

## HR 1229

Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

**Cosponsors** (36 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Mar 10, 2005
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Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Mar 10, 2005
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Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Tanner, John S. [D-TN-8]	D · TN		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Mar 10, 2005
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Mar 15, 2005
Rep. Jenkins, William L. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Mar 15, 2005
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 15, 2005
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Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Apr 19, 2005
Rep. Everett, Terry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Apr 19, 2005
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Apr 19, 2005
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		May 18, 2005
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	R · FL		May 18, 2005
Rep. Hostettler, John N. [R-IN-8]	R · IN		May 18, 2005
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Deal, Nathan [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		May 3, 2006
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		May 25, 2006
Rep. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jun 12, 2006
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Sep 26, 2006

**Committee Activity**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chamber</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 21, 2005

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 489	Related bill	<b>Jul 19, 2005:</b> Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-181.

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### Summary (as of Mar 10, 2005)

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Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act - Authorizes State or local governments and related officials sued in their official capacity to file a motion to modify or vacate a consent decree upon the earlier of: (1) four years after the consent decree is originally entered; or (2) in the case of a civil action in which a State is a party or in which a local government is a party and the surrounding State is not a party, the expiration of the term of office of the highest elected State or local government official authorizing the consent decree.

Places the burden of proof with respect to such motions on the party originally filing the action to demonstrate that continued enforcement is necessary to uphold a Federal right.

Nullifies consent decrees pending a ruling on a motion to modify or vacate if the court fails to rule on such motion within 90 days of filing.

Addresses compensation and termination of special masters overseeing consent decrees.

Makes this Act applicable to all consent decrees regardless of: (1) the date on which the final order of a consent decree is entered; or (2) whether any relief has been obtained before enactment.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 13, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3892)
- **Jun 21, 2005:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 10, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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