

S 193

Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]

Party: Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (27 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]	R · WY		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 26, 2005
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 1, 2005
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Feb 2, 2005
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Feb 7, 2005
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 9, 2005
Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 17, 2005
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Apr 11, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 19, 2006
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 5, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 310	Related bill	Feb 18, 2005: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 17.

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

Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that, if the violator of the terms and conditions of any Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license, permit, or certificate is either a broadcast station licensee or permittee or an applicant for a broadcast license, permit, or certificate, and such violator is determined by the FCC to have broadcast obscene, indecent, or profane language, the amount of forfeiture penalty shall not exceed \$325,000 for each violation or day of such violation, to a maximum of \$3 million for any single act or failure to act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 15, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Jun 15, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-235.
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- **Jun 8, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Jun 7, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3466-3467)
- **Jun 7, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 379 - 35 (Roll no. 230).(text: CR 6/06/2006 H3388)
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- **Jun 7, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 6, 2006:** Mr. Upton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 6, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3388-3391)
- **Jun 6, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 193.
- **Jun 6, 2006:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 5, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **May 19, 2006:** Received in the House.
- **May 19, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 19, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **May 18, 2006:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **May 18, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4816; text as passed Senate: CR S4816)
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- **Jan 26, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 26, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.