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S 1294

Community Broadband Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jun 23, 2005

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	$R \cdot AZ$		Jun 23, 2005
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	$D\cdotMA$		Sep 15, 2005
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	$R \cdot SC$		Oct 6, 2005
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 17, 2005
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	$R \cdot MN$		Jan 25, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 23, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 23, 2005)

Community Broadband Act of 2005 - Amends the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to prohibit any state statute, regulation, or other legal requirement from prohibiting any public provider from providing, to any person or public or private entity, advanced telecommunications capability or any service that utilizes such capability.

Defines as a "public provider" any State or political subdivision thereof, or Indian tribe, that provides telecommunications capability or any service that utilizes such capability.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 23, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 23, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7298)
- Jun 23, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7298-7299)