

## S 2881

### FCC Commissioners' Technical Resource Enhancement Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Dec 14, 2009

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 521.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 521. (Aug 5, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/2881>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 14, 2009
Sen. Kaufman, Edward E. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 29, 2010
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 6, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 5, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4809	Identical bill	<b>Mar 10, 2010:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

FCC Commissioners' Technical Resource Enhancement Act - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to permit each commissioner to appoint an electrical engineer or computer scientist to provide technical consultation and to interface with the Office of Engineering and Technology and other Federal Communications Commission (FCC) bureaus and technical staff.

Requires such engineer or scientist to hold an undergraduate or graduate degree in his or her respective field of expertise.

Directs the FCC Chairman to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences to complete a specified study of, and report on, FCC technical policy decisionmaking and the technical personnel at the FCC.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 5, 2010:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111-251.
- **Aug 5, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 521.
- **Mar 24, 2010:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Dec 14, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 14, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13192)
- **Dec 14, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.