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S. 627: Faster FOIA Act of 2011

112th Congress, 2011–2012

A bill to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays.

Sponsor: Sen. Patrick Leahy [D-VT]

Status: Passed Congress

TRACK THIS BILL

18% **SPEAK UP**
82% at POPVOX

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Bill titles and summaries are written by the sponsor. S. stands for Senate bill.

POPVOX HOME BILLS IN CONGRESS ORGANIZATIONS

Bill Report

H.R. 177: Death Tax Repeal Act

Sponsor: Rep. William Thornberry [R, TX-13]

Status: Referred to House Ways and Means Jan 5, 2011

LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR CALIFORNIA

Represented by Sen. Barbara Boxer and Sen. Dianne Feinstein

Select State: CA - California Whole State

CONSTITUENTS SAY

California: 62% Support, 38% Oppose (40 people)

POPVOX Nation: 70% Support, 30% Oppose (200 people)

ORGS ENDORSING: No organizations known.

ORGS OPPOSING: No organizations known.

CO-SPONSORS

Rep. Robert Adlerholt [R, AL-6], Rep. Todd Akin [R, MO-2], Rep. Spencer Bachus [R, AL-6], Rep. Donal Young [R, AK-1], Rep. Brian Bilbray [R, CA-56], Rep. Ted Poe [R, TX-2]

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BILL OVERVIEW

STATUS:

- Introduced Mar 17, 2011
- Reported by Committee Apr 07, 2011
- Passed Senate May 26, 2011
- Passed House Jul 29, 2011
- Signed by the President (not yet occurred)

This bill was passed by Congress on July 29, 2011 and goes to the President next.

PROGNOSIS:

Just 21% of all Senate bills reported favorably by committee in 2009–2010 were enacted.

VOTES:

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions: S 627 Budget Control Act of 2011

Jul 29, 2011 6:09 p.m.. Failed.

S. 627: Faster FOIA Act of 2011 (On Passage of the Bill)

Jul 29, 2011 6:25 p.m.. Passed.

On the Motion to Table (Motion to Table the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to S. 627)

Jul 29, 2011 8 p.m.. Motion to Table Agreed to.

On the Motion (Motion to Instruct the Sgt. At Arms to Request Absent Senators)

Jul 29, 2011 1:30 p.m.. Motion Agreed to.





Exec Branch

- Open Government Directive (2009)
- Open Government Partnership (2011)
- Digital Government Strategy (2012)
- Open Government Platform (2012)
- Policy for Open Data (coming soon)



Open Gov Responsibilities

- LD/LA – *Government reform policy*
- LC – *Listen to constituents' sentiment*
- Press sec – *Communicate to constituents*
- Exec assistant – *Schedule office visits*
- Sysadmin – *Implement web*
- Interns – *Mail, tours*



Imagine the “TD”



A “TD”'s responsibilities

- Coordinate with LCs...
 - Even *newer* media for collecting constituent sentiment
- Coordinate with LAs...
 - Open gov. legislation
- Coordinate with sysadmin...
 - Implementing software



A TD's Resume

(pick a few)

- Has created a govt data mashup.
- Has shaped open gov policy in local city govt.
- Familiar with the legislative process.



Concrete Steps

(Pick one?)

- Vote Positions (Amash)



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- Cosponsor Transparency Bills
 - DATA Act (Issa)
 - Audit The Fed (Stockman)
 - ACMRA/TGA (Quigley)
 - POIA (Israel)
 - Legislative Data Transparency and PAA (Foster)



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- **Your Boss's Schedule (Gillibrand)**
- **Official Correspondence** (h/t Sunlight)



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- **Try *Madison* for a Bill (Issa)**



Where to Look for a TD

- Your web/CRM vendor
- Code for America fellows
- TransparencyCamp
- Other gov contractors