

## S 987

Arbitration Fairness Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Current Status:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-177.

**Latest Action:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-177. (Oct 13, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/987>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]

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

### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 12, 2011
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		May 12, 2011
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 12, 2011
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 12, 2011
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 12, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		May 12, 2011
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 12, 2011
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 12, 2011
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 12, 2011
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		May 12, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 12, 2011
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 12, 2011
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 11, 2011
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 30, 2011
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 26, 2012
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 19, 2012
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 21, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Oct 13, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1873	Identical bill	<b>Jun 1, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.

### Summary (as of May 12, 2011)

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Arbitration Fairness Act of 2011 - Declares that no predispute arbitration agreement shall be valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of an employment, consumer, or civil rights dispute.

Declares, further, that the validity and 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 U.S. Constitution, a state constitution, a federal or state statute, or related public policy.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 13, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-177.
- **May 12, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 12, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.