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Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

AN ACT

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR INTELSAT SEPARATED**
2 **ENTITIES AND INMARSAT MODIFIED.**

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

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

7 (2) in section 624 (47 U.S.C. 763c), by striking
8 “In securing the privatizations” and all that follows,
9 and inserting “In securing the privatization of
10 Inmarsat required by section 621, and thereafter,
11 the United States shall preserve space segment ca-
12 pacity of the GMDSS.”

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

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

21 (b) SATELLITE SERVICE REPORT.—The Commission
22 shall review competitive market conditions with respect to
23 domestic and international satellite communications serv-
24 ices and shall include in an annual report an analysis of
25 those conditions. Such analysis shall include an identifica-
26 tion of the number and market share of competitors in

1 domestic and international satellite markets, including an
2 analysis of whether there is effective competition in the
3 market for domestic and international satellite services,
4 and shall include a list of any foreign nations in which
5 legal or regulatory practices restrict access to the market
6 for satellite services in such nation in a manner that un-
7 dermines competition or favors a particular competitor or
8 set of competitors.

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

Passed the Senate April 29 (legislative day, April
28), 2005.

Attest:

EMILY J. REYNOLDS,
Secretary.