

## S 539

Incapacitated Persons Legal Protection Act of 2005

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### Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	R · KY		Mar 9, 2005
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Mar 9, 2005
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Mar 14, 2005
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Mar 14, 2005
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 14, 2005
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 15, 2005
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 15, 2005
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 17, 2005

### Committee Activity

*No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.*

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 686	Related bill	<b>Mar 21, 2005:</b> Became Public Law No: 109-3.
109 HR 1332	Related bill	<b>Mar 20, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
109 S 653	Related bill	<b>Mar 20, 2005:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
109 HR 1334	Related bill	<b>Mar 16, 2005:</b> Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 162 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1334 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments.
109 HR 1151	Related bill	<b>Mar 10, 2005:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

## Summary (as of Mar 7, 2005)

Incapacitated Persons Legal Protection Act of 2005 - Amends the Federal judicial code to extend habeas corpus protections to persons who are subject to a court order authorizing or directing the withholding or withdrawal of food, fluids, or medical treatment necessary to sustain the person's life.

Deems persons having custody in such cases to encompass parties so authorized or directed. States that there shall be no requirement to produce the body of the incapacitated person at the hearing.

Exempts from this Act those cases in which the incapacitated person indisputably executed a written advance directive while having capacity that clearly authorized the withholding or withdrawal of food, fluids, or necessary medical treatment.

Defines "incapacitated person" to mean an individual presently incapable of making relevant decisions concerning the provision, withholding, or withdrawal of food, fluids, or medical treatment under applicable State law.

## Actions Timeline

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