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Emergency Communications and Competition Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Communications. Hearings held. Wi

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]

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

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]	R · NH		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Sununu, John E. [R-NH]	R · NH		Mar 6, 2003
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 13, 2003
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		May 5, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 21, 2003
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 9, 2003
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 12, 2003
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 19, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 22, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 6, 2003)

Emergency Communications and Competition Act of 2003 - Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to assign licenses in the 12.2 -12.7 gigahertz band for the provision of fixed terrestrial communications services. Prohibits: (1) granting such a license if operations would interfere with direct broadcast satellite service; or (2) such licenses from being used for the provision of personal communications or terrestrial telephony service. Requires licensees to begin providing services within five years after the license is granted.

Requires each licensee to: (1) disseminate Federal, State, and local Emergency Alert System warnings to all subscribers; (2) provide immediate access of its services for national security and emergency preparedness personnel; and (3) adhere to all FCC-established access requirements, including the carriage of local television station signals, access for political candidates, and public interest programming and services.

Directs the FCC to: (1) establish boundaries for license recipients that conform to existing television markets; and (2) redesignate the Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service as the Terrestrial Direct Broadcast Service.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2003:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Communications. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-969.
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3321-3322)
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3322-3323)