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CLASSICS Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Feb 7, 2018

Current Status: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. (May 15, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • State: DE • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2018
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 7, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 7, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 7, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 28, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 5, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 9, 2018
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 9, 2018
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 21, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 15, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2823	Related bill	<b>Sep 17, 2018:</b> By Senator Grassley from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 115-339.
115 HR 5447	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2018:</b> Received in the Senate.
115 HR 3301	Identical bill	<b>Jul 19, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Feb 7, 2018)

### Compensating Legacy Artists for their Songs, Service, and Important Contributions to Society Act or the CLASSICS Act

This bill provides federal copyright protection for sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972, specifically the right to make digital transmissions. Currently, pre-1972 recordings are only covered by state law.

Pre-1972 recordings will fall within the existing compulsory license system for digital transmissions, which currently only cover post-1972 recordings.

The bill preempts claims under state and common law for digital transmission of pre-1972 recordings.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Feb 7, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.