

## HR 1033

Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Feb 14, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate. (Feb 28, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1033>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Feb 14, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3668	Related bill	<b>Sep 18, 2017:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 224.
115 S 378	Identical bill	<b>Feb 14, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Equal Access to Justice Act and the federal judicial code to require the Administrative Conference of the United States to create and maintain online searchable databases with information about the attorney's fees and other expenses awarded to prevailing parties other than the United States in certain: (1) agency-conducted adversary adjudication proceedings, and (2) civil action court cases (excluding tort cases) or settlement agreements to which the United States is a party.

With respect to each award, the information must include: (1) the name of the agency involved, (2) the name of each party to whom the award was made, (3) a description of the claims, (4) the amount of the award, and (5) the basis for finding that the position of the agency concerned was not substantially justified. Under current law, the awards are made unless the position of the agency was substantially justified or special circumstances make an award unjust.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 28, 2017:** Received in the Senate.
- **Feb 27, 2017:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 27, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1334-1336)
- **Feb 27, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1033.
- **Feb 27, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1334)
- **Feb 27, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1334)
- **Feb 27, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.