

shall submit to the Energy and Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives and the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee of the Senate a report on various policy options to compensate Federal entities for relocation costs when such entities' frequencies are allocated by the Commission for unlicensed, public safety, shared, or non-commercial use.

SEC. 209. COMMERCIAL SPECTRUM LICENSE POLICY REVIEW.

(a) EXAMINATION.—The Comptroller General shall examine national commercial spectrum license policy as implemented by the Federal Communications Commission, and shall report its findings to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Within 270 days.

(b) CONTENT.—The report shall address each of the following:

(1) An estimate of the respective proportions of electromagnetic spectrum capacity that have been assigned by the Federal Communications Commission—

(A) prior to enactment of section 309(j) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)) providing to the Commission's competitive bidding authority,

(B) after enactment of that section using the Commission's competitive bidding authority, and

(C) by means other than competitive bidding,

and a description of the classes of licensees assigned under each method.

(2) The extent to which requiring entities to obtain licenses through competitive bidding places those entities at a competitive or financial disadvantage to offer services similar to entities that did not acquire licenses through competitive bidding.

(3) The effect, if any, of the use of competitive bidding and the resulting diversion of licensees' financial resources on the introduction of new services including the quality, pace, and scope of the offering of such services to the public.

(4) The effect, if any, of participation in competitive bidding by incumbent spectrum license holders as applicants or investors in an applicant, including a discussion of any additional effect if such applicant qualified for bidding credits as a designated entity.

(5) The effect on existing license holders and consumers of services offered by these providers of the Administration's Spectrum License User Fee proposal contained in the President's Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2004 (Budget, page 299; Appendix, page 1046), and an evaluation of whether the enactment of this proposal could address, either in part or in whole, any possible competitive disadvantages described in paragraph (2).

(c) FCC ASSISTANCE.—The Federal Communications Commission shall provide information and assistance, as necessary, to facilitate the completion of the examination required by subsection (a).

TITLE III—UNIVERSAL SERVICE

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Universal Service Antideficiency Temporary Suspension Act".

SEC. 302. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN TITLE 31 PROVISIONS TO UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2005, section 1341 and subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31, United States Code, do not apply—

(1) to any amount collected or received as Federal universal service contributions re-

quired by section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254), including any interest earned on such contributions; nor

(2) to the expenditure or obligation of amounts attributable to such contributions for universal service support programs established pursuant to that section.

(b) POST-2005 FULFILLMENT OF PROTECTED OBLIGATIONS.—Section 1341 and subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31, United States Code, do not apply after December 31, 2005, to an expenditure or obligation described in subsection (a) (2) made or authorized during the period described in subsection (a).

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 5419.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

FAREWELL TO THE HOUSE

(Mr. TAUZIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, today I cast my last vote in this august Chamber, and today I spend my last day with my colleagues here with nearly 25 years of service on behalf of the third congressional district and the great people who live there in Louisiana, and I wanted to take a minute to say goodbye and to say a few words of thanks.

First, I want to thank the good Lord for giving me this week. Were it not for this lame duck session following a year of illness with cancer, I might not have had the chance to come back and spend this week with you where I could renew friendships and thank all of you on a personal level for the many acts of kindness and the extraordinary times we have had together over the last 25 years.

Secondly, I want to thank all of you on both sides of the aisle for the amazing amounts of friendship.

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One of our esteemed colleagues who we lost to a brain tumor, Mr. Mike Sarne of Oklahoma, one of my dearest friends, once said the only reason he kept running for reelection was the immense honor and privilege of serving with such an amazing group of men and women who come to this great capital and serve their country and their individual districts and the honor and privilege of getting to know them and to work side by side with them, and I feel that today after this nearly 25-year term of service.

I have served the people of the 3rd district of Louisiana longer than any other Congressman has served, and I have that enormous privilege, and I want to thank them in Louisiana who have shown such patience and such amazing amount of tolerance to put up with the likes of me for the last 25 years.

I have served them 15 years as a Democrat and almost 10 years now as a Republican. I do not know if any other district in America would tolerate a Congressman making those sorts of shifts and turns in a political career as well as the folks in Louisiana have tolerated me, but it has given me some insight, and I want to quickly share them with my colleagues.

Like few people in this Chamber, I have come to know the Members of this side of the aisle for over 15 years, not as partisan enemies, but as friends; and I have come to know now the people on this side of the aisle for the last 10 years, not as partisan enemies but as friends. I wish that all of my colleagues had that opportunity in this House. I wish they could somehow cross this aisle and get to know one another the way we used to know one another in this Chamber.

The politics and personal attacks and personal destruction have almost taken hold in this place in a way that we cannot reverse it, and we need to reverse it soon if this Nation and this institution are to survive.

This institution is a place for diversity, for great clashes of ideas, for great principles to come together and in a great crush of public debate so that it might redefine itself on a regular basis. It is not a place we ought to be constantly attacking each other and questioning one another's motives, but we have somehow gotten there.

I plead with my colleagues as I leave this place, this place that has been so important to me and the folks of Louisiana who have put their faith and trust in me in the last 25 years, please end this system and go back to a time and place where we can begin debating one another and recognizing we all come over here as patriots, as Americans first and as party members second.

I leave with a great fondness for my colleagues, a great amount of appreciation for all the days I have spent with you, and I want to say a fond farewell on behalf of the 650,000 people of Louisiana who have allowed me the chance to work with you. I want to wish you well in the upcoming sessions. I will try to be in touch and to stay close to you as we go forward. You have made for me a home in this Chamber that I shall not forget, and you have given me a most extraordinary honor and privilege of being a part of the greatest democratic institution on the face of the Earth, and I thank you for that and bid you farewell.