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HR 951

Video Description Restoration Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Feb 17, 2005

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. (Mar 22, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

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| Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25] | $D \cdot TX$ | Jun 17, 2005 |
| Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29] | $D \cdot TX$ | Jun 17, 2005 |
| Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8] | $D\cdotMD$ | Jun 17, 2005 |
| Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1] | $R \cdot NM$ | Jun 17, 2005 |
| Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2] | D · PA | Mar 15, 2006 |
| Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6] | $R \cdot PA$ | Mar 15, 2006 |
| Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | $D \cdot TX$ | Mar 15, 2006 |
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| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3] | $D\cdotMA$ | Mar 15, 2006 |
| Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8] | $D \cdot VA$ | Mar 15, 2006 |
| Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7] | $D\cdotMN$ | Mar 15, 2006 |
| Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4] | $D\cdotMD$ | Mar 15, 2006 |
| Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5] | D · TN | May 3, 2006 |
| Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15] | D · CA | May 3, 2006 |
| Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16] | D · CA | May 3, 2006 |
| Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8] | $D\cdotMA$ | Jul 10, 2006 |
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Committee Activity

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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 22, 2005 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 109 S 900 | Related bill | Apr 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

Summary (as of Feb 17, 2005)

Video Description Restoration Act of 2005 - Considers authorized and ratified by law the video description rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) contained in the year 2000 FCC report and order identified as Implementation of Video Description of Video Programming, notwithstanding the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit in Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., et al., v. Federal Communications Commission, et al.

Directs the FCC to: (1) reinstate such rules; and (2) initiate a proceeding to consider whether it is economically and technically feasible and consistent with the public interest to include "accessible information" in such rules. Authorizes the FCC to amend, repeal, or otherwise modify such rules.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 22, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- Feb 18, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E285)
- Feb 17, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Feb 17, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.