



S. 781 - Do-Not-Call Registry Fee Extension Act of 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

S. 781 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Mark Pryor (D-AR) on March 6, 2007. The Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent on December 17, 2007.

S. 781 is expected to be considered on the floor on February 6, 2008.

Note: The House passed identical legislation, H.R. 2601, by voice vote on December 11, 2007. H.R. 2601 was introduced by Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL) on June 6, 2007.

SUMMARY

S. 781 extends the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the "Do-Not-Call" registry through 2012. The bill also requires the Federal Trade Commission to submit biennial reports as well as a one-time report on the usage and effectiveness of the "Do-Not-Call" registry.

BACKGROUND

The federal "Do-Not-Call" Registry was established in 2003 under rules by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Earlier that year, Congress passed and the President signed the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act (P.L. 108-10), which provided the FTC the authority to collect fees and enforce the national registry through fiscal year 2007.

The FTC rules prohibit telemarketers from calling numbers listed on the registry. There is an \$11,000 fine in place for violating the rules against calling numbers on the "Do-Not-Call" registry.

[FTC: Do Not Call Registry](#)

COST

"Based on information from the FTC, CBO estimates that the agency would collect a total of \$107 million under the bill over the 2008-2012 period and spend \$105 million over that period, assuming appropriation actions consistent with the bill. Over the five-year period, CBO estimates that implementing S. 781 would decrease net spending subject to appropriation by \$2 million. Enacting H.R. S. 781 would not affect direct spending or revenues." ([CBO Estimate](#), 9/27/2007)

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