

HR 5085

American Broadband for Communities Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. (Apr 19, 2006)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 19, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2332	Related bill	Feb 17, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Apr 4, 2006)

American Broadband for Communities Act - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize the use of any unused broadcast television spectrum in the band between 54 and 698 megaHertz, other than between 608 and 614 megaHertz, by unlicensed devices, including wireless broadband devices.

Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to: (1) adopt minimal technical and device rules to develop the use of such spectrum by such unlicensed devices; and (2) establish specified rules and procedures, including to protect incumbent licensed services from harmful interference from such unlicensed devices, and to address complaints from licensed broadcast stations that an unlicensed device using such spectrum causes harmful interference.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 19, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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