

## Legislative Summary – Broadband

March 18, 2010



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### Current Pennsylvania Legislation

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HB 192

An Act relating to broadband deployment, mapping and availability.

Prime Sponsor: Representative PRESTON

Last Action:

Referred to CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Feb. 2, 2009 [House]

SB 530

An Act prohibiting government competition with private enterprise.

Prime Sponsor: Senator BROWNE

Last Action:

Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, March 2, 2009 [Senate]

SR 133

A Resolution urging the Governor and the General Assembly to institute a mobilization strategy to manage funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Last Action:

Referred to COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, June 8, 2009 [Senate]; Reported as committed, June 10, 2009; Amended, June 29, 2009; Adopted June 30, 2009; Transmitted as directed, July 2, 2009

### Current Federal Legislation

Legislation updated since 11.19.2009 in **Bold**

H.R.1 : Making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Obey, David R. [WI-7] (introduced 1/26/2009)      Cosponsors (9)

Committees: House Appropriations; House Budget

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-5

H.RES.176 : Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in order to continue aggressive growth in our Nation's telecommunications and technology industries, the United States Government should "Get Out of the Way and Stay Out of the Way".

Sponsor: Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] (introduced 2/13/2009)      Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 2/13/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.RES.30 : Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in order to continue aggressive growth in our Nation's telecommunications and technology industries, the United States Government should "Get Out of the Way and Stay Out of the Way".

Sponsor: Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] (introduced 1/7/2009)      Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 1/7/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**H.R.629** : To provide energy and commerce provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.  
Sponsor: Rep Waxman, Henry A. [CA-30] (introduced 1/22/2009)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means; House Education and Labor; House Science and Technology  
House Reports: 111-7 Part 1  
Latest Major Action: 1/27/2009 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 3.

**H.R.691** : To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax for businesses furnishing broadband services to underserved and rural areas.  
Sponsor: Rep Meek, Kendrick B. [FL-17] (introduced 1/26/2009)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Ways and Means  
Latest Major Action: 1/26/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**H.R.760** : To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit to holders of bonds financing new advanced broadband infrastructure, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Eshoo, Anna G. [CA-14] (introduced 1/28/2009)    Cosponsors (2)  
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce  
Latest Major Action: 1/28/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**H.R.2428** : To amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduit be installed as part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Eshoo, Anna G. [CA-14] (introduced 5/14/2009)    Cosponsors (3)  
Committees: House Transportation and Infrastructure  
Latest Major Action: 5/15/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

**H.R.2902** : To authorize the Federal Trade Commission, in consultation with the Federal Communications Commission, to review volume usage service plans of major broadband Internet service providers to ensure that such plans are fairly based on cost.  
Sponsor: Rep Massa, Eric J. J. [NY-29] (introduced 6/16/2009)    Cosponsors (3)  
Committees: House Energy and Commerce  
Latest Major Action: 6/16/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**H.R.3458**  
Title: To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a national broadband policy, safeguard consumer rights, spur investment and innovation, and for related purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Markey, Edward J. [MA-7] (introduced 7/31/2009)    Cosponsors (1)  
Latest Major Action: 7/31/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**H.R.3646** : To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a Lifeline Assistance Program for universal broadband adoption, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Matsui, Doris O. [CA-5] (introduced 9/24/2009)    Cosponsors (5)  
Committees: House Energy and Commerce  
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**H.R.4061** : **To advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes.**  
**Sponsor: Rep Lipinski, Daniel [IL-3] (introduced 11/7/2009)    Cosponsors (9)**  
**Committees: House Science and Technology; Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation**  
**House Reports: 111-405**  
**Latest Major Action: 2/9/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.**

**H.AMDT.554 to H.R.4061 Amendment to emphasize that cybersecurity awareness and education efforts focus on novice computer users, young and elderly populations, low-income populations, and populations in areas of planned broadband expansion or deployment.**

**Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Carolyn [NY-4] (introduced 2/3/2010) Cosponsors (None)**

**Latest Major Action: 2/3/2010 House amendment agreed to. Status: On agreeing to the McCarthy (NY) amendment (A010) Agreed to by voice vote.**

**H.R.4545 : To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to establish an Office of Rural Broadband Initiatives in the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Scott [NY-20] (introduced 1/27/2010) Cosponsors (3)**

**Committees: House Agriculture; House Energy and Commerce**

**Latest Major Action: 1/27/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.**

**H.R.4619 : To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to create a pilot program to bridge the digital divide by providing vouchers for broadband service to eligible students, to increase access to advanced telecommunications and information services for community colleges and head start programs, to establish a pilot program for discounted electronic books, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor: Rep Markey, Edward J. [MA-7] (introduced 2/9/2010) Cosponsors (2)**

**Committees: House Energy and Commerce**

**Latest Major Action: 2/9/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.**

**H.AMDT.305 to H.R.2997 Amendment sought to prohibit funds from being used to administer or pay the salary of personnel who administer any broadband loans or loan guarantees on or before September 15, 2010.**

**Sponsor: Rep Kingston, Jack [GA-1] (introduced 7/8/2009) Cosponsors (None)**

**Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House amendment not agreed to. Status: On agreeing to the Kingston amendment (A013) Failed by recorded vote: 140 - 292 (Roll no. 508).**

**S.336 : An original bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor: Sen Inouye, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 1/27/2009) Cosponsors (None)**

**Committees: Senate Appropriations**

**Senate Reports: 111-3**

**Latest Major Action: 1/27/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 19.**

**S.350 : An original bill to provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health.**

**Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 1/29/2009) Cosponsors (None)**

**Committees: Senate Finance**

**Latest Major Action: 1/29/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 20.**

**Note: For further action, see H.R.1, which became Public Law 111-5 on 2/17/2009**

**S.899 : A bill to establish an assistance program for the construction of digital TV translators to fill coverage gaps that are created from the transition from analog to digital signals.**

**Sponsor: Sen Snowe, Olympia J. [ME] (introduced 4/27/2009) Cosponsors (1)**

**Committees: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation**

**Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.**

**S.1266 : A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduit be installed as part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 6/15/2009) Cosponsors (2)**

**Committees: Senate Environment and Public Works**

**Latest Major Action: 6/15/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works**

S.1447

Title: A bill to expand broadband deployment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Hutchison, Kay Bailey [TX] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 7/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**S.2879 : A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a pilot program expanding the Lifeline Program to include broadband service, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor: Sen Rockefeller, John D., IV [WV] (introduced 12/11/2009) Cosponsors (5)**

**Committees: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation**

**Latest Major Action: 12/11/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.**

**S.2880 : A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to establish an Office of Rural Broadband Initiatives in the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 12/14/2009) Cosponsors (None)**

**Committees: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry**

**Latest Major Action: 12/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.**

**S.3110 : A bill to improve consumer protection for purchasers of broadband services by requiring consistent use of broadband service terminology by providers, requiring clear and conspicuous disclosure to consumers about the actual broadband speed that may reasonably be expected, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 3/15/2010) Cosponsors (2)**

**Committees: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation**

**Latest Major Action: 3/15/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation**