

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the president of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

WHEREAS, due in large part to the unregulated efforts of private enterprise over the past twenty-five years, the development of the Internet has dramatically transformed the way Louisiana citizens work, live, and learn; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of efficient, fast, and reliable broadband networks throughout the state has created thousands of jobs and many benefits for local economies; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage the growth and development of the Internet, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) historically has refrained from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the United States has been at the forefront of technological, business, and social innovation on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2010, the chairman of the FCC announced a policy to reclassify broadband Internet services as common carrier services so that they can be more tightly regulated, with a proposal to forebear from imposing certain common carrier obligations on broadband Internet providers; and

WHEREAS, using antiquated provisions of Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate the Internet will slow investment in Louisiana's Internet broadband infrastructure and jeopardize future job growth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the president of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, and to the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

---

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE