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U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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Commerce Committee Roundup

April 21st – 25th, 2008

Press Releases

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- April 24th: [Commerce Committee Approves Maritime Pollution Prevention Legislation Sponsored by Senator Stevens](#)
- April 24th: [Senate Commerce Committee Approves Inouye-Stevens Legislation to Address Seafood Safety](#)
- April 24th: [Stevens Introduces Legislation to Combat Phantom Traffic](#)
- April 24th: [Inouye and Stevens Introduce Measure to Help Prevent Illegal Seafood from Entering U.S.](#)
- April 25th: [Senator Stevens Pleased to See DOT Moving Forward on Increasing Fuel Economy](#)

Commerce Committee Hearings

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- April 22nd: [The Future of the Internet](#)
This hearing focused on developing applications, consumer expectations, and network operation for the Internet.
- April 22nd: [Moving Passengers and Freight into the Future](#)
This hearing examined recommendations relating to highway, auto, and truck safety; freight mobility; passenger and freight rail capacity and service development; intermodal transportation; and the integration of our surface, maritime, and aviation networks.
- April 23rd: [Phantom Traffic](#)
This full committee hearing examined concerns regarding voice traffic over telephone networks that are sent without identifying information used for intercarrier billing purposes, also known as "phantom traffic." This has become a problem for many rural carriers throughout America and is resulting in higher consumer prices. Senator Stevens introduced the "Signal Modernization Act of 2008," (S. 2919) to address this problem. It was cosponsored by Commerce Committee Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Senators Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), Gordon Smith (R-Ore.), Mark Pryor (D-Ark.), John Thune (R-S.D.) and Olympia Snowe (R-Maine).
- April 24th: [National Nanotechnology Initiative: Charting the Course for Reauthorization](#)
This hearing examined the five year period since the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) was initially authorized in 2003 and explored issues the Committee should consider for the next reauthorization.

Commerce Committee Markups

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- April 23rd: [Executive Session](#)
The Committee approved the following agenda items by unanimous consent:
1. S. 2688, the Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act
 2. S.J. Res 28, A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership
 3. S. 2607, A bill to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
 4. S. 2507, DTV Border Fix Act of 2007
 5. H.R. 3985, Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007
 6. H.R. 802, Maritime Pollution Prevention Act (MARPOL Annex VI)
 7. S. 2657, To require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, and for other purposes
 8. S. 2482, To repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida
 9. Nominations for Promotion in the United States Coast Guard

Upcoming Committee Hearings

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- April 29th: [Improving Consumer Protections in Subprime Lending](#)  [Add To My Calendar](#)
This Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism subcommittee hearing will consider the history and current status of subprime mortgage lending and non-traditional mortgage loans executed by non-bank financial companies. The hearing will also consider the Federal Trade Commission's authority and its use to protect consumers from unfair or deceptive lending practices by non-bank entities.