

Senate Resolution 389

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Thompson of the 14th, Hill of the 6th, Williams of the 27th, Crane of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging opposition to the regulation of broadband information services in innovative
2 and expanding markets; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the broadband information services sector is critical to growing the nation's
4 economy, enhancing the quality of life through new and innovative applications, and
5 enabling greater job creation; and

6 WHEREAS, the rise of private investment in broadband technologies has dramatically
7 transformed the way consumers work, live, learn, and conduct their daily lives; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Senate believes that innovation, private investment, and market
9 competition, not additional regulations, should drive the continued deployment and adoption
10 of broadband information services; and

11 WHEREAS, the Internet has thrived under existing policy that classifies broadband as a Title
12 I "information service," the foundation of which is its light-touch approach to regulation, and
13 this body believes that this policy should continue; and

14 WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission is moving forward with a plan that
15 would impose its Title II authority over legacy telephone networks onto the Internet and
16 would regulate the provision of broadband Internet access services as common carrier
17 services; and

18 WHEREAS, today's deregulatory framework helps support nearly 11 million jobs annually
19 in the United States and has unleashed more than \$1.2 trillion of investment in advanced wire
20 line and wireless broadband networks, as well as an entirely new apps economy; and

21 WHEREAS, treating broadband Internet access services as Title II "telecommunications
22 services" would substantially inhibit incentives for continued broadband investment and
23 innovation and permit government micromanagement of all aspects of the Internet economy.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 encourage opposition to the unnecessary, burdensome, and economically harmful regulation
26 of broadband Internet service companies, including the providers of the infrastructure that
27 supports and enables Internet services; encourage the Federal Communications Commission
28 not to act without legislative authority; encourage the United States Congress not to impose
29 Title II authority over broadband Internet service companies; encourage the Federal
30 Communications Commission and the United States Congress to refocus their efforts on
31 specific and limited initiatives targeted at ensuring that broadband service is made affordable
32 and available to unserved households, rejecting overly prescriptive regulations that would
33 harm innovation, investment, and job growth; and encourage opposition to the sweeping
34 reclassification of broadband services.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Federal
37 Communications Commission, the Georgia delegation to the United States House of
38 Representatives, and United States Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue.