

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 146

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A Resolution calling on the President of the United States, the United States Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to refrain from certain regulation of Internet broadband services; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, due in large part to the unregulated efforts of private enterprise over the past twenty-five years, the development of the Internet has dramatically transformed the way the citizens of Oklahoma work, live and learn; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of efficient, fast and reliable broadband networks throughout Oklahoma has created thousands of jobs and economic benefits for the state; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage the growth and development of the Internet, the Federal Communications Commission has historically followed a policy of refraining from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, which has resulted in the United States being at the forefront of technological, business and social innovation on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2010, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission announced a policy to reclassify broadband Internet services as common carrier services so that they can be more tightly regulated, along with a proposal to forbear from imposing certain common carrier obligations on broadband Internet providers; and

WHEREAS, using the monopoly-era provisions of Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate the Internet will slow investment in Internet broadband infrastructure in Oklahoma and jeopardize future job growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate calls on the President of the United States, the United States Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and each Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate