

## S 875

### Presidential Signing Statements Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4677-

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### Sponsor

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

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 23, 2009
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 23, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 23, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Presidential Signing Statements Act of 2009 - Prohibits any state or federal court from relying on or deferring to a presidential signing statement as a source of authority when determining the meaning of any Act of Congress.

Requires any federal or state court, in any action, suit, or proceeding regarding the construction or constitutionality, or both, of any Act of Congress in which a presidential signing statement was issued, to permit the Senate, through the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, or the House, through the Office of General Counsel for the House, or both, to participate as an amicus curiae, and to present an oral argument on the question of the Act's construction or constitutionality, or both.

Authorizes the full Congress, in any such suit, to pass a concurrent resolution declaring its view of the proper interpretation of the Act of Congress at issue, clarifying Congress's intent or its findings of fact, or both.

Requires the federal or state court in question to permit Congress, through the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, to submit any such passed resolution into the record of the case as a matter of right.

Makes it the duty of each federal or state court, including the U.S. Supreme Court, to advance on the docket and to expedite to the greatest possible extent the disposition of any matter brought under this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 23, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 23, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4676-4677)
- **Apr 23, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4677-4678)