

HR 5273

Network Neutrality Act of 2006

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Committee Activity

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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | May 15, 2006 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 2, 2006)

Network Neutrality Act of 2006 - States that it is the policy of the United States to, among other things, maintain the freedom to use broadband telecommunications networks, including the Internet, without interference from network operators.

Outlines specified duties of broadband network providers to ensure broadband network neutrality, including the duty to: (1) enable users to utilize their broadband service to access all lawful content, applications, and services available over broadband networks, including the Internet; and (2) not block, impair, degrade, discriminate against, or interfere with the ability of any person to utilize their broadband service for lawful purposes. Provides exceptions for providers, including implementing reasonable measures to manage its networks and protect network security.

Provides for implementation and enforcement of this Act through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **May 2, 2006:** Introduced in House
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- **May 2, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E680-681)
- **May 2, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.