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Striking the Specific Privatization Criteria in ORBIT for Intelsat Separated Entities (New Skies) and Inmarsat and Other Technical Corrections.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29 (legislative day, APRIL 28), 2005

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

A BILL

Striking the Specific Privatization Criteria in ORBIT for Intelsat Separated Entities (New Skies) and Inmarsat and Other Technical Corrections.

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. SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR INTELSAT SEPARATED**
4 **ENTITIES AND INMARSAT MODIFIED.**

5 (a) AMENDMENT.—The Communications Satellite
6 Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) by striking section 623 (47 U.S.C. 763b),
8 and

9 (2) in section 624 (47 U.S.C. 763e), by striking
10 “*In securing the privatizations*” and all that follows,

1 and inserting “In securing the privatization of
2 Inmarsat required by section 621, and thereafter,
3 the United States shall preserve space segment ca-
4 pacity of the GMDSS.”

5 (3) in section 621 (5)(D)(ii) (47 U.S.C. 763),
6 by striking “(I)” and by striking “, or (II) have any
7 direct financial interest” and all that follows through
8 the end of the subparagraph, and inserting “;”.

9 (4) in section 621 (5)(D)(iv) (47 U.S.C. 763),
10 by striking “(I)” and by striking “, or (II) have any
11 direct financial interest” and all that follows through
12 the end of the subparagraph, and inserting “.”.

13 (b) SATELLITE SERVICE REPORT.—The Commission
14 shall review competitive market conditions with respect to
15 domestic and international satellite communications serv-
16 ices and shall include in an annual report an analysis of
17 those conditions. Such analysis shall include an identifica-
18 tion of the number and market share of competitors in
19 domestic and international satellite markets, including an
20 analysis of whether there is effective competition in the
21 market for domestic and international satellite services,
22 and shall include a list of any foreign nations in which
23 legal or regulatory practices restrict access to the market
24 for satellite services in such nation in a manner that un-

1 dermines competition or favors a particular competitor or
2 set of competitors.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) shall be effective as of the date of enact-
5 ment of this section.

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