



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 344

A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on December 6, 2007

S. 344 would require the U.S. Supreme Court to permit television coverage of all open sessions, unless a majority of justices vote to bar such recordings. The Supreme Court currently prohibits recording devices in the courtroom. CBO estimates that enacting S. 344 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S. 344 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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