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Child Safe Viewing Act of 2007

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]
Party: Democratic • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 19, 2007
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 20, 2007
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		May 9, 2007
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Dec 5, 2007
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 24, 2008
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Oct 1, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 3, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Oct 3, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 17, 2008)

Child Safe Viewing Act of 2007 - Requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to initiate a notice of inquiry to consider measures to examine: (1) the existence and availability of advanced blocking technologies that are compatible with various communications devices or platforms; (2) methods of encouraging the development, deployment, and use of such technology by parents that do not affect the packaging or pricing of a content provider's offering; and (3) the availability and use of parental empowerment tools and initiatives already in the market.

Requires that the FCC consider advanced blocking technologies that: (1) may be appropriate across a wide variety of distribution platforms (including wired, wireless, and Internet platforms) and transmitting or receiving devices; (2) can filter language based on information in closed captioning; (3) operate independently of the program creator's ratings; and (4) may enhance the parent's ability to protect his or her child from indecent or objectionable programming, as determined by that parent.

Requires a report to Congress.

Defines "advanced blocking technologies" as technologies that can improve or enhance the ability of a parent to protect his or her child from any indecent or objectionable video or audio programming, as determined by the parent, transmitted through wire, wireless, or radio communication.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 2, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 2, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-452.
- **Nov 21, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 18, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 17, 2008:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Nov 17, 2008:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10601)
- **Nov 17, 2008:** Senate agreed to the House amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10601)
- **Nov 17, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Oct 3, 2008:** Ms. DeGette asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Oct 3, 2008:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Oct 3, 2008:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H10807-10808)
- **Oct 3, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.
- **Oct 3, 2008:** On passage Passed without objection.
- **Oct 3, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Oct 1, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10199; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S10199)
- **Oct 1, 2008:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 1, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S10199)
- **Oct 1, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S10199)
- **Mar 3, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-268.
- **Mar 3, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 588.
- **Feb 26, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2231)
- **Feb 15, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 15, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2025)
- **Feb 15, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR 2/26/2007 S2231)