

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: Disposition of Federal Bills

In addition to state legislation, the SBCCOG has been tracking several federal bills during the current congressional session that have the potential to affect member cities. Of these bills, the SBCCOG has taken a position on two, and is monitoring another eight. However, only one of these bills (HR 5252, which the SBCCOG has voted to oppose) has moved in over a year. Recently, we received confirmation from Congresswoman Harman's office that each of the nine bills that have not moved have not had their basic tenets moved into another bill, and are scheduled to "die" in committee without reaching either the House or Senate floor. Those bills are as follows:

HR 2726 (Sessions) *Preserving Innovation in Telecommunications Act of 2005*-Oppose. This bill directly contravenes a central provision of the HR 5252, the Communications Opportunity Promotion and Enhancement Act and won't receive action before the end of the year

HR 214 (Stearns)-*Advanced Internet Communications Services Act of 2005*

HR 1684 (Cox)- *Internet Tax Non Discrimination Act of 2005*

HR 2418 (Gordon)- *IP Enabled Voice Communications and Public Safety Act of 2005*

HR 3146 (Blackburn)- *Video Choice Act of 2005*

S 849 (Allen)- *Internet Access Moratorium Tax Bill*

S 1294 (Lautenberg)- *Community Broadband Act of 2005*

S 1349 (Smith)- *Video Choice Act of 2005*

S 1504 (Ensign)- *Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act*