

S 352

DTV Delay Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Law: 111-4 (Enacted Feb 11, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 29, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 29, 2009

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HRES 108	Procedurally related	Feb 4, 2009: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
111 S 328	Related bill	Jan 28, 2009: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 258 - 168 (Roll no. 41). (consideration: CR H619)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)

DTV Delay Act - Amends the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to delay the transition of television broadcasting from analog to digital to June 13, 2009. Requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to extend for a 116-day period the licenses for recovered spectrum, including the license period and construction requirements associated with those licenses.

Extends to July 31, 2009, provided additional budget authority is enacted, the deadline for requesting digital-to-analog converter box coupons. Authorizes the issuance, on request, of one replacement coupon for each coupon that expired without being redeemed.

Declares that this Act does not prevent: (1) a station from ending analog broadcasting (and continuing to broadcast exclusively digitally) before June 13, 2009; or (2) a public safety service from beginning operations on spectrum recovered as a result of such voluntary cessation of analog or digital broadcasting.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to extend through September 30, 2012 (under current law, September 30, 2011), the authority of the FCC to grant a license or permit under provisions relating to competitive bidding.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 11, 2009:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Became Public Law No: 111-4.
- **Feb 9, 2009:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Rule H. Res. 108 passed House.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 108. (consideration: CR H984-997)
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Rule provides for consideration of S. 352 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on S. 352.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Mr. Barton (TX) moved to commit with instructions to Energy and Commerce. (consideration: CR H995-997; text: CR H995)
- **Feb 4, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Barton(TX) motion to commit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House adding a new section pertaining to Clearance of Public Safety Spectrum, Adjacent Channels, and other Channels Causing Interference.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** The previous question on the motion to commit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H996)
- **Feb 4, 2009:** On motion to commit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 180 - 242 (Roll no. 51).
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 264 - 158 (Roll no. 52).(text: CR H984)
- **Feb 4, 2009:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 264 - 158 (Roll no. 52). (text: CR H984)
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Cleared for White House.
- **Feb 3, 2009:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 108 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of S. 352 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments.
- **Feb 2, 2009:** Received in the House.
- **Feb 2, 2009:** Held at the desk.
- **Jan 30, 2009:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 29, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 29, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1050-1051; text as passed Senate: CR S1050-1051)
- **Jan 29, 2009:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1050-1051; text as passed Senate: CR S1050-1051)