

89th CONGRESS
1st Session

S. 290

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 6, 1965

Mr. Morse (for himself, Mr. Burdick, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Fong, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Long of Missouri, Mr. McGee, Mr. Moss, Mr. Prouty, Mr. Scott, Mr. Yarborough, Mr. Young of North Dakota, and Mr. Young of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To protect the integrity of the court and jury functions in criminal cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Criminal Code of the United States, title 18 of the United States Code, be amended by adding the following section:

"§ 1512. Contempt to publish information not properly admitted in criminal case

"It shall constitute a contempt of court for any employee of the United States, or for any defendant or his attorney or the agent of either, to furnish or make available for publication information not already properly filed with the court which might affect the outcome of any pending criminal litigation, except evidence that has already been admitted at the trial. Such contempt shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000."