

HR 966

Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Latest Action: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 114. (Jul 21, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Canseco, Francisco "Quico" [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Apr 7, 2011
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	R · CA		Apr 7, 2011
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Apr 8, 2011
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		May 5, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	May 27, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 533	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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that prohibits filing a motion for sanctions if the challenged paper, claim, defense, contention, or denial is withdrawn or appropriately corrected within 21 days after service or within another time the court sets.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

Prohibits this Act from being construed as barring or impeding the assertion or development of new claims, defenses, or remedies under federal, state, or local laws, including civil rights laws, or under the Constitution.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 21, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-174.
- **Jul 21, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 114.
- **Jul 7, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 7, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 13.
- **May 27, 2011:** Subcommittee on the Constitution Discharged.
- **Mar 9, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Mar 9, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.