

## Calendar No. 319

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 1945**

To permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2011

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

FEBRUARY 13, 2012

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

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**A BILL**

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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:

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

2       “The Supreme Court shall permit television coverage  
3 of all open sessions of the Court unless the Court decides,  
4 by a vote of the majority of justices, that allowing such  
5 coverage in a particular case would constitute a violation  
6 of the due process rights of 1 or more of the parties before  
7 the Court.”.

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

“678. Televising Supreme Court proceedings.”.



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