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Issue	Number, Title, Date, Status	Sponsors	Summary
Accessibility			
Accessibility UPDATED	<p>H.R. 3101 (text not yet available online)</p> <p><i>“To ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to emerging Internet Protocol-based communication and video programming technologies in the 21st Century”</i></p> <p>6/26/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Rep. Edward Markey (MA)</p> <p>No cosponsors</p>	<p>To ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to emerging Internet Protocol-based communication and video programming technologies in the 21st Century.</p>
Broadband			
Fairness Doctrine (Inhofe bill)	<p>S. 62</p> <p><i>“Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>1/6/2009 – Introduced and referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	<p>Sen. James Inhofe (OK)</p> <p>No cosponsors</p>	<p>To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.</p>
Fairness Doctrine (Pence bill) UPDATED	<p>H.R. 226</p> <p><i>“Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>1/7/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Rep. Mike Pence (IN)</p> <p>183 cosponsors</p>	<p>To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.</p>



<p>Fairness Doctrine (DeMint bill), UPDATED</p>	<p>S. 34 <i>“Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009”</i> 1/7/2009 – Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 12.</p>	<p>Sen. Jim DeMint (SC) 31 cosponsors</p>	<p>[Identical to S. 62] To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.</p>
<p>Internet Tax Ban UPDATED (Senate bill)</p>	<p>S. 43 <i>“Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act of 2009”</i> 1/6/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance</p>	<p>Sen. John Ensign (NV) 1 cosponsor</p>	<p>To make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.</p>
<p>Internet Tax Ban (House bill)</p>	<p>H.R. 1560 <i>“Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act of 2009”</i> 3/17/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. 4/27/2009 – Referred to the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law.</p>	<p>Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA) 1 cosponsor</p>	<p>[Identical to S. 43] To make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.</p>
<p>Broadband, UPDATED, Informed P2P User Act</p>	<p>H.R. 1319 <i>“Informed P2P User Act”</i> 3/5/2009 – Introduced and Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. 5/6/2009 – Subcommittee Hearing Held.</p>	<p>Rep. Mary Bono Mack (CA) 35 cosponsors</p>	<p>To prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through the use of certain "peer-to-peer" file sharing software without first providing notice and obtaining consent from the owner or authorized user of the computer.</p>



<p>Broadband, UPDATED, Broadband Conduit Deployment (Eshoo bill)</p>	<p>H.R. 2428 <i>“Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2009”</i> 5/14/2009 – Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. 5/15/2009 – Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.</p>	<p>Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA) 3 cosponsors</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Broadband, UPDATED, Broadband Conduit Deployment (Klobuchar bill)</p>	<p>S. 1266 <i>“Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2009”</i> 6/15/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	<p>Sen. Amy Klobuchar (MH) 2 cosponsors</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Broadband, UPDATED, (Massa bill)</p>	<p>H.R. 2902 <i>“Broadband Internet Fairness Act”</i> 6/16/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Rep. Eric J. Massa (NY) 3 cosponsors</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Consumer Product Safety</p>			
<p>Camera Phone Predators</p>	<p>H.R. 414 <i>“Camera Phone Predator Alert Act”</i> 1/9/09 – Introduced in House</p>	<p>Rep. Peter King (NY) No cosponsors</p>	<p>Any mobile phone containing a digital camera that is manufactured for sale in the United States shall sound a tone or other sound audible within a reasonable radius of the phone whenever a photograph is taken with the camera in such phone.</p>



