

the term 'agency' means each authority (whether or not within or subject to review by another agency) of the Government of the United States other than Congress or the courts.

"(c) This section does not authorize withholding information from the public or limiting the availability of records to the public except matters that are (1) specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy; (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of any agency; (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute; (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from the public and privileged or confidential; (5) interagency or intra-agency memoranda or letters dealing solely with matters of law or policy; (6) personnel and medical files and similar matters the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (7) investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes except to the extent available by law to a private party; and (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of any agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions."

SEC. 2. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the amendment made by the first section of this Act are hereby repealed.

(The following identical bills were also introduced:)

H.R. 5013 by Hon. Dante B. Fascell of Florida.
H.R. 5014 by Hon. Torbert H. Macdonald of Massachusetts.
H.R. 5015 by Hon. Robert P. Griffin of Michigan.
H.R. 5016 by Hon. Ogden R. Reid of New York.
H.R. 5017 by Hon. Donald Rumsfeld of Illinois.
H.R. 5018 by Hon. Ed Edmondson of Oklahoma.
H.R. 5019 by Hon. Thomas L. Ashley of Ohio.
H.R. 5020 by Hon. Richard D. McCarthy of New York.
H.R. 5021 by Hon. Charlotte T. Reid of Illinois.
H.R. 5237 by Hon. Sam Gibbons of Florida.
H.R. 5406 by Hon. Robert L. Leggett of California.
H.R. 5520 by Hon. James H. Scheuer of New York.
H.R. 5583 by Hon. Edward J. Patten of New Jersey.
H.R. 6172 by Hon. Charles A. Mosher of Ohio.
H.R. 6739 by Hon. Jack Edwards of Alabama.
H.R. 7010 by Hon. William B. Widnall of New Jersey.
H.R. 7161 by Hon. John N. Erlenborn of Illinois.

Our first witness this morning will be Norbert A. Schlei, Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Schlei, would you come forward?

STATEMENT OF NORBERT A. SCHLEI, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; ACCOMPANIED BY WEBSTER P. MAXSON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. SCHLEI. Yes indeed, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

It is a pleasure for me to appear before this committee, Mr. Chairman, and I thank the chairman and the subcommittee for giving me this opportunity to appear.

I might say that as a Californian, it is a particular pleasure to appear before the chairman of this subcommittee, and I only wish that I was able this morning to be more affirmative than I am going to be in the course of my testimony.

I have a statement which I would like to present.

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