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S. 1282

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURNS introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF OFFICERS, MAN-**
4 **AGERS, OR DIRECTORS.**

5 Section 621(5)(D) of the Communications Satellite
6 Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763(5)(D)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “(I)” in clause (ii);

1 (2) by striking “signatories, or (II)” in clause
2 (ii) and all that follows through “mechanism;” and
3 inserting “signatories; and”;

4 (3) by striking “organization; and” in clause
5 (iii) and inserting “organization.”; and

6 (4) by striking clause (iv).

7 **SEC. 2. CRITERIA FOR INTELSAT SEPARATED ENTITIES.**

8 Subtitle B of title VI of the Communications Satellite
9 Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763 et seq.) is amended by strik-
10 ing section 623 (47 U.S.C. 763b).

11 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION OF SPACE SEGMENT CAPACITY OF**
12 **THE GMDSS.**

13 Section 624 of the Communications Satellite Act of
14 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763c) is amended to read as follows:

15 **“SEC. 624. SPACE SEGMENT CAPACITY OF THE GMDSS.**

16 “The United States shall preserve the space segment
17 capacity of the GMDSS. This section is not intended to
18 alter the status that the GMDSS would otherwise have
19 under United States laws and regulations of the Inter-
20 national Telecommunication Union with respect to spec-
21 trum, orbital locations, or other operational parameters,
22 or to be a barrier to competition for the provision of
23 GMDSS services.”.

1 **SEC. 4. SATELLITE SERVICE REPORT.**

2 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Federal Communica-
3 tions Commission shall review competitive market condi-
4 tions with respect to domestic and international satellite
5 communications services and shall include in an annual
6 report an analysis of those conditions. The Commission
7 shall transmit a copy of the report to the Senate Com-
8 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the
9 House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Com-
10 merce.

11 (b) CONTENT.—The Commission shall include in the
12 report—

13 (1) an identification of the number and market
14 share of competitors in domestic and international
15 satellite markets;

16 (2) an analysis of whether there is effective
17 competition in the market for domestic and inter-
18 national satellite services; and

19 (3) a list of any foreign nations in which legal
20 or regulatory practices restrict access to the market
21 for satellite services in such nation in a manner that
22 undermines competition or favors a particular com-
23 petitor or set of competitors.

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