

## HR 226

Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet. (Jan 14, 2009)

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Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jan 13, 2009
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 34	Identical bill	Jan 7, 2009: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 12.
111 S 62	Identical bill	Jan 6, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## Summary (as of Jan 7, 2009)

Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), notwithstanding any other provision of any Act, from having the authority to require broadcasters to present opposing viewpoints on controversial issues of public importance, commonly referred to as the Fairness Doctrine.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.