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# S 344

A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Law

Introduced: Jan 22, 2007

Current Status: By Senator Leahy from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 110-448.

Latest Action: By Senator Leahy from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 110-448. (Sep 8, 2008)

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#### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]

Party: Republican • State: PA • Chamber: Senate

#### **Cosponsors** (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	$D\cdotIL$		Jan 22, 2007
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 22, 2007
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	$R \cdot IA$		Jan 22, 2007
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 22, 2007
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Jan 30, 2007

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 29, 2008

### **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

Law

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1299	Identical bill	Mar 1, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

#### **Summary** (as of Jul 29, 2008)

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

Requires the Supreme Court to permit television coverage of all open sessions of the Court unless it decides by majority vote that allowing such coverage in a particular case would violate the due process rights of any of the parties involved.

### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 8, 2008: By Senator Leahy from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 110-448.
- Jul 29, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
- Jul 29, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 907.
- Dec 6, 2007: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Feb 14, 2007: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- Jan 29, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1257-1262)
- Jan 22, 2007: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 22, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S831-834)
- Jan 22, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S834)