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Performance Rights Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Dec 18, 2007
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 18, 2007
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Dec 18, 2007
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jan 28, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 29, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 4789	Related bill	Jun 26, 2008: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

Performance Rights Act - Amends federal copyright law to: (1) grant performers of sound recordings equal rights to compensation from terrestrial broadcasters; (2) establish a flat annual fee in lieu of payment of royalties for individual terrestrial broadcast stations with gross revenues of less than \$1.25 million and for non-commercial, public broadcast stations; (3) grant an exemption from royalty payments for broadcasts of religious services and for incidental uses of musical sound recordings; and (4) grant terrestrial broadcast stations that make limited feature uses of sound recordings a per program license option.

Provides that nothing in this Act shall adversely affect the public performance rights or royalties payable to songwriters or copyright owners of musical works.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 29, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S15917-15918)
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S15918)