

S.541 – To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require telecommunications services for people with hearing and speech impairments. Submitted August 1, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. John McCain (AZ).

“It has been the longstanding policy of this country, and of this body, that people have a right to be connected to the Nation's telephone system. Adoption of this amendment would bring the more than 25 million Americans who cannot use the current telephone system into the mainstream of communications. We must now demonstrate the will to make this a reality for these Americans who have been denied this most basic privilege”.

S.705 – To provide for a small entity exemption for public accommodations. Submitted September 6, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (UT).

“I favor an exemption of small businesses from the prohibitions and obligations in the public accommodations provisions of the bill, i.e., provisions relating to a business's existing facilities and general policies. I would not, however, exempt any public accommodation from the requirement that its new facilities be accessible. The cost of accessibility to a new facility when `built-in' to the plans and construction of such a new facility is not burdensome. But for businesses in the operation of their existing facilities and in the provision of auxiliary aids and services, modification of policies, procedures, and criteria, a small entity exemption is appropriate”.

S.706 – To adjust the civil penalties for discrimination based on disability by a public accommodation or a service operated by a private entity and remove the availability of monetary damages. Submitted September 6, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (UT).

“Our purpose here should not be punitive. Providing for monetary damages and huge civil penalties in Attorney General actions in (*sic*) excessive. To the extent we are trying to provide access by enacting this bill, since such access can impose costs on covered entities, rather than penalize a public accommodation by imposing monetary damages and huge civil penalties, we should keep the money available to the entity for use in providing access pursuant to the injunctive relief”.

S.707 – To exclude the purchase or lease of a new over-the-road bus by privately operated transportation entities from the description of discrimination. Submitted September 6, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (UT).

“The bill, in its present form, presents the strong likelihood that private intercity and charter and tour bus service will be seriously curtailed soon after the bill's new bus requirements become effective, if not virtually eliminated at some point thereafter. The stakes are that high”.

S.708 – To end discrimination on the basis of disability in Federal wilderness areas. Submitted September 6, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (UT).

“The National Council on Disability shall conduct a study and report on the effect that wilderness designations and wilderness land management practices have on the ability of individuals with disabilities to use and enjoy the National Wilderness Preservation System as established under the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)”.

S.709 – To provide a refundable tax credit for the costs of small businesses complying with the public accommodations requirement. Submitted September 6, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (UT).

S.711 – To provide a technical amendment. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin (IA).

S.712 – To provide a technical amendment. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin (IA).

S.713 – To require a judge to consider if a defendant who is accused of discrimination on the basis of disability has acted in good faith. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (MN).

S.714 – To amend sections 304 and 305 relating to the accessibility of over-the-road buses to individuals with disabilities. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Ernest Hollings (SC).

S.715 – To clarify the definition of handicapped under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 relating to the uses of illegal drugs. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms (NC).

S.716 – Providing that the term “disabled” or “disability” shall not apply to an individual solely because that individual is a transvestite. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms (NC).

S.717 – To make technical corrections. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin (IA).

S.718 – To exclude an employee or an applicant who is a current user of illegal drugs from the definition of “qualified individual with a disability”. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin (IA).

S.719 – To provide a plan to provide entities with technical assistance. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Robert Dole (KS).

S.720 – To include Congress as a beneficiary of this Act. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Chuck Grassley (IA).

S.721 – To provide that an individual with a “disability” shall not include any individual who uses illegal drugs. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Gordon Humphrey (NH).

S.722 – To more clearly define the term “disability”. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. William Armstrong (CO).

S.723 – To allow certain capital expenditures of small businesses for auxiliary aids and services and reasonable accommodations to be treated as expense items, and for other purposes. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Robert Dole (KS).

S.724 – To establish that should any provision in the Act be found to be unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of the Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Act. Submitted September 7, 1989. Sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin (IA).