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Free Flow of Information Act of 2007

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Policy Area: Law
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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 2, 2007)
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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		May 2, 2007
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		May 2, 2007
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 2, 2007
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 2, 2007
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		May 3, 2007
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		May 14, 2007
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 11, 2007
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 22, 2007
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Sep 17, 2007
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 20, 2007
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Sep 26, 2007
Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 2, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2102	Identical bill	**Oct 18, 2007:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 428.

Summary (as of May 2, 2007)

Free Flow of Information Act of 2007 - Prohibits a federal entity (an entity or employee of the judicial or executive branch or an administrative agency) from compelling a covered person (a person engaged in journalism, including their supervisor, employer, parent, subsidiary, or affiliate) to testify or produce any document unless a court makes specified determinations by a preponderance of the evidence.

Requires the content of compelled testimony or documents to be limited and narrowly tailored.

Applies this Act to communications service providers with regard to testimony or any record, information, or other communication that relates to a business transaction between such providers and covered persons. Sets forth notice requirements. Permits a court to delay notice to a covered person upon determining that such notice would pose a substantial threat to the integrity of a criminal investigation.

Actions Timeline

- **May 2, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 2, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5504-5505)
- **May 2, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.