

S 986

A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]  
Party: Republican • State: IA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Smith, Bob [R-NH]	R · NH		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 18, 2001
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 26, 2001
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Sep 25, 2001
Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]	D · NC		Nov 8, 2001
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 28, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 29, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Authorizes the presiding judge of a U.S. appellate court or U.S. district court to permit the photographing, electronic recording, broadcasting, or televising to the public of court proceedings over which that judge presides.

Directs: (1) a district court, upon the request of any witness in a trial proceeding other than a party, to order the face and voice of the witness to be disguised or otherwise obscured to render the witness unrecognizable to the broadcast audience of the trial proceeding; and (2) the presiding judge in a trial proceeding to inform each witness who is not a party of his or her right to make such request.

Authorizes the Judicial Conference of the United States to promulgate advisory guidelines to which a presiding judge may refer in making decisions regarding the management and administration of photographing, recording, broadcasting, or televising described in this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 29, 2001:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 29, 2001:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
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- **Nov 29, 2001:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 241.
- **Jun 5, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 5, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5836-5837)
- **Jun 5, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5837)