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Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011

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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.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 9, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT] | R · UT | | Mar 9, 2011 |
| Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK] | R · OK | | Mar 28, 2011 |

Committee Activity

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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 9, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 112 HR 966 | Identical bill | Jul 21, 2011: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 114. |

Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011 - Amends the sanctions provisions in Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to require the court to impose an appropriate sanction on any attorney, law firm, or party that has violated, or is responsible for the violation of, the rule with regard to representations to the court. Requires any sanction to compensate parties injured by the conduct in question.

Removes a provision that prohibits filing a motion for sanctions if the challenged paper, claim, defense, contention, or denial is withdrawn or appropriately corrected within 21 days after service or within another time the court sets.

Authorizes the court to impose additional sanctions, including striking the pleadings, dismissing the suit, nonmonetary directives, or penalty payments if warranted for effective deterrence.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 9, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 9, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1509-1510)
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