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Today, during debate of S.2845, the National Intelligence Reform Act of 2004, the Senate approved an amendment that will provide a firm date of December 31, 2007, to clear spectrum allocated for public safety use. This spectrum has been blocked by television broadcast operations, pending completion of the digital television (DTV) transition. We are very pleased that Senators McCain and Burns were able to reach agreement on this amendment to provide assurance that public safety agencies will have clear access to additional spectrum beginning in January 2008. We applaud their efforts and those of the entire Senate, and look forward to final passage.

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