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Faster FOIA Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]
Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 16, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2005
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 26, 2005
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Sep 21, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 15, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 17, 2005)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Faster FOIA Act of 2005 - Establishes a 16-member Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays to conduct a study concerning methods to: (1) reduce delays in processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests submitted to Federal agencies; and (2) ensure the efficient and equitable administration of FOIA throughout the Government. Requires the study to also address whether FOIA fees and fee waivers need to be reformed.

Requires the Commission to submit study results and recommendations to Congress and the President within one year.

Directs the heads of executive agencies, the Government Accountability Office, and the Congressional Research Service to provide the Commission with information needed by the Commission to carry out its functions.

States that the Commission shall terminate 30 days after submitting its report.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2005:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 17, 2005:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
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- **Mar 15, 2005:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security. Hearings held.
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2485)
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2485-2486)