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the CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE) Congressional Research Service Bill Digest for S712 not yet
available CO-SPONSORS: Original Cosponsors: Helms R-NC SYNOPSIS A BILL To provide for a system to classify
information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information. DATE OF
INTRODUCTION: MAY 7, 1997 DATE OF VERSION: MAY 9, 1997 -- VERSION: 1 SPONSOR(S): Mr. MOYNIHAN (FOR
HIMSELF AND MR. HELMS) INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING BILL; WHICH WAS READ TWICE AND REFERRED TO
THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CO-SPONSORS: Original Cosponsors: Helms R-NC TEXT: * Be it
enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United**States of America in Congress assembled,
*SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the "Government Secrecy Act of 1997". SEC. 2. PURPOSE. It
is the purpose of this Act to promote the effective protection of classified information and the disclosure of
information where there is not a well-founded basis for protection or where the costs of maintaining a secret
outweigh the benefits. SEC. 3. FINDINGS. The Congress makes the following findings: (1) The system for
classifying and declassifying national security information has been based in regulation, not in statute, and has
been governed by six successive Executive orders since 1951. (2) The Commission on Protecting and Reducing
Government Secrecy, established under Public Law 103-236, issued its report on March 4, 1997 (S. Doc. 105-
2), in which it recommended reducing the volume of information classified and strengthening the protection
of classified information. (3) The absence of a statutory framework has resulted in unstable and inconsistent
classification and declassification policies, excessive costs, and inadequate implementation. (4) The
implementation of Executive orders will be even more costly as more documents are prepared and used on
electronic systems. (5) United States taxpayers incur substantial costs as several million documents are
classified each year. According to figures submitted to the Information Security Oversight Office and the
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DeliveryPriority: N
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