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# S 1768

A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Law

Introduced: Sep 26, 2005

Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 384.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 384. (Mar 30, 2006)

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## **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]

Party: Republican • State: PA • Chamber: Senate

### **Cosponsors** (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Sep 26, 2005
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Sep 26, 2005
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 26, 2005
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	$R \cdot IA$		Sep 26, 2005
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 26, 2005
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 26, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D·IL		Nov 7, 2005

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 30, 2006

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Law

### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4380	Identical bill	Feb 6, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.

### (This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the federal judicial code to require the U.S. Supreme Court to permit television coverage of all open sessions of the Court unless the justices decide, by majority vote, that such coverage in a particular case would violate the due process rights of one or more of the parties before the Court.

### **Actions Timeline**

- Mar 30, 2006: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
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- Mar 30, 2006: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- Mar 30, 2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 384.
- Nov 9, 2005: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-331.
- Sep 26, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Sep 26, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10426-10429)
- Sep 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10429)