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A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

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Chamber: Senate
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]
Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 29, 2009
Sen. Kaufman, Edward E. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 30, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 27, 2010
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Nov 17, 2010
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 17, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 8, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 SRES 339	Related bill	**Jun 8, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 421.
111 HR 429	Identical bill	**Jan 9, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 8, 2010)

(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

- **Jun 8, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jun 8, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 420.
- **Apr 29, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 13, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 13, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2332-2336)
- **Feb 13, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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