

## HR 2572

Congressional Disclosures Protections Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** May 21, 2009

**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. (Aug 19, 2009)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 21, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 19, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 21, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Congressional Disclosures Protections Act of 2009 - Amends federal personnel law to: (1) define "covered disclosure" with respect to federal whistleblower protections to mean a disclosure of information made by an employee to either house of Congress or to a congressional committee or staff member which such employee reasonably believes evidences a violation of any law, gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; (2) allow federal employees to seek de novo review of their whistleblower claims within one year of filing such claims; (3) expand legal remedies for whistleblowers, including triple damages for lost wages, triple attorney fees, and triple compensatory damages; and (4) require the Office of Special Counsel to provide legal representation to whistleblowers, upon request.

Amends the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act) to expand the reporting requirements of federal agencies relating to reimbursement of the expenses of employees who have filed whistleblower claims.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 19, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **May 21, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **May 21, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 21, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary