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S 241

A bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D·LA		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	$D \cdot ND$		Apr 4, 2005
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 4, 2005
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		Apr 4, 2005
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Apr 4, 2005
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	$R \cdot KS$		Apr 4, 2005
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	$D \cdot MD$		Apr 4, 2005
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 5, 2005
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 6, 2005
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R·NE		Apr 11, 2005
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	$R \cdot ID$		Apr 12, 2005
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 12, 2005
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 19, 2005
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		May 11, 2005
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$		May 11, 2005
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D·IA		May 17, 2005
Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$		May 17, 2005
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	$R \cdot SD$		Jun 9, 2005
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Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D·IN		Oct 3, 2005
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Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Aug 3, 2006
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 5, 2006
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	$D\cdotMD$		Sep 25, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 11, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2533	Identical bill	Jun 17, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Summary (as of Feb 1, 2005)

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to make Federal provisions which prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds either in excess of appropriated amounts or in violation of sequestration orders under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1986 inapplicable to: (1) any amount collected or received as Federal universal service contributions; or (2) the expenditure or obligation of amounts attributable to such contributions.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 11, 2005: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-39.
- Feb 1, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 1, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S749)
- Feb 1, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.