

## 3.2 Bills We're Tracking

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(Updates and additions are highlighted in navy)*

**AALL supports the following bills (in order of introduction):**

Name	Bill Number	Purpose	Status	AALL Formal Statements
<i>Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2009</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 35</a> (Introduced Jan. 6, 2009)	To restore standards for the timely release of Presidential records and nullify Executive Order 13233 that President Bush issued in 2001.	Passed the House (Jan. 7, 2009)  Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Jan. 8, 2009)  Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably (April 1, 2009)  Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar (May 19, 2009)	From the 110 <sup>th</sup> Congress:  <a href="#">Letter</a> to Senators in support of the <i>Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2007</i> (H.R. 1255, S. 886) (Dec. 7, 2007)  <a href="#">Letter</a> to Senate Majority Leader Reid in support of H.R. 1255 and S. 886 (Nov. 19, 2007)
<i>Reducing Over-Classification Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 553</a> (Introduced Jan. 15, 2009)	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent over-classification and promote the sharing of unclassified information at the Department of Homeland Security.	Passed the House (Feb. 3, 2009)  Referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Feb. 4, 2009)  Ordered by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a	

			substitute favorably (Nov. 4, 2009)	
<i>Over-Classification Reduction Act</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 854</a> (Introduced Feb. 4, 2009)	To require increased oversight and training to reduce over-classification across the federal government.	Ordered by the House Comm. on Oversight and Government Reform to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote (Feb. 11, 2009)	
<i>Plain Language Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 946</a> ; (Introduced Feb. 10, 2009) <a href="#">S.574</a> (Introduced March 11, 2009)	To enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Feb. 10, 2009)  Referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (March 11, 2009)  Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably (April 1, 2009)  <a href="#">Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Dec. 9, 2009)</a>	From the 110 <sup>th</sup> Congress:  <a href="#">Letter</a> to Sen. Daniel K. Akaka in support of The Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007, S. 2291 (Dec. 18, 2007)
<i>Free Flow of Information Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">H. R. 985</a> (Introduced Feb. 11, 2009)	To offer a qualified privilege for journalists so that would not be compelled to identify sources or hand over confidential material except under limited circumstances.	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote by the House Committee on the Judiciary (March 25, 2009)  Referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary	

			(April 1, 2009)	
<i>Reducing Information Control Designations Act</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 1323</a> (Introduced March 5, 2009)	To require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations (often called "sensitive but unclassified" (SBU) information and "controlled unclassified information" (CUI)).	Passed the House (March 17, 2009)  Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (March 18, 2009)	

<i>Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">H.R.1507;</a> (Introduced March 12, 2009)	To strengthen whistleblower protections for federal employees who expose waste, fraud, and abuse.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and House Committee on Homeland Security (March 12, 2009)	<a href="#">Letter</a> to President Obama and Members of Congress in support of strong whistleblower protections (May 15, 2009)
	<a href="#">S.372</a> (Introduced Feb. 3, 2009)		Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs ordered S. 372 to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorable (July 27, 2009)  <a href="#">Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Dec. 3, 2009)</a>	

<p><i>State Secrets Protection Act</i></p>	<p><a href="#">S. 417</a>; (Introduced Feb. 11, 2009)</p> <p><a href="#">H.R. 984</a> (Introduced Feb. 11, 2009)</p>	<p>To enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege.</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary (Feb. 11, 2009)</p> <p>H.R. 984 was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary (Feb. 11, 2009) Ordered to be Reported (Amended) (Nov. 5, 2009)</p>	<p><a href="#">Letter</a> to Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions in support of the <i>State Secrets Protection Act</i>, S. 417 (May 20, 2009)</p>
<p><i>Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act</i></p>	<p><a href="#">S. 482</a> (Introduced Feb. 25, 2009)</p>	<p>To require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.</p>	<p>Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Feb. 26, 2009)</p>	
<p><i>Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2009</i></p>	<p><a href="#">HR 1320</a> (Introduced March 5, 2009)</p>	<p>To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (March 5, 2009)</p> <p>Reported favorably by the Committee (June 4, 2009)</p>	
<p><i>To authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission through fiscal year 2014</i></p>	<p><a href="#">H.R. 1556</a> (Introduced March 17, 2009)</p>	<p>To authorize \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014.</p>	<p>Referred to the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives (May 4, 2009)</p>	
<p><i>OPEN FOIA Act of 2009</i></p>	<p><a href="#">S. 612</a> (Introduced</p>	<p>To make Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemptions more</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary</p>	<p>From the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress:</p>

	March 17, 2009)	transparent.	(March 17, 2009)	<a href="#">Letter</a> to Sens. Patrick J. Leahy and Arlen Specter in support of the <i>OPEN FOIA Act</i> , S. 2746 (July 7, 2008)
<i>National Security Letters Reform Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 1800</a>  (Introduced March 30, 2009)	To establish reasonable procedural protections for the use of national security letters.	Referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties (April 27, 2009)	
<i>Presidential Signing Statements Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">S.875</a>  (Introduced April 23, 2009)	To regulate the judicial use of presidential signing statements.	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary (April 23, 2009)	
<i>A resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications</i>	<a href="#">S. Res. 118</a>  (Introduced April 29, 2009)	To give the public access to CRS reports by creating a centralized electronic system that would allow members of the public to search for reports and issue briefs.  S. Res 118 would also require that an index of reports and issue briefs be made publicly available.	Referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration (April 29, 2009)	<a href="#">Letter</a> to Sens. Joseph I. Lieberman and John McCain in support of S. Res. 118 (May 20, 2009)  <a href="#">Letter</a> to Chairman Schumer and Senator Bennett to urge the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration to pass S. Res. 118 (May 14, 2009)
<i>Preserving the American Historical Record Act</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 2256</a>  (Introduced May 5, 2009)	To authorize the Archivist of the United States to make grants to States for the preservation and dissemination of historical records.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (May 5, 2009)	
<i>William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 2728</a>  (Introduced June 4, 2009)	To provide increased funding for the Law Library of Congress.	Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration (June 19, 2009)	<a href="#">Joint letter</a> from AALL and the Northern California Association of Law Libraries

