

## HR 5846

### Wireless Internet Nationwide for Families Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Apr 17, 2008

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. (Apr 17, 2008)

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## Sponsor

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 17, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Apr 17, 2008)

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Wireless Internet Nationwide for Families Act of 2008 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to promote nationwide broadband competition through the use of wireless services by issuing nationwide licenses, for a term of at least 15 years, for two bands of frequencies, each composed of 20 megahertz of unpaired contiguous spectrum, one band under 3 gigahertz and not part of the recovered analog spectrum and the other band between 2155 and 2180 megahertz.

Requires licensees, among other things, to offer to consumers and authorized public safety users, without subscription, airtime, usage, or other charges, a data service that is faster than 200 kilobits per second and that has technology that protects underage users from accessing obscene or indecent material.

Requires a separate rule-making or other procedures for licensing through auction additional unpaired contiguous spectrum of 20 megahertz below 3 gigahertz, but states that the auction shall be conducted without the conditions specified in the immediately preceding paragraph unless the Commission finds it is in the public interest.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 17, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 17, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E651)
- **Apr 17, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Apr 17, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.