

S 3923

A bill to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 21, 2006)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5418	Identical bill	Nov 13, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Sep 21, 2006)

Establishes a pilot program in certain U.S. district courts under which: (1) those district judges who request to hear cases involving patent or plant variety protection issues are designated by the chief judge to hear them; (2) such cases are randomly assigned to the district court judges, regardless of whether they are designated; (3) a judge not designated to whom such a case is assigned may decline to accept the case; and (4) a case so declined is randomly reassigned to one of those judges so designated.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 21, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 21, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9901)
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