			Passed the House (July 30, 2009)	(NOCALL) (June 8, 2009)
<i>Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that legislation and conference reports be available on the Internet for 72 hours before consideration by the House, and for other purposes.</i>	<a href="#">H. Res. 554</a> (Introduced June 17, 2009)	To require that legislation and conference reports be available on the Internet for 72 hours before consideration by the House.	Referred to the House Committee on Rules (June 17, 2009)  Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Rep. Walden (Sept. 23, 2009)	
<i>Federal Research Public Access Act</i>	<a href="#">S. 1373</a> (Introduced June 25, 2009)	To provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency.	Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (June 25, 2009)	Letters to <a href="#">The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman</a> and <a href="#">The Honorable John Cornyn</a> to thank them for introducing <i>The Federal Research Public Access Act of 2009</i> , S.1373 (July 2, 2009)
<i>Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">H.R. 3458</a> (Introduced July 31, 2009)	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a national broadband policy, safeguard consumer rights, and spur investment and innovation. This legislation would ensure Network Neutrality.	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce (July 31, 2009)	

<i>Judiciously Using Surveillance Tools In Counterterrorism Efforts (JUSTICE) Act</i>	<a href="#">S.1686</a> (Introduced September 17, 2009)	To place reasonable safeguards on the use of surveillance and other authorities under the <i>USA PATRIOT Act</i> .	Referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Sept. 17, 2009)	<a href="#">Letter</a> to co-sponsors of the <i>JUSTICE Act</i> in support of the bill (Sept. 23, 2009)
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<p><i>USA PATRIOT Act Sunset Extension Act of 2009</i></p>	<p><a href="#">S.1692</a> (Introduced September 22, 2009)</p>	<p>To extend the sunset of certain provisions of the <i>USA PATRIOT Act</i>, including Sec. 215, the so-called “library provision,” and the authority to issue national security letters.</p>	<p>Referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Sept. 22, 2009)</p> <p>Favorably reported out of committee with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (Oct. 13, 2009)</p>	<p>Letters to <a href="#">The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy</a>, <a href="#">The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin</a>, and <a href="#">The Honorable Ted Kaufman</a> in support of the <i>USA PATRIOT Act Sunset Extension Act of 2009</i>, S. 1692 (Sept. 25, 2009)</p>
<p><i>USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009</i></p>	<p><a href="#">H.R. 3845</a> (Introduced October 20, 2009)</p>	<p>To extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism and protect civil liberties, including the expiring provisions of the <i>USA PATRIOT Act</i> and the authority to issue national security letters.</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and Committee on Financial Services (Oct. 20, 2009)</p> <p>Ordered to be reported (amended) (Nov. 5, 2009)</p> <p>House Committee on Financial Services Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Jan. 29, 2010 (Dec. 16, 2009)</p>	

<p><i>A bill to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission through fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes</i></p>	<p><a href="#">S.2872</a> (Introduced December 11, 2009)</p>		<p>Ordered by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. to be reported with amendments favorably (Dec. 16, 2009)</p>	
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**AALL opposes the following bills:**

Name	Bill Number	Purpose	Status	AALL Formal Statements
<p><i>The Fair Copyright in Research Works Act</i></p>	<p><a href="#">H.R. 801</a> (Introduced February 2, 2009)</p>	<p>To amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to works connected to certain funding agreements.</p> <p>Would effectively reverse public access policy at National Institutes of Health (NIH), and prevent similar policies at other agencies.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary (Feb. 3, 2009)</p>	<p><a href="#">Letter</a> to Members of the House Judiciary Committee</p> <p>To ask Committee members to oppose The Fair Copyright in Research Works Act, H.R. 801 (Feb. 13, 2009)</p>
<p><i>Safe and Secure America Act of 2009</i></p>	<p><a href="#">H. R. 1467</a> (Introduced March 12, 2009)</p>	<p>To extend certain provisions of the <i>USA PATRIOT Act</i> and the <i>Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act</i> of 2004 for 10 years.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary (March 12, 2009)</p> <p>Referred to the House Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select) (March 12, 2009)</p>	

<i>USA PATRIOT Reauthorization and Additional Weapons Against Terrorism Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">S.1726</a> (Introduced Sept. 29, 2009)	To reauthorize the expiring intelligence tools of the <i>USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005</i> and improve classified procedures and criminal law reforms.	Referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Sept. 29, 2009)	
<i>USA PATRIOT Reauthorization Act of 2009</i>	<a href="#">S.2336</a> (Introduced October 29, 2009)	To reauthorize the 3 expiring provisions of the <i>USA PATRIOT Improvements and Reauthorization Act</i> .	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary (Oct. 29, 2009)	

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