S 877

A bill to provide for the non-discretionary Supreme Court review of certain civil actions relating to the legality and constitutionality of surveillance activities.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 23, 2009)

Requires review by the Supreme Court of appeals of interlocutory or final judgments, decrees, or court orders challenging the legality or constitutionality of: (1) the President's Surveillance Program (Terrorist Surveillance Program); (2) certain statutory defenses for the protection of persons assisting the federal government with information, or access to it, including communication contents, communications records, or other information relating to a customer or communication; and (3) any intelligence activity involving communications that was authorized by the President during a specified period.

Requires the Supreme Court to advance on the docket any such appeal and expedite it to the greatest extent possible.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 23, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4679-4680)
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