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Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009

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Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 29, 2009

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 226	Identical bill	Jan 14, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.
111 S 62	Identical bill	Jan 6, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Jan 6, 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

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