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Strategic Communications Act of 2008

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]

Party: Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Strategic Communications Act of 2008 - Repeals the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 which will, among other things, abolish the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Amends the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to abolish the position of Under Secretary for Public Policy. Transfers functions to the National Center for Strategic Communications.

Establishes the National Center for Strategic Communication to be headed by a Director of Strategic Communication who shall be the President's principal advisor on, and federal coordinator of, strategic communications.

States that the Center's missions are to: (1) serve as the primary U.S. government organization for conducting strategic communications to influence foreign audiences in support of American ideals and in opposition to violent extremism; (2) develop a national strategic communications strategy; (3) assist private U.S. institutions in developing exchange activities; (4) promote U.S. participation in international events; and (5) direct U.S. government foreign broadcasting and research and analyze global public opinion media trends and intelligence assessments.

Directs the President to appoint: (1) an Assistant Director for the Strategic Communications Corps; (2) an Assistant Director for Information Operations; and (3) an Assistant Director for Global Networks.

Establishes within the Center a Strategic Communications Board.

States that the International Broadcasting Bureau shall continue to carry out all U.S. government-supported nonmilitary international broadcasting activities.

Requires the Director to develop an interagency strategy for strategic communication.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 23, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9283-9284)
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