

HR 5993

Presidential Signing Statements Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Jul 28, 2008)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 8, 2008)

Presidential Signing Statements Act of 2008 - Requires the President to transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary, and to the Senate Majority Leader each signing statement that declares or insinuates the President's intention to disregard provisions of any bill he has signed into law because he believes it is unconstitutional.

Requires the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, or White House Counsel to testify before such congressional committees at the behest of any single Member of either committee to explain the meaning and justification of every presidential signing statement covered by this Act.

Prohibits executive privilege from being recognized as a valid basis for refusing to appear or refusing to answer a question pertinent to the legal reasoning behind a signing statement or its legal ramifications.

Bars authorization or expenditure of federal funds to implement any law accompanied by a presidential signing statement noncompliant with this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **May 8, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **May 8, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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