

HR 2902

Broadband Internet Fairness Act

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jun 16, 2009

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. (Jun 17, 2009)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/2902>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Massa, Eric J. J. [D-NY-29]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2009
Rep. Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]	D · VA		Jun 16, 2009
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jun 23, 2009
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2009
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 8, 2009
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jul 23, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 17, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Broadband Internet Fairness Act - Makes it unlawful for major broadband Internet service providers to offer volume usage service plans imposing rates, terms, and conditions that are unjust, unreasonable, or unreasonably discriminatory. Treats a violation as an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Requires major broadband Internet service providers offering or proposing to offer volume usage plans to file a service plan analysis with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Requires the FTC to enforce this Act.

Defines "major broadband Internet service provider" as a broadband Internet service provider that, directly or through an affiliate, provides broadband Internet service to 2 million or more subscribers.

Defines "volume usage service plan" as any choice of service offerings to a residential consumer that includes two or more different sets of rates, terms, or conditions directly or indirectly based on the amount of data transmitted to or from the consumer within a fixed period of time.

Includes nonprofit organizations or higher education institutions in the term "residential consumer."

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 17, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Jun 16, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 16, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.