	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee		
FCC Oversight			
FCC Oversight, Forbearance Procedure	<p>H.R. 400</p> <p><i>“Protecting Consumers through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act”</i></p> <p>1/9/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Rep. John Dingell (MI)</p> <p>8 cosponsors</p>	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prevent the granting of regulatory forbearance by default.
FCC Oversight, UPDATED , Public Participation and Commission Decision Making	<p>H.R. 2183</p> <p><i>“To improve public participation and overall decision-making at the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes”</i></p> <p>4/30/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Rep. Joe Barton (TX)</p> <p>1 cosponsor</p>	Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require the FCC subject to exception, to promulgate regulations requiring before adopting, modifying, or deleting a final regulation: (1) publication of the specific regulation language; and (2) specific time periods for comments, replying to comments, and deadlines for comments. Requires the FCC to: (1) ensure adequate review time; (2) establish action deadlines; (3) publish any actions within 30 days; and (4) submit specified notifications to specified congressional committees.
Health Technology			
Health Technology, Health IT Act (Stabenow bill)	<p>S. 179</p> <p><i>“Health Information Technology Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>1/8/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance.</p>	<p>Sen. Debbie Stabenow (MI)</p> <p>1 cosponsor</p>	Improve quality in health care by providing incentives for adoption of modern information technology.
Health Technology, Establishing a Health IT and Privacy System (Whitehouse)	<p>S. 444</p> <p><i>“National Health Information</i></p>	<p>Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)</p>	To provide for the establishment of a health information technology and privacy system.



bill)	<i>Technology and Privacy Advancement Act of 2009</i> 2/13/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	No cosponsors	
Health Technology, Health IT Promotion Act (Burgess bill)	H.R. 1031 <i>“Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2009”</i> 2/12/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the Committee on Ways and Means.	Rep. Michael Burgess (TX) No cosponsors	To promote a better health information system.
Health Technology, UPDATED , Promoting Health IT Act (Johnson bill)	H.R. 1039 <i>“Promoting Health Information Technology Act of 2009”</i> 2/12/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the Committee on Ways and Means.	Rep. Sam Johnson (TX) 26 cosponsors	To encourage and enhance the adoption of interoperable health information technology to improve health care quality, reduce medical errors, and increase the efficiency of care.
Health Technology, Health IT Public Utility Act	S. 890 <i>“Health Information Technology Public Utility Act of 2009”</i> 4/23/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	Sen. John Rockefeller (WV) No cosponsors	A bill to provide for the use of improved health information technology with respect to certain safety net health care providers.
Net Neutrality			
Net Neutrality, UPDATED	H.R. 3458 (*text not yet available)	Rep. Edward	Requires broadband providers to provider increasingly



Net Neutrality (Markey bill)	from GPO)	Markey (D-MA) 1 cosponsor	faster Internet access to facilitate high-bandwidth content and only be permitted to charge end-users to recover their costs.
Research			
Research, R&D Tax Credit (McCain bill)	S. 37 <i>“A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit”</i> 1/6/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance.	Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) No cosponsors	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit.
Research, UPDATED , R&D Tax Credit (Meek bill)	H.R. 422 <i>“To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the research credit through 2010 and to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit”</i> 1/9/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Rep. Kendrick Meek (FL) 57 cosponsors	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the research credit through 2010 and to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit.
Research, R&D Tax Credit (Carney bill)	H.R. 1613 <i>“Made in America Act of 2009”</i> 3/19/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Rep. Christopher Carney (PA) 1 cosponsor	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the research credit permanent, increase expensing for small businesses, reduce corporate tax rates, and for other purposes.
Research, UPDATED , NITRD Act	H.R. 2020 <i>“Networking and Information</i>	Rep. Bart Gordon (TN)	- A bill to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and



	<p><i>Technology Research and Development Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>4/22/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology.</p> <p>4/29/2009 – Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session held. Passed the Committee by voice vote.</p> <p>5/12/2009 – On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, Agreed to by voice vote.</p> <p>5/13/2009 – Received in Senate and Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation</p>	6 cosponsors	<p>for other purposes.</p> <p>- This legislation improves the NITRD program by strengthening its interagency strategic planning process and requiring input on the process from a wide range of industry and academic stakeholders.</p>
Research, UPDATED , R&D Tax Credit (Baucus bill)	<p>S. 1203</p> <p><i>“GROWTH Act”</i></p> <p>6/8/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.</p>	<p>Sen. Max Baucus (MT)</p> <p>13 cosponsors</p>	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the research credit through 2010 and to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit, and for other purposes.
Spectrum/Wireless			
Spectrum/Wireless, Consumer Protection, Caller ID	<p>S. 30</p> <p><i>“Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>01/7/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	<p>Sen. Bill Nelson (FL)</p> <p>3 cosponsors</p>	A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information.



