

S 554

A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings.

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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		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 1, 2003
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		May 21, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 21, 2003
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 3, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 22, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced in the Senate on March 6, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2003:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 22, 2003:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Hatch without amendment. Without written report.
- **May 22, 2003:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Hatch without amendment. Without written report.
- **May 22, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 107.
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3276)
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3276-3277)