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Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2005

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Sponsor

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Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 18, 2005
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Feb 15, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 30, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2422	Related bill	Jul 1, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2005 - Authorizes the presiding judge of a U.S. appellate court or U.S. district court to permit the photographing, electronic recording, broadcasting, or televising to the public of court proceedings over which that judge presides.

Directs: (1) a district court, upon the request of any witness in a trial proceeding other than a party, to order the face and voice of the witness to be disguised or otherwise obscured to render the witness unrecognizable to the broadcast audience of the trial proceeding; and (2) the presiding judge in a trial proceeding to inform each witness who is not a party of his or her right to make such request.

Authorizes the Judicial Conference of the United States to promulgate advisory guidelines to which a presiding judge may refer in making decisions regarding the management and administration of photographing, recording, broadcasting, or televising described in this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 30, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 30, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- **Mar 30, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- **Mar 30, 2006:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 383.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-331.
- **Apr 18, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 18, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3822-3823)
- **Apr 18, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3823)