



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 554**

**A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 22, 2003*

S. 554 would allow federal judges to permit television cameras, photographs, and other electronic recording devices to record court proceedings. Under current law, the federal court system prohibits such devices in federal courtrooms. CBO estimates that enacting S. 554 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

Enacting S. 554 would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 554 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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