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S 2896

A bill to modify and extend certain privatization requirements of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Oct 5, 2004

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 108-371.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 108-371. (Oct 25, 2004)

Law: 108-371 (Enacted Oct 25, 2004)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/2896

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]

Party: Republican • State: MT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Oct 5, 2004

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend, through June 30, 2005, the date for conducting an initial public offering of securities of any successor entity of Inmarsat (a Government-owned communications satellite).

Allows a successor entity to be deemed a national corporation, and therefor forgo an initial public offering and public securities listing for the above purposes, if: (1) the successor entity makes certain certifications to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with respect to the financial interests of Inmarsat signatories and former signatories, and that no intergovernmental organization has any ownership interest in a successor entity of INTELSAT (another Government-owned satellite) or more than a minimal ownership interest in a successor entity of Inmarsat; (2) the successor entity provides such financial and other information as the FCC may require to verify such certification; and (3) the FCC determines that the successor entity is in compliance with such certification.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 25, 2004: Signed by President.
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- Oct 25, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-371.
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- Oct 13, 2004: Presented to President.
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- Oct 8, 2004: Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H9025-9026)
- Oct 8, 2004: Mr. Barton (TX) asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- Oct 8, 2004: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H9025)
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- Oct 8, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Oct 6, 2004: Received in the House.
- Oct 6, 2004: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Oct 6, 2004: Held at the desk.
- Oct 5, 2004: Introduced in Senate
- Oct 5, 2004: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10459; text as passed Senate: CR S10459)
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