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The U.S. Judicial Conference registered opposition this week to proposed legislation to allow either side in a civil case, as a matter of right, to remove the assigned judge without giving a reason or cause and have the case transferred to a new judge. Conference representatives testifying before a House Judiciary subcommittee Wednesday warned that the provision of the Judicial Reform Act of 1997 would encourage "judge shopping." They also opposed another measure that would refer complaints of judicial misconduct or disability to another circuit.
