

## HR 2566

National Digital Television Consumer Education Act

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 5, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jun 5, 2007)

National Digital Television Consumer Education Act - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require retail distributors of television receiving equipment (TVs) to place adjacent to each unit displayed for sale a consumer alert in English and Spanish that the TV has only an analog broadcast tuner and will require a converter box after February 17, 2009, to receive over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna. Imposes similar requirements on sellers that use direct mail, catalog, or electronic means such as the Internet. Requires broadcaster public service announcements about the deadline for termination of analog TV broadcasting and the equipment options for consumers following such termination.

Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create a DTV Transition Federal Advisory Committee to educate the public about the digital television transition. Requires such education to commence by January 1, 2008. Requires the FCC to use funds available for consumer information activities to obtain advertising in public transportation vehicles and facilities to provide information concerning the digital television transition.

Amends the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish a temporary grant program to coordinate and lead a nationwide consumer education and outreach campaign regarding America's conversion to digital television.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 6, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1207)
- **Jun 5, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 5, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Jun 5, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.