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**CALM Act, 111 Bill Tracking S. 2847**

Introduced December 8, 2009

**Synopsis**

A bill to regulate the volume of audio on commercials

**Status**

December 8, 2009  
Introduced in the Senate

September 28, 2010  
Reported in the Senate, as amended

September 29, 2010  
Considered in the Senate

September 29, 2010  
Passed in the Senate, as amended

September 29, 2010  
Reported in the Senate

November 30, 2010  
Considered in the House

December 2, 2010  
Passed in the House

December 2, 2010  
Passed both chambers (cleared for the President)

December 3, 2010  
Presented to the President

December 15, 2010  
Became Public Law (P.L. 111-311)

**Actions**

**Committee Referrals:**

December 8, 2009  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

**Legislative Chronology:**

**1st Session Activity:**

December 8, 2009  
155 Cong Rec S 12708

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December 8, 2009  
155 Cong Rec S 12710  
Remarks by Sen. Whitehouse (D-RI)

2nd Session Activity:

June 9, 2010  
156 Cong Rec D 645  
Ordered reported, as amended, by Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

September 28, 2010  
156 Cong Rec S 7615  
Reported, as amended, by Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (without written report)

September 29, 2010  
156 Cong Rec S 7763  
Senate considered

September 29, 2010  
156 Cong Rec S 7764  
Amendment No. 4687 offered by Sen. Durbin (D-IL) for Sen. Whitehouse (D-RI) to deem operators and distributors who maintain equipment and software in compliance with the FCC regulations to be in compliance with those regulations

September 29, 2010  
156 Cong Rec S 7764  
Senate agreed to Whitehouse Amendment No. 4687 (by unanimous consent)

September 29, 2010  
156 Cong Rec S 7764  
Senate agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, as amended (by unanimous consent)

September 29, 2010  
156 Cong Rec S 7764  
Senate passed, as amended (by unanimous consent)

September 29, 2010  
156 Cong Rec S 7786  

November 30, 2010  
156 Cong Rec H 7720  
House considered under suspension of the rules

December 2, 2010  
156 Cong Rec H 7899  
House resumed consideration under suspension of the rules

December 2, 2010  
156 Cong Rec H 7899  
House agreed to suspend the rules and pass (by voice vote)

December 3, 2010  
156 Cong Rec S 8537  
Presented to the President

December 15, 2010  
156 Cong Rec D 1213  
Signed by the President and became Public Law (P.L. 111-311)

Summary

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Digest:

Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act or the CALM Act - Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to prescribe a regulation limiting the volume of television advertisements that is limited to incorporating by reference and making mandatory (but subject to waivers) the "Recommended Practice: Techniques for Establishing and Maintaining AudioLoudness for Digital Television" insofar as such recommended practice concerns the transmission of commercial advertisements by a television broadcast station, cable operator, or other multichannel video programming distributor.

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Deems broadcast television operator, cable operator, or other multichannel video programming distributor that installs, utilizes, and maintains in a commercially reasonable manner the equipment and associated software in compliance with the regulations issued by the FCC in accordance with this Act to be in compliance with such regulations.

**Sponsor(s)**

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, D-RI

**TOTAL COSPONSORS:** 7

7 Democrats / 0 Republicans

**CO-SPONSORS BY DATE:**

Original Cosponsors:

Schumer(D)-NY  
Added December 15, 2009:  
Johnson(D)-SD  
Added December 16, 2009:  
Murray(D)-WA  
Added December 18, 2009:  
Brown(D)-OH  
Added December 22, 2009:  
Nelson(D)-FL  
Added March 17, 2010:  
McCaskill(D)-MO  
Added May 12, 2010:  
Rockefeller(D)-WV

**Classification**

**CRS Index Terms:**

Broadcasting, cable, digital technologies  
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
Internet and video services  
Marketing and advertising  
Noise pollution  
Science, technology, communications  
Television and film

**Subject:** MARKETING & ADVERTISING (92%); ENERGY & UTILITY LAW (91%); COMMUNICATIONS REGULATION & POLICY (90%); CABLE INDUSTRY (90%); CABLE & OTHER DISTRIBUTION (90%); LEGISLATIVE BODIES (90%); TELEVISION INDUSTRY (90%); BROADCASTING INDUSTRY (90%)

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