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HR 3969

Foreign Government Ownership Act of 2004

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Mar 12, 2004

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. (Mar 30, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]

Party: Republican • State: LA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 30, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2004)

Foreign Government Ownership Act of 2004 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit any broadcast license, permit, or operating authority from being granted to or held by a corporation, joint venture, partnership, other business organization, trust, or other entity controlled by a foreign government or its representatives. Prohibits the Federal Communications Commission from waiving the application of such prohibition. Sets forth: (1) tests for determining foreign control; and (2) enforcement mechanisms, including revocation and reassignment.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 30, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- Mar 12, 2004: Introduced in House
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- Mar 12, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E366)
- Mar 12, 2004: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.