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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 1998

Mr. SHAYS (for himself, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. McHALE, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. WHITE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

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## A BILL

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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. AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN CRS WEB SITE IN-**  
4 **FORMATION.**

5 (a) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Con-  
7 gressional Research Service shall make available on  
8 the Internet, for purposes of access and retrieval by  
9 the public, all information that—

1 (A) is available through the Congressional  
2 Research Service web site;

3 (B) is described in paragraph (2); and

4 (C) is not confidential as determined by—

5 (i) the Director; or

6 (ii) the head of a Federal department  
7 or agency that provided the information to  
8 the Congressional Research Service.

9 (2) INFORMATION.—The information referred  
10 to in paragraph (1)(B) is as follows:

11 (A) All Congressional Research Service  
12 Issue Briefs.

13 (B) All Congressional Research Service Re-  
14 ports that are available to Members of Congress  
15 through the Congressional Research Service  
16 web site.

17 (C) All Congressional Research Service Au-  
18 thorization of Appropriations Products or Ap-  
19 propriations Products.

20 (b) TIME.—The information shall be so made avail-  
21 able not earlier than 30 days after the first day the infor-  
22 mation is available to Members of Congress through the  
23 Congressional Research Service web site.

1           (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of the Congres-  
2 sional Research Service shall make the information avail-  
3 able in a manner that the Director determines—

4                   (1) is practical and reasonable; and

5                   (2) does not permit the submission of comments  
6           from the public.

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