

Why I voted Yes on H.R. 2633

I voted Yes on H.R. 2633, the Appeal Time Clarification Act. The bill clarifies that the 60-day timeline for filing an appeal or motion for rehearing in a civil case applies to cases where one of the parties is the U.S. government or a federal agency. Under current law, the Judicial Conference may develop changes to federal rules of procedure and evidence. The Supreme Court submits amendments to Congress and the changes take effect unless Congress intervenes. This year, the Supreme Court submitted proposed amendments that clarify the treatment of the time to appeal or to seek rehearing in civil cases to which a United States officer or employee is a party. Because the time to appeal in a civil case is set also by current law, it was proposed proposed that the Judicial Conference seek legislation to make the clarifying change. I support this legal clarification, and for this reason voted in favor of H.R. 2633.