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Arbitration Fairness Act of 2017

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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 7, 2017
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 21, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 5, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Nov 15, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 7, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2591	Related bill	Mar 22, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 1374	Identical bill	Mar 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

Arbitration Fairness Act of 2017

This bill prohibits a predispute arbitration agreement from being valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of an employment, consumer, antitrust, or civil rights dispute.

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.

Nothing in this bill applies to arbitration provisions in a contract between an employer and a labor organization or between labor organizations, except that no such arbitration provision shall have 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

- **Mar 7, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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