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S 1372

FAIR Ratings Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jul 1, 2005

Current Status: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-

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Latest Action: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-1127.

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Sponsor

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

Party: Republican • State: MT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Jul 1, 2005
Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	$R \cdot FL$		Jul 1, 2005
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Jul 1, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 27, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Fairness, Accuracy, Inclusivity, and Responsiveness in Ratings Act of 2005 or FAIR Ratings Act - Prohibits a person from selling, offering to sell, or otherwise providing data from a television ratings measurement system (system) that produces data to be used commercially as currency ratings unless that system is accredited by the Media Ratings Council. Requires such Council to: (1) accredit such systems on the basis of audits; and (2) preapprove any change made to a current system. Provides accreditation standards.

Requires any dispute between an operator of a system and the Council to be resolved through dispute resolution procedures.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 27, 2005: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-1127.
- Jul 1, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 1, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7912-7913)
- Jul 1, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.