary of Homeland Security*  
10 *shall—*

11 *(1) conduct a study of, and submit to the Con-*  
12 *gress a report on, remaining gaps in port security in*  
13 *the United States; and*

14 *(2) include in such report a prioritization of*  
15 *such gaps and a plan for addressing them.*

16 *(b) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)*  
17 *shall be submitted in classified form but shall contain an*  
18 *unclassified annex.*

19 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION SHARING.**

20 *The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, in accord-*  
21 *ance with rules for the handling of classified information,*  
22 *share, as appropriate, with designated points of contact*  
23 *from Federal agencies and State, local, or tribal govern-*  
24 *ments, and port system owners and operators, relevant in-*  
25 *formation regarding remaining gaps in port security of the*

1 *United States, prioritization of such gaps, and a plan for*  
2 *addressing such gaps. In the event that a designated point*  
3 *of contact does not have the necessary security clearance to*  
4 *receive such information, the Secretary shall help expedite*  
5 *the clearance process, as appropriate.*



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