



RPC Highlight

H.R. 3426 – CASE Act

Sponsored by Rep. Jefferson Shreve (IN-06)

RPC Region 9

Bill Summary:

This legislation puts limits on new federal courthouse construction to prevent wasted space. Specifically, this legislation establishes courtroom sharing requirements for new construction and prohibits any addition to an existing federal courthouse unless all existing space is fully utilized.

Policy Background:

In 2010, the Government Accountability Office reported that the 33 federal courthouses that were built between 2000 and 2010 were overbuilt by 3.56 million square feet. The GAO estimated that this additional space cost taxpayers \$835 million.

A recent GAO study estimated that changes made to the U.S. Courts' Design Guide in 2021 could increase federal courthouses' size by 6% and construction costs by 12%.

Information from the Lead Sponsor's Office:

Press Release, June 13, 2025.

Committee Action:

This legislation received a markup and was reported favorably by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on June 11, 2025, by voice vote.