

## HR 2060

Internet Radio Equality Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Apr 26, 2007

**Current Status:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7479-7480)

**Latest Action:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7479-7480) (Jul 10, 2007)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/2060>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (152 total)

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| Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]                     | D · SC        |      | May 2, 2007  |
| Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]                               | R · NE        |      | May 2, 2007  |
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| Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]                      | D · ME        |      | May 3, 2007  |

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| Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]              | D · CA        |      | May 9, 2007  |
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| Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]           | D · NJ        |      | May 9, 2007  |
| Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]            | R · CT        |      | May 9, 2007  |
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| Rep. Space, Zachary T. [D-OH-18]            | D · OH        |      | May 9, 2007  |
| Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]               | R · VA        |      | May 9, 2007  |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC        |      | May 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]              | D · MO        |      | May 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]            | R · CA        |      | May 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]                 | D · PA        |      | May 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]              | D · HI        |      | May 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]       | D · OH        |      | May 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]          | R · CO        |      | May 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]          | D · CA        |      | May 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]              | D · MA        |      | May 14, 2007 |
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| Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]              | R · OH        |      | May 15, 2007 |
| Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]                     | D · WI        |      | May 15, 2007 |
| Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]          | D · OH        |      | May 15, 2007 |
| Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]              | D · CA        |      | May 15, 2007 |
| Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]           | R · TX        |      | May 15, 2007 |
| Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]                | D · CA        |      | May 15, 2007 |
| Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]           | D · WV        |      | May 15, 2007 |
| Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]                 | D · NJ        |      | May 15, 2007 |
| Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]                  | D · CA        |      | May 16, 2007 |
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| Rep. Deal, Nathan [R-GA-9]                | R · GA        |      | May 17, 2007 |
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| Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]                 | D · IL        |      | May 21, 2007 |
| Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]               | D · KS        |      | May 21, 2007 |
| Rep. Murphy, Patrick J. [D-PA-8]          | D · PA        |      | May 21, 2007 |
| Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]            | D · MA        |      | May 21, 2007 |
| Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]                | R · IL        |      | May 23, 2007 |
| Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]                | D · WA        |      | May 23, 2007 |
| Rep. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT-5]         | D · CT        |      | May 23, 2007 |
| Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]       | D · PA        |      | May 23, 2007 |
| Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]           | D · NY        |      | May 23, 2007 |
| Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]            | D · CT        |      | May 24, 2007 |
| Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]                 | D · WA        |      | May 24, 2007 |
| Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]        | D · MD        |      | May 24, 2007 |
| Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]                | D · WA        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]            | D · WA        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]               | D · IL        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]                 | D · NJ        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]               | D · NY        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]        | D · TX        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]         | D · RI        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]                 | D · WI        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]           | D · NJ        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]          | D · CA        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28] | D · NY        |      | Jun 5, 2007  |
| Rep. Boyda, Nancy E. [D-KS-2]             | D · KS        |      | Jun 7, 2007  |
| Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]           | D · MA        |      | Jun 7, 2007  |
| Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]               | R · WA        |      | Jun 11, 2007 |
| Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]              | D · NC        |      | Jun 11, 2007 |
| Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]                 | R · OH        |      | Jun 13, 2007 |
| Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]               | R · PA        |      | Jun 13, 2007 |
| Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]              | D · CO        |      | Jun 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]                  | D · AR        |      | Jun 14, 2007 |
| Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]               | D · GA        |      | Jun 15, 2007 |
| Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]         | D · FL        |      | Jun 19, 2007 |
| Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]        | R · TX        |      | Jun 25, 2007 |
| Rep. Mitchell, Harry E. [D-AZ-5]          | D · AZ        |      | Jun 25, 2007 |
| Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]            | D · PA        |      | Jun 26, 2007 |
| Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]             | D · IA        |      | Jun 27, 2007 |
| Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]         | R · MD        |      | Jun 28, 2007 |

