

## S 2476

Online Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 2014

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Current Status:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-845.

**Latest Action:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-845. (Sep 17, 2014)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 17, 2014
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 17, 2014
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 18, 2014
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 19, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 17, 2014
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 17, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 4880	Identical bill	<b>Jun 20, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.

Online Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 2014 - Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to promulgate regulations that prohibit broadband providers, in transmitting network traffic over the broadband Internet access service of an end user, from: (1) entering an agreement with an edge provider (a provider of Internet content, applications, services, or access devices) to give preferential treatment or priority to the traffic of such edge provider in exchange for consideration (commonly referred to as "paid prioritization"); and (2) giving preferential treatment or priority to content, applications, services, or devices that are provided or operated by such broadband provider or an affiliate of such broadband provider.

Prohibits this Act from superseding any obligation or authorization of a broadband provider to address the needs of emergency communications, law enforcement, public safety, or national security authorities.

Sets forth enforcement authority under the Communications Act of 1934, with modified forfeiture standards.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 17, 2014:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-845.
- **Jun 17, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 17, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3720-3721)
- **Jun 17, 2014:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3721)