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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Jan 8, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schmitt, Eric [R-MO]

Party: Republican • State: MO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

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| Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN] | R · TN        |      | Jan 8, 2025 |
| Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL] | R · AL        |      | Jan 8, 2025 |
| Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]         | R · NC        |      | Jan 8, 2025 |
| Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]     | R · ND        |      | Jan 8, 2025 |
| Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]         | R · TX        |      | Jan 8, 2025 |
| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]       | R · IA        |      | Jan 8, 2025 |
| Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]     | R · TN        |      | Jan 8, 2025 |
| Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]        | R · KY        |      | Jan 8, 2025 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                                            | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jan 8, 2025 |

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Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action                                                                                       |
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| 119 HR 1605 | Related bill | May 21, 2025: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 15 - 12. |

## **Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2025 or SOPRA**

This bill modifies the scope of judicial review of agency actions to authorize courts reviewing agency actions to decide de novo (i.e., without giving deference to the agency's interpretation) all relevant questions of law, including the interpretation of (1) constitutional and statutory provisions, (2) rules made by agencies, (3) interpretative rules, (4) general statements of policy, and (5) all other agency guidance documents.

No law may exempt a civil action from the standard of review required by this bill except by specific reference to such provision.

## **Actions Timeline**

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