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Spectrum Optimization Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 18, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1622	Related bill	Apr 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
112 HR 911	Related bill	Mar 11, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
112 S 522	Related bill	Mar 9, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
112 S 455	Related bill	Mar 2, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
112 S 28	Related bill	Jan 25, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S146-149)

Spectrum Optimization Act - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish competitive bidding rules for conducting auctions of certain licensed spectrum that a licensee voluntarily relinquishes for assignment of new initial licenses subject to new service rules or for other purposes, in which a portion of the auction proceeds are shared with such relinquishing licensees.

Requires the FCC to commence such auctions (commonly referred to as incentive auctions) within two years after enactment of this Act.

Excludes such proceeds from being deposited in the Treasury under specified provisions.

Actions Timeline

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