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# S 34

A bill to eliminate a requirement for a unanimous verdict in criminal trials in Federal courts.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jan 22, 2001

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S312) Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S312) (Jan

22, 2001)

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#### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Thurmond, Strom [R-SC]

Party: Republican • State: SC • Chamber: Senate

### **Cosponsors**

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2001

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

### **Summary** (as of Jan 22, 2001)

Amends rule 31 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to replace the requirement for a unanimous verdict in criminal trials in Federal court with a requirement that the verdict be by five-sixths of the jury.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Jan 22, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 22, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S311-312)
- Jan 22, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S312)