

## HR 34

To establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges.

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jan 4, 2007

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 13, 2007)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/34>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jan 4, 2007
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 12, 2007

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2007
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 13, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Feb 12, 2007)

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

Establishes a pilot program in certain U.S. district courts under which: (1) those district judges who request to hear cases involving patent or plant variety protection issues are designated by the chief judge to hear them; (2) such cases are randomly assigned to the district court judges, regardless of whether they are designated; (3) a judge not designated to whom such a case is assigned may decline to accept the case; and (4) a case so declined is randomly reassigned to one of those judges so designated.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 13, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Feb 12, 2007:** Mr. Berman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 12, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1430-1433)
- **Feb 12, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 34.
- **Feb 12, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1430)
- **Feb 12, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1430)
- **Feb 12, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.