

Union Calendar No. 465

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4361

[Report No. 114-599]

To amend section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for enhanced security of Federal information systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2016

Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

MAY 31, 2016

Additional sponsor: Mr. Westerman

MAY 31, 2016

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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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 11, 2016]

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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 “Federal Information*
5 *Systems Safeguards Act of 2016”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AGENCY DISCRETION TO SECURE INFORMATION**
7 **TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS.**

8 *Section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, is amend-*
9 *ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

10 *“(f) AGENCY DISCRETION.—The head of each agency*
11 *has the sole and exclusive authority, with respect to any*
12 *information technology or information system under the*
13 *control of such agency—*

14 *“(1) to take any action the agency determines to*
15 *be necessary to reduce or eliminate security weakness*
16 *and risk, including to protect the information con-*
17 *tained in the information technology or information*
18 *system; and*

19 *“(2) to take any action the agency determines to*
20 *be necessary to reduce or eliminate future security*
21 *weakness and risk, including to protect the informa-*
22 *tion contained in the information technology or infor-*
23 *mation system.”.*

1 **SEC. 3 RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 *Section 2 of this Act, which clarifies agency discretion*
3 *with respect to any information technology or information*
4 *system under control of such agency, does not modify exist-*
5 *ing law as enacted in the Consolidated Appropriations Act*
6 *of Fiscal Year 2016, Division N – Cybersecurity Act of*
7 *2015, Public Law 114–113.*

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