Spectrum/Wireless, DTV Transition	S. 25 <i>“Digital TV Transition Fairness Act”</i> 1/7/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	Sen. Bernard Sanders (VT) No cosponsors	A bill to ensure access to basic broadcast television after the Digital Television Transition, and for other purposes.
Spectrum/Wireless DTV Coupon Improvement	H.R. 339 <i>“Digital Television Coupon Improvement Act”</i> 1/8/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	Rep. Todd Platts (PA) No cosponsors	To extend the expiration date of coupons issued under the digital television converter box program to March 31, 2009.
Spectrum/Wireless DTV Consumer Education	H.R. 299 <i>“National Digital Television Consumer Education Act”</i> 01/8/2009 – Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	Rep. Eliot Engel (NY) No cosponsors	To provide American consumers information about the broadcast television transition from an analog to a digital format, and to provide additional funds for the converter box coupon program under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005.
Spectrum/Wireless DTV Additional Coupon Bill	H.R. 661 <i>“To provide additional coupons for the digital-to-analog converter box program and to expedite delivery of coupons under such program”</i> 1/23/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	Rep. Joe Barton (TX) 20 cosponsors	To provide additional coupons for the digital-to-analog converter box program and to expedite delivery of coupons under such program.
Spectrum/Wireless DTV Transition Delay Act	S. 328	Sen. John Rockefeller	A bill to postpone the DTV transition date to June 13, 2009 and extend the coupon program until July 31,



	<p>“DTV Delay Act”</p> <p>1/26/2009 – Introduced in Senate. Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.</p> <p>1/28/2009 – Bill failed House by vote of 258-168.</p> <p>For further action, see S. 352, which became Public Law 111-004 on 2/11/2009.</p>	<p>(WV)</p> <p>No cosponsors</p>	<p>2009.</p>
<p>Spectrum/Wireless DTV Transition Extension (Waxman bill)</p>	<p>H.R. 681</p> <p>“Digital Television Transition Extension Act of 2009”</p> <p>1/26/2009 – Introduced and referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p> <p>For further action, see S. 352, which became Public Law 111-004 on 2/11/2009.</p>	<p>Rep. Henry Waxman (CA)</p> <p>21 cosponsors</p>	<p>To amend the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 and the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a new digital television transition date of June 12, 2009 and to improve the digital-to-analog converter box program.</p>
<p>Spectrum/Wireless DTV Coupon Relief</p>	<p>S. 300</p> <p>“TV Converter Box Coupon Program Relief Act”</p> <p>1/22/2009 – Introduced and referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	<p>Sen. Judd Gregg (NH)</p> <p>No cosponsors</p>	<p>A bill to enable the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the Department of Commerce to resume timely processing and distribution of TV converter box coupons by increasing its fiscal authority to make payments.</p>
<p>Spectrum/Wireless DTV Delay Act</p>	<p>S. 352</p> <p>“DTV Delay Act”</p>	<p>Sen. John Rockefeller (WV)</p>	<p>A bill to postpone the DTV transition date to June 12, 2009.</p>



