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Respect for Marriage Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 16, 2011
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Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2011
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 5, 2011
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		May 17, 2011
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 26, 2011
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 8, 2011
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 11, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 11, 2011
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 2, 2011
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 8, 2011
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 20, 2011
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 30, 2012
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 10, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 10, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1116	Related bill	Jun 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Summary (as of Nov 10, 2011)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Respect for Marriage Act of 2011 - Amends the Defense of Marriage Act to repeal a provision that prohibited a state, territory, possession, or Indian tribe from being required to recognize any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state, territory, possession, or tribe respecting a same sex marriage.

Amends the federal rules of construction added by such Act concerning the definitions of "marriage" and "spouse" to provide that, for purposes of any federal law in which marital status is a factor, an individual shall be considered married if that individual's marriage is valid in the state where the marriage was entered into or, in the case of a marriage entered into outside any state, if the marriage is valid in the place where entered into and the marriage could have been entered into in a state. Removes the definition of "spouse" (currently, a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife).

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 10, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 10, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
- **Nov 10, 2011:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 228.
- **Jul 20, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-120.
- **Mar 16, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 16, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1753-1754)
- **Mar 16, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.