

HR 3650

Federal Judiciary Emergency Special Sessions Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]

Party: Republican • State: WI • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2005
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Sep 6, 2005
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Sep 6, 2005
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Sep 6, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 6, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1634	Related bill	Sep 8, 2005: Held at the desk.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 8, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Federal Judiciary Emergency Special Sessions Act of 2005 - Allows federal circuit courts of appeals, district courts, bankruptcy courts, and magistrate judges to hold special sessions outside their circuits or districts upon a finding by a chief judge or judicial council that, because of emergency conditions, no location within the courts' regular circuits or districts is reasonably available. Authorizes such courts to transact any business, except certain district court criminal proceedings, at a special session outside their circuits or districts which they might transact at a regular session.

Requires special session courts, through the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, to notify the Judiciary Committees of Congress of any order issued in a special session. Requires the Administrative Office to report to such congressional committees describing the reasons for the issuance of a special session order, the duration of such order, the impact of such order on litigants, and the costs to the judiciary resulting from such order. Requires special session courts to provide reasonable notice to the U.S. Marshals Service before the commencement of any special session.

Prohibits a criminal trial from being conducted at a special session outside the state in which the crime was committed unless the defendant consents to trial outside the state. Restricts criminal jury pools to the district in which a crime was committed unless the defendant consents to be tried by jurors from the district in which the trial court is holding a special session.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 9, 2005:** Signed by President.
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- **Sep 9, 2005:** Became Public Law No: 109-63.
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- **Sep 8, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9774-9776)
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- **Sep 8, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 8, 2005:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 8, 2005:** Presented to President.
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- **Sep 7, 2005:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 7, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7689-7692)
- **Sep 7, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3650.
- **Sep 7, 2005:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 7, 2005:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7695-7696)
- **Sep 7, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 0 (Roll no. 456).(text: CR H7689-7690)
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- **Sep 7, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 6, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Sep 6, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.