	<p>1/29/2009 – Introduced and Passed in the Senate without Amendment by Unanimous Consent.</p> <p>2/4/2009 – Passed in the House</p> <p>2/11/2009 – Signed by the President and became Public Law No 111-004.</p>	10 cosponsors	
Spectrum/Wireless, UPDATED , Radio Spectrum Inventory	<p>S. 649</p> <p><i>“Radio Spectrum Inventory Act”</i></p> <p>3/19/2009 – Introduced and Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation</p>	<p>Sen. John Kerry (MA)</p> <p>5 cosponsors</p>	<p>A bill to require an inventory of radio spectrum bands managed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission.</p> <p>Conduct a report that includes an inventory of each radio spectrum band, from 300 Megahertz to 3.5 GHz.</p>
Spectrum/Wireless, Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program	<p>H.R. 1819</p> <p><i>“To amend the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to extend the interoperable emergency communications grant program through fiscal year 2012”</i></p> <p>3/31/2009 – Introduced and Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Rep. Ahn Cao (LA)</p> <p>No cosponsors</p>	<p>A bill to amend the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to extend the interoperable emergency communications grant program through fiscal year 2012.</p>
Spectrum/Wireless, DTV Translator Construction Assistance Program	<p>S. 899</p> <p><i>“DTV Cliff Effect Assistance Act of</i></p>	<p>Sen. Olympia Snowe (ME)</p>	<p>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</p>



	2009” 4/27/2009 – Introduced and Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	1 cosponsor	digital signals.
Spectrum/Wireless, UPDATED , Spectrum Relocation	H.R. 3019 “ <i>Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act of 2009</i> ” 6/24/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	Rep. Jay Inslee (WA) 2 cosponsors	To amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to improve the process of reallocation of spectrum from Federal government uses to commercial uses.
Other Tax Issues			
Tax, Telephone Excise Tax Repeal (Ensign bill)	S. 47 “ <i>Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2009</i> ” 1/6/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance.	Sen. John Ensign (NV) 9 cosponsors	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.
Tax, Telephone Excise Tax Repeal (Schumer bill)	S. 71 “ <i>Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2009</i> ” 1/6/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance.	Sen. Charles Schumer (NY) 1 cosponsor	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.



<p>Tax, UPDATED, DTV Converter Boxes</p>	<p>H.R. 508 <i>“DTV Converter Box Rebate Act of 2009”</i> 1/14/2009 – Introduced and referred to Ways and Means Committee and Energy and Commerce Committee</p>	<p>Rep. Bruce Braley (IA) 1 cosponsor</p>	<p>To allow a refundable credit against Federal income tax for the purchase of digital-to-analog converter boxes for taxpayers who did not use coupons.</p>
<p>Tax, Broadband Infrastructure Tax Credit</p>	<p>H.R. 760 <i>“Advanced Broadband Infrastructure Bond Initiative of 2009”</i> 1/28/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA) 2 cosponsors</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Tax, Credit for Broadband Services to Rural Areas</p>	<p>H.R. 691 <i>“Broadband Access Equality Act of 2009”</i> 1/26/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.</p>	<p>Rep. Kendrick Meek (FL) No cosponsors</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Tax, UPDATED, Mobile Wireless Tax</p>	<p>S. 1192 <i>“Mobile Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2009”</i> 6/4/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.</p>	<p>Sen. Ron Wyden (OR) 6 cosponsors</p>	<p>A bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on mobile wireless communications services, providers, or property.</p>



<p>Tax, UPDATED, Telephone Excise Tax Repeal</p>	<p>H.R. 3011 <i>“Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2009”</i> 6/24/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p>	<p>Rep. John Lewis (GA) 27 cosponsors</p>	<p>To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services.</p>
<p>Universal Service</p>			
<p>Universal Service, UPDATED, USF Exemption (Senate bill)</p>	<p>S. 348 <i>“A bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act”</i> 1/29/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	<p>Sen. John Rockefeller (WV) 4 cosponsors</p>	<p>To amend section 254 of the Communications Act to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Anti-deficiency Act.</p>
<p>Universal Service, UPDATED, USF Exemption (House bill)</p>	<p>H.R. 2135 <i>“To amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to</i></p>	<p>Rep. Denny Rehberg (MT) 1 cosponsor</p>	<p>To amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.</p>



