

HR 4789

Performance Rights Act

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Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

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Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Dec 18, 2007
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Dec 18, 2007
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Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3]	R · AZ		Dec 18, 2007
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 14, 2008
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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		May 14, 2008
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Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 14, 2008
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		May 14, 2008
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 14, 2008
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 14, 2008
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 14, 2008
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 14, 2008
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jun 24, 2008
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 25, 2008
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Sep 29, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 26, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2500	Related bill	Jul 29, 2008: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.

Summary (as of Dec 18, 2007)

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

- **Jun 26, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 14, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2606-2607)
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.