110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

S. 2469

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prevent the granting of regulatory forbearance by default.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

December 13, 2007

Mr. Inouye (for himself and Mr. Dorgan) 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 "Protecting Consumers
- 5 through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FORBEARANCE PETITION CONSID-
- 7 ERATION.
- 8 Section 10(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
- 9 U.S.C. 160(c)) is amended by striking the second and
- 10 third sentences and inserting the following: "The Commis-

- 1 sion shall grant or deny any such petition within one year
- 2 after the Commission receives it, except that the Commis-
- 3 sion may extend the one-year period for an additional 90
- 4 days if the Commission finds that the extension is nec-
- 5 essary to meet the requirements of subsection (a).".

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