

S 931

Arbitration Fairness Act of 2009

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 29, 2009
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 15, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2009
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 9, 2009
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Oct 5, 2009
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 23, 2010
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jun 30, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 29, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1020	Related bill	Jun 21, 2010: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law Discharged.

Summary (as of Apr 29, 2009)

Arbitration Fairness Act of 2009 - Declares that no predispute arbitration agreement shall be valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of an employment, consumer, or franchise, or civil rights dispute.

Declares, further, that the validity or enforceability of an agreement to arbitrate shall be determined by a court, under federal law, rather than an arbitrator, irrespective of whether the party resisting arbitration challenges the arbitration agreement specifically or in conjunction with other terms of the contract containing such agreement.

Exempts from this Act arbitration provisions in a contract between an employer and a labor organization or between labor organizations. Denies to any such arbitration provision, however, the effect of waiving the right of an employee to seek judicial enforcement of a right arising under the Constitution of the United States, a state constitution, or a federal or state statute, or public policy arising therefrom.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 29, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4897-4898)
- **Apr 29, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4898-4899)