

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “DTV Delay Act”.

SEC. 2. POSTPONEMENT OF DTV TRANSITION DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3002(b) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309 note) is amended—

(1) by striking “February 18, 2009;” in paragraph (1) and inserting “June 13, 2009;” and

(2) by striking “February 18, 2009,” in paragraph (2) and inserting “that date”.

(b) EXTENSION OF COUPON PROGRAM.—Section 3005(c)(1)(A) of that Act (47 U.S.C. 309 note) is amended by striking “March 31, 2009,” and inserting “July 31, 2009.”

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 3008(a)(1) of that Act (47 U.S.C. 309 note) is amended by striking “February 17, 2009,” and inserting “June 12, 2009.”

(2) Section 309(j)(14)(A) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(14)(A)) is amended by striking “February 17, 2009,” and inserting “June 12, 2009.”

(3) Section 337(e)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 337(e)(1)) is amended by striking “February 17, 2009,” and inserting “June 12, 2009.”

(d) LICENSE TERMS.—

(1) EXTENSION.—The Federal Communications Commission shall extend the terms of the licenses for the recovered spectrum, including the license period and construction requirements associated with those licenses, for a 116-day period.

(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “recovered spectrum” means—

(A) the recovered analog spectrum, as such term is defined in section 309(j)(15)(C)(vi) of the Communications Act of 1934; and

(B) the spectrum excluded from the definition of recovered analog spectrum by subclauses (I) and (II) of such section.

SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTER BOX PROGRAM.

(a) TREATMENT OF EXPIRED COUPONS.—Section 3005(c)(1) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(D) EXPIRED COUPONS.—The Assistant Secretary may issue to a household, upon request by the household, one replacement coupon for each coupon that was issued to such household and that expired without being redeemed.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3005(c)(1)(A) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309 note) is amended by striking “receives, via the United States Postal Service,” and inserting “redeems”.

SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) PERMISSIVE EARLY TERMINATION UNDER EXISTING REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this Act is intended to prevent a licensee of a television broadcast station from terminating the broadcasting of such station’s analog television signal (and continuing to broadcast exclusively in the digital television service) prior to the date established by law under section 3002(b) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 for termination of all licenses for full-power television stations in the analog television service (as amended by section 2 of this Act) so long as such prior termination is conducted in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission’s requirements in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, including the flexible procedures established in the Matter of Third Periodic Review of the Commission’s Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television (FCC 07–228, MB Docket No. 07–91, released December 31, 2007).

(b) PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SERVICES.—

(1) USE ON CLEARED SPECTRUM.—Notwithstanding the amendments made by section 2, if—

(A) a television broadcast station ceases the broadcasting of such station’s analog television service under subsection (a) of this section prior to June 12, 2009, and

(B) as a consequence of such cessation, spectrum between frequencies 768 and 776 megahertz, inclusive, and 798 and 806 megahertz, inclusive, becomes available for non-television broadcast use prior to June 12, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission shall permit the use of such spectrum for authorized public safety radio services if the Commission determines that such use is in the public interest and does not cause harmful interference to full-power television stations in the analog or digital television service.

(2) EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.—The Federal Communications Commission may use expedited procedures, and may waive such rules as may be necessary, to make a determination on an application made under paragraph (1) to begin such use of such spectrum by a public safety agency (as such term is defined in section 3006(d)(1) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005) in not less than 2 weeks after the date of submission of such application.

(c) EXPEDITED RULEMAKING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications Information Administration shall, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each adopt or revise its rules, regulations, or orders or take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the provisions, and carry out the purposes, of this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF COMMISSION AUCTION AUTHORITY.

Section 309(j)(11) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(11)) is amended by striking “2011.” and inserting “2012.”

SEC. 6. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.

Each amount made available under section 3005 of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309 note) as a result of the amendments made by this Act is designated as an emergency requirement and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress) and section 301(b)(2) of S. Con. Res. 70 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolutions on the budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

The bill (S. 328), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**NOMINATION OF MARY L. SCHAPIRO**

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Mary L. Schapiro to fill an unexpired term, received today; that the Senate then proceed to the consideration of the nomination; that the nomination be confirmed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD; that no further motions be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action; and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Mary L. Schapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2009.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

AUTHORIZATION OF TESTIMONY

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 21 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 21) to authorize testimony in the United States of America v. Vincent J. Fumo, et al.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a subpoena for testimony in a criminal case against former Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent J. Fumo in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In this case, Mr. Fumo and two others are charged with multiple counts of conspiracy, fraud, obstruction of justice, and filing false tax returns. Among the charges is that Mr. Fumo, as chairman of the Senate Democratic Appropriations Committee, arranged for a friend, referred to as “Senate Contractor No. 5” in the indictment, to obtain a contract under which he was paid \$150,000 over 5 years, but performed little or no work. To rebut the allegation that no work was performed under the contract, the defense has subpoenaed Senator SPECTER’s former chief of staff, David Urban, to testify as a fact witness at trial as to contracts about and a meeting he had with Senate Contractor No. 5 during that 5-year contract. During that meeting, which was a typical meeting for a United States Senate office, Senate Contractor No. 5 explored possible federal funding for a low-income housing project in South Philadelphia. Neither the meeting nor the

project itself are the subject of the criminal complaint. Senator SPECTER has no objection to allowing the testimony.

The enclosed resolution would authorize Mr. Urban to testify in this matter.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 21) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 21

Whereas, in the case of United States of America v. Vincent J. Fumo, et al, Cr. No. 06-319, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, testimony has been subpoenaed from David Urban, a former employee of the office of Senator Arlen Specter;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent

with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved* that David Urban is authorized to testify in United States of America v. Vincent J. Fumo, et al., except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, appoints the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Rodney Slater of the District of Columbia.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, January 27; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization; further, that the Senate recess following the swearing in of Senate appointee-GILLIBRAND until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons to meet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:57 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

MARY L. SCHAPIRO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 5, 2009, VICE CHRISTOPHER COX, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ELENA KAGAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, VICE GREGORY G. GARRE, RESIGNED.

DAVID W. OGDEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE MARK R. FILIP.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Monday, January 26, 2009:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

TIMOTHY F. GEITHNER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

MARY L. SCHAPIRO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 5, 2009.