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## S 268

Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Feb 2, 2005

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Jul 11, 2005)

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### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

Party: Democratic • State: IA • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 2, 2005
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		Feb 2, 2005
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 2, 2005
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Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	$R \cdot IN$		Feb 2, 2005
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D·IL		Mar 2, 2005
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 2, 2005
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R·IA		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R·ME		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	R·MS		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$		Mar 17, 2005
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D·SD		Mar 17, 2005
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D·IN		Apr 5, 2005
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 5, 2005
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 14, 2005

# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 27, 2005

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

# **Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

## **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

# (This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on June 27, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of Commerce to make competitive grants to eligible entities to promote training and placement of individuals, including individuals who have completed a court reporting training program, as realtime writers providing closed captioning in video programming. Sets forth priorities in making grants. Limits grants to\$1.5 million for a two-year period.

Requires grantees to use amounts for purposes relating to the recruitment, training and assistance, and job placement of appropriate individuals. Allows scholarships to be provided, with a required post-education work agreement.

Directs: (1) grantees to report annually to the Secretary on uses of grant funds; and (2) the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce to conduct an annual review of the management, efficiency, and effectiveness of the grants.

Authorizes appropriations to the Secretary for FY2006-FY2009.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Jul 11, 2005: Received in the House.
- Jul 11, 2005: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Jul 11, 2005: Held at the desk.
- Jul 1, 2005: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7939-7941; text as reported in Senate: CR S7939-7941)
- Jul 1, 2005: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7939-7941; text as reported in Senate: CR S7939-7941)
- Jun 27, 2005: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Stevens with amendments. With written report No. 109-93.
- Jun 27, 2005: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Stevens with amendments. With written report No. 109-93.
- Jun 27, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 142.
- Mar 10, 2005: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- Feb 2, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 2, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S900-901)
- Feb 2, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S901-902)