

S 2847

CALM Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

Party: Democratic • State: RI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 8, 2009
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Dec 15, 2009
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 16, 2009
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 18, 2009
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Dec 22, 2009
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 17, 2010
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		May 12, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 28, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 29, 2010. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act or the CALM Act - Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to prescribe a regulation limiting the volume of television advertisements that is limited to incorporating by reference and making mandatory (but subject to waivers) the "Recommended Practice: Techniques for Establishing and Maintaining Audio Loudness for Digital Television" insofar as such recommended practice concerns the transmission of commercial advertisements by a television broadcast station, cable operator, or other multichannel video programming distributor.

Deems a broadcast television operator, cable operator, or other multichannel video programming distributor that installs, utilizes, and maintains in a commercially reasonable manner the equipment and associated software in compliance with the regulations issued by the FCC in accordance with this Act to be in compliance with such regulations.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Dec 15, 2010:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 15, 2010:** Became Public Law No: 111-311.
- **Dec 3, 2010:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 2, 2010:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7899)
- **Dec 2, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 11/30/2010 H7720)
- **Dec 2, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 11/30/2010 H7720)
- **Dec 2, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 2, 2010:** Cleared for White House.
- **Nov 30, 2010:** Ms. Eshoo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 30, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7720-7721)
- **Nov 30, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2847.
- **Nov 30, 2010:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Terry objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Nov 15, 2010:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 15, 2010:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 30, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2010:** By Senator Rockefeller from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 111-340.
- **Sep 29, 2010:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7763-7764; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S7763-7764)
- **Sep 29, 2010:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 29, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 29, 2010:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 625.
- **Jun 9, 2010:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Dec 8, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 8, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12710-12711)
- **Dec 8, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.