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| Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]                | D · NY        |      | Jul 10, 2007 |
| Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]             | D · CA        |      | Jul 10, 2007 |
| Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]                 | D · TX        |      | Jul 10, 2007 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]                | D · MA        |      | Jul 11, 2007 |
| Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]                 | D · MD        |      | Jul 11, 2007 |
| Rep. Bean, Melissa L. [D-IL-8]                  | D · IL        |      | Jul 12, 2007 |
| Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]                      | D · TX        |      | Jul 12, 2007 |
| Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]             | R · PA        |      | Jul 12, 2007 |
| Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]               | D · TX        |      | Jul 12, 2007 |
| Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]                 | D · CA        |      | Jul 12, 2007 |
| Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]           | D · GA        |      | Jul 17, 2007 |
| Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]                        | D · NM        |      | Jul 17, 2007 |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]               | D · VT        |      | Jul 17, 2007 |
| Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]                     | D · CA        |      | Jul 18, 2007 |
| Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]                     | D · NC        |      | Jul 18, 2007 |
| Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]           | D · CA        |      | Jul 24, 2007 |
| Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]                 | R · AK        |      | Jul 30, 2007 |
| Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]                | D · RI        |      | Jul 31, 2007 |
| Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]               | R · AL        |      | Sep 10, 2007 |
| Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]                   | R · OK        |      | Jan 23, 2008 |
| Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3]                 | R · MI        |      | Feb 28, 2008 |
| Rep. Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large] | D · SD        |      | Mar 11, 2008 |
| Rep. Porter, Jon C. [R-NV-3]                    | R · NV        |      | Apr 3, 2008  |
| Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]                       | R · IA        |      | May 15, 2008 |
| Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]                     | D · IN        |      | Jun 5, 2008  |
| Rep. Cannon, Chris [R-UT-3]                     | R · UT        |      | Jun 26, 2008 |
| Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]               | D · NJ        |      | Sep 28, 2008 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Apr 30, 2007 |
| Judiciary Committee           | House   | Referred to | May 4, 2007  |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 110 S 1353 | Related bill | <b>Jul 29, 2008:</b> Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. |

Internet Radio Equality Act - Declares to be ineffective: (1) the March 2, 2007, Determination of Rates and Terms of the U.S. Copyright Royalty Judges regarding rates and terms for the digital performance of sound recordings and ephemeral recordings; (2) the April 17, 2007, modification of that determination by an order denying motions for rehearing; and (3) any subsequent modification by the Copyright Royalty Judges published in the Federal Register.

Replaces standards for determining reasonable rates and terms of royalty payments for public performances of sound recordings by means of eligible nonsubscription transmission services and new subscription services with a requirement that such rates and terms be established in accordance with stated objectives of the Copyright Royalty Judges.

(Currently, rates and terms are required to distinguish among different types of eligible nonsubscription transmission services and include a minimum fee for each type.) Allows a minimum annual royalty for each provider subject to such rates and terms. Provides a transition rule for payment of royalties by providers of digital audio transmissions that would have been subject to the rates and terms nullified by this Act.

Revises royalty payment provisions concerning the use of certain works in noncommercial broadcasting to include: (1) sound recordings; and (2) performance or display by nonprofit organizations and public broadcasting entities. Provides a transition rule for the payment by a public broadcasting entity to owners of copyrights in sound recordings.

Requires a report to the Copyright Royalty Judges by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on the competitiveness of the Internet radio marketplace and the effect on Internet radio providers of proposed rate determinations in proceedings concerning: (1) public performances of sound recordings by means of the services described above; or (2) the use of certain works in noncommercial broadcasting.

Requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), upon publication of the commencement of proceedings of the Copyright Royalty Judges to determine rates and terms under the statutory license described in this Act, to report on the effect of such proposals on localism, diversity, and competition in the Internet radio marketplace (including in rural areas). Requires a report to Congress and the Copyright Royalty Judges by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) on the effect of such proposals upon public broadcasting licensees and permittees.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 10, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7479-7480)
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7082)
- **May 4, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Apr 30, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **Apr 26, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E874)
- **Apr 26, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.