

## S 2869

A bill to facilitate the ability of certain spectrum auction winners to pursue alternative measures required in the public interest to meet the needs of wireless telecommunications consumers.

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Aug 1, 2002

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. (Nov 22, 2002)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

**Cosponsors** (58 total)

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Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Aug 1, 2002
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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 10, 2002
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Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2002
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Sep 17, 2002
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Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 17, 2002
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Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Sep 23, 2002
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Sep 24, 2002
Sen. Fitzgerald, Peter [R-IL]	R · IL		Sep 26, 2002
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Sen. Hutchinson, Tim [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 30, 2002
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 30, 2002
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 30, 2002
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Oct 2, 2002
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Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 3, 2002
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Oct 8, 2002
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Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Oct 8, 2002
Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Oct 15, 2002
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Oct 15, 2002

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Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		Oct 16, 2002
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 16, 2002
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Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 16, 2002
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Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Nov 13, 2002
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI		Nov 13, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 15, 2002
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 22, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Allows a winning bidder to which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not granted an Auction 35 license (broadband personal communications service spectrum auction related to spectrum previously licensed to NextWave Personal Communications, Inc., Next Wave Power Partners, Inc., or Urban Comm North Carolina, Inc.) to irrevocably elect to relinquish any right, title, or interest in that license and associated application by formal written notice to the FCC. Allows such election only within the 30-day period after enactment of this Act. Frees any winning bidder making such election from all license and application obligations, including the obligation to pay the winning bid amount.

Requires the FCC: (1) within 37 days after receiving such an election, to return to such bidder any deposit or down-payment made; and (2) within five days after enactment of this Act, to issue a public notice specifying the form and process for the return of deposits and down-payments.

Makes inapplicable to this Act certain Federal paperwork reduction requirements.

Expresses the sense of Congress that no inference with respect to any issue of law or fact in Federal Communications Commission v. NextWAVE Personal Communications, Inc., et al. should be drawn from this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 22, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Nov 14, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S11153-11154)
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 14, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7939)
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.