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Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2005

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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

- **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:** 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)

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