

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 446

To permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2009

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 28.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 45 of title 28, United  
5       States Code, is amended by inserting at the end the fol-  
6       lowing:

7       **“§ 678. Televising Supreme Court proceedings**

8       “The Supreme Court shall permit television coverage  
9       of all open sessions of the Court unless the Court decides,  
10      by a vote of the majority of justices, that allowing such  
11      coverage in a particular case would constitute a violation

1 of the due process rights of 1 or more of the parties before  
2 the Court.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis  
4 for chapter 45 of title 28, United States Code, is amended  
5 by inserting at the end the following:

“678. Televising Supreme Court proceedings.”.

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