	<p><i>certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act”</i></p> <p>4/28/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce</p>		
<p>Universal Service, UPDATED, Universal Service Support to Head Start programs</p>	<p>H.R. 2166</p> <p><i>“To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide universal service support to head start programs, and for other purposes”</i></p> <p>4/29/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>Rep. Henry Cuellar (TX)</p> <p>No cosponsors</p>	<p>Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to include Head Start agencies in the universal support program, which makes them eligible for discounts for advanced telecommunications services.</p>
Public Safety			
<p>Public Safety, Radio Service</p>	<p>H.R. 245</p> <p><i>“Local Emergency Radio Service Preservation Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>1/7/2009 – Introduced and referred House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p>Rep. Gene Green (TX)</p> <p>No cosponsors</p>	<p>To preserve local radio broadcast emergency and other services and to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a rulemaking for that purpose in relation to satellite radio services.</p>
<p>Public Safety, UPDATED, COPS Improvements</p>	<p>S. 167</p> <p><i>“COPS Improvements Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>1/8/2009 – Introduced and referred to Committee on the Judiciary</p>	<p>Sen. Herb Kohl (WI)</p> <p>17 cosponsors</p>	<p>Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the authority of the Attorney General to make grants for public safety and community policing programs (COPS ON THE BEAT grant program).</p>
Telework			
<p>Telework, UPDATED, Executive Agency</p>	<p>H.R. 1722</p>	<p>Rep. John Sarbanes (MD)</p>	<p>To improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees</p>



Telework Program (House bill)	<p><i>“Telework Improvements Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>3/25/2009 – Introduced and referred House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p>5/4/2009 – Referred to Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.</p>	6 cosponsors	to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks.
Telework, UPDATED , Executive Agency Telework Program (Senate bill)	<p>S. 707</p> <p><i>“Telework Enhancement Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>3/25/2009 – Introduced and referred House Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p> <p>5/20/2009 – Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.</p>	<p>Sen. Daniel Akaka (HI)</p> <p>2 cosponsors</p>	This bill aims to enhance the Federal Telework Program. It includes guidance on training and monitoring as well as designates the appointment of a telework managing officer in each agency.
Telework, UPDATED , Teleworking Equipment and Expenses (Bean bill)	<p>H.R. 2826</p> <p><i>“Family Work Flexibility Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>6/11/2009 – Introduced and Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p>	<p>Rep. Melissa Bean (IL-8)</p> <p>6 cosponsors</p>	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for the cost of teleworking equipment and expenses.
Tax, UPDATED , Teleworking Equipment and Expenses (Gillibrand bill)	<p>S. 1291</p> <p><i>“Family Work Flexibility Act Of</i></p>	<p>Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)</p>	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for the cost of teleworking equipment and expenses.



	2009” 6/18/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance.	No cosponsors	
Economic Stimulus			
Economic Stimulus, Stimulus Bill	<p>H.R. 1</p> <p><i>“American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>1/26/2009 – Introduced in House</p> <p>1/28/2009 – Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 244 - 188 (Roll no. 46).</p> <p>2/10/2009 – Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 61 - 37. Record Vote Number: 61.</p> <p>2/12/2009 – Conference report H. Rept. 111-16 filed.</p> <p>2/13/2009 – Conference report agreed to in House: On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 246 - 183, 1 Present (Roll no. 70).</p> <p>2/13/2009 – Conference report agreed to in Senate: Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 60 - 38. Record Vote Number: 64.</p>	<p>Rep. David Obey (WI)</p> <p>9 cosponsors</p>	<p>Overall, the bill gives \$789 billion dollars towards economic relief. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$7.2 billion in broadband provisions, with \$2.5 billion going to RUS and the other \$4.7 billion going to NTIA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Division A, Title I (p. 9-10) - Division A, Title III (p. 36-38) - Division B, Title VI – Broadband Technology Opportunities Program - \$650 million towards NTIA’s DTV converter box coupons. - \$2 billion towards health IT to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. - \$3.8 billion to R&D, with \$600 million going to NIST and the other \$3.2 billion going to NSF for research and related activities. - \$4.5 billion to the Dept. of Energy for “Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability” - \$6 billion towards business tax, with \$5 billion going to bonus depreciation, \$947 million to the 5-year Net-Operating Loss (NOL) Carryback, and the other \$41 million to the extension of increased small business expensing (Sec. 179). <p>\$2.3 billion allocated for other purposes, including \$1.5 billion to HHS and the Health Resources and Services Administration; \$50 million to the Dept. of Agriculture, Farm Services Agency; \$50 million to VA – Departmental Administration, Information Technology Systems; \$200 million to DHS – Office of the Under Secretary for Management; and \$500 million to the Social Security Administration.</p>



