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## S 3276

Open and Transparent Smithsonian Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jul 16, 2008

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Jul 16, 2008)

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## **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

Party: Republican • State: IA • Chamber: Senate

#### **Cosponsors** (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	$R \cdot PA$		Jul 16, 2008

### **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 16, 2008

### **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

**Government Operations and Politics** 

#### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

**Summary** (as of Jul 16, 2008)

Open and Transparent Smithsonian Act of 2008 - Makes the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, federal law relating to open meetings of federal agencies, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act applicable to the Smithsonian Institution.

Makes this Act applicable to: (1) all actions taken by the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution or any other officer or employee of the Smithsonian Institution before, on, or after the enactment date of this Act; (2) any record created before, on, or after that date; and (3) any meeting held before, on, or after that date.

Amends the Privacy Act to allow a federal agency, upon request by the chairperson or ranking member of a committee, subcommittee, or joint committee of Congress, to make a disclosure of any record which is contained in a system of records to that chairperson or ranking member.

# **Actions Timeline**

- Jul 16, 2008: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 16, 2008: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6873-6875)
- Jul 16, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.