

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2378

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2006

Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Broadband Data and
5 E-rate Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR LIBRARIES.**

2 Section 254(h)(4) of the Communications Act of
3 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(4) CERTAIN USERS NOT ELIGIBLE.—Notwith-
5 standing any other provision of this subsection, the fol-
6 lowing entities are not entitled to preferential rates or
7 treatment as required by this subsection:

8 “(A) An entity operated as a for-profit
9 business.

10 “(B) A school described in paragraph
11 (7)(A) with an endowment of more than
12 \$50,000,000.

13 “(C) A library or library consortium not el-
14 igible for assistance under the Library Services
15 and Technology Act (20 U.S.C. 9101 et seq.)
16 from a State library administrative agency.

17 “(D) A library or library consortium not
18 eligible for assistance funded by a grant under
19 section 261 of the Library Services and Tech-
20 nology Act (20 U.S.C. 9161) from an Indian
21 tribe or other organization.”.

22 **SEC. 3. AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY RESIDENTIAL**
23 **INTERNET ACCESS QUESTION.**

24 The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the
25 Federal Communications Commission, shall expand the
26 American Community Survey conducted by the Bureau of

1 the Census to elicit information for residential households,
2 including those located on native lands, as to what tech-
3 nology such households use to access the Internet from
4 home.

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