	<p>2/13/2009 Cleared for White House.</p> <p>2/16/2009 Presented to President.</p> <p>2/17/2009 Signed by President.</p> <p>2/17/2009 Became Public Law No: 111-005 [Text, PDF]</p>		
Science Education			
Science Education, ATTAIN Act of 2009	<p>S. 818</p> <p><i>“Achievement Through Technology and Innovation Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>4/2/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	<p>Sen. Jeff Bingaman (NM)</p> <p>5 cosponsors</p>	<p>A bill to reauthorize the Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001.</p>
Science Education, UPDATED , STEM Education Coordination Act	<p>H.R. 1709</p> <p><i>“STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>3/25/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Science and Technology as well as the Committee on Education and Labor.</p> <p>3/26/2009 – Referred to Subcommittee on Research and Science Education.</p> <p>3/31/2009 – Subcommittee</p>	<p>Rep. Bart Gordon (TN)</p> <p>15 cosponsors</p>	<p>A bill to establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes.</p>



	<p>consideration and mark-up session held. Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Vice Vote.</p> <p>4/29/2009 – Committee Consideration and Mark-up session held. Passed the Committee by voice vote.</p> <p>6/2/2009 – Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science and Technology. Committee on Labor and Education discharged.</p> <p>6/8/2009 – Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 353 - 39 (Roll no. 312).</p> <p>6/9/2009 – Referred to Senate Committee and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>		
<p>Science Education, UPDATED, International Science and Technology Cooperation</p>	<p>H.R. 1736</p> <p><i>“International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>3/26/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.</p> <p>3/26/2009 – Referred to Subcommittee on Research and</p>	<p>Rep. Brian Baird (WA)</p> <p>6 cosponsors</p>	<p>A bill to provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.</p>



	<p>Science Education.</p> <p>3/31/2009 – Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held. Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Vice Vote.</p> <p>4/29/2009 – Committee Consideration and Mark-up session held. Passed the Committee by voice vote.</p> <p>5/21/2009 – Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science and Technology. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 64.</p> <p>6/8/2009 – Passed/agreed to in House. On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 341- 52 (Roll no. 311).</p> <p>6/9/2009: Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>		
Other			
Other, UPDATED , Office of Chief Technology Officer	<p>H.R. 1910</p> <p><i>“Chief Technology Officer Act of 2009”</i></p> <p>4/2/2009 – Introduced and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p>	<p>Rep. Gerald Connolly (VA)</p> <p>9 cosponsors</p>	<p>A bill to create the Office of the Chief Technology Officer within the Executive Office of the President.</p>



	5/4/2009 – Referred to the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives.		
Cybersecurity, UPDATED	<p>H. Res 590</p> <p><i>“Expressing grave concerns about the sweeping censorship, privacy, and cybersecurity implications of China's Green Dam filtering software, and urging U.S. high-tech companies to promote the Internet as a tool for transparency, freedom of expression, and citizen empowerment around the world”</i></p> <p>6/26/2009 – Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.</p>	Rep. David Wu (OR) 1 cosponsor	Expressing grave concerns about the sweeping censorship, privacy, and cybersecurity implications of China's Green Dam filtering software, and urging U.S. high-tech companies to promote the Internet as a tool for transparency, freedom of expression, and citizen empowerment around the world.