

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275


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The Honorable Arlen Specter
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Arlen:

Your staff circulated a draft committee report to the offices of Senators serving on the Judiciary Committee at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Monday night on our Senate bill to reauthorize and revitalize the Voting Rights Act, S.2703. Even though it is after Senate action on the companion House-passed bill, H.R. 9, we are working to provide additional and supplemental views and will do so to the draft circulated by close of business Thursday. That is in accordance with the three days provided by Senate Rules. If we can do so by close of business Wednesday, we will try to do that. Senate rules and our practice allow a minimum of three days and we often accommodate additional requests for time. I trust that you will not file before checking with me to make sure that all the Democratic Senators, who all sponsored and supported the bill, are accommodated.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY
Ranking Democratic Member
Committee on the Judiciary