Congressman Pence, the author of the " **Free Flow of Information Act** " hailed its passage from the House Judiciary Committee.

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The Free Flow of Information Act (HR 985), which would extend a qualified privilege from testifying in federal court to journalists and their sources, passed overwhelmingly in the House last year (398-21), but got bottled up in the Senate at the end of the session after the White House and the Justice Department strongly opposed it, saying it gave too much protection to leakers and not enough to national security. Congressman Pence **noted that** "with the House Judiciary Committee's action today, we are now one step closer to putting a stitch in this tear in the First Amendment freedom of the press."