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To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure competition in the provision of electronic security services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24 (legislative day, APRIL 19), 1993

Mr. DECONCINI (for himself, Mr. BREAU, Mr. DURENBERGER, and Mr. D'AMATO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure competition in the provision of electronic security services.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alarm Industry Com-
5 petition Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the public interest will be best served by
9 continued vigorous competition in the provision of
10 alarm security monitoring services;

1 (2) because alarm security monitoring services
2 are dependent upon access to the local telephone
3 network, there is a substantial possibility that com-
4 petition in the provision of alarm security monitor-
5 ing services will cease to exist if these services are
6 provided by the Bell Telephone Companies, which
7 possess monopoly power;

8 (3) current providers of alarm security monitor-
9 ing services are overwhelmingly small businesses,
10 with substantial investment in plant and equipment,
11 and they employ over 125,000 individuals;

12 (4) the alarm security monitoring industry pro-
13 vides services that protect the life, property, and
14 safety of millions of Americans; and

15 (5) it is essential to preserve the existing com-
16 petitive State in the alarm security monitoring serv-
17 ice industry so long as there exists a substantial pos-
18 sibility that the Bell Telephone Companies can use
19 their monopoly power to act anticompetitively when
20 providing alarm security monitoring services.

21 **SEC. 3. ALARM SECURITY MONITORING SERVICE COMPETI-**
22 **TION.**

23 Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 is
24 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
25 section:

1 **“SEC. 227. ALARM SECURITY MONITORING SERVICE COM-**
2 **PETITION.**

3 “(a) No Bell Telephone Company, or any affiliate of
4 the company, shall provide alarm security monitoring serv-
5 ices for the protection of life, safety or property. A Bell
6 Telephone Company may transport alarm security mon-
7 itoring signals but on a common carrier basis only.

8 “(b) For the purposes of this section, ‘alarm security
9 monitoring’ is defined as an information service designed
10 to protect life, safety, or property via the remote super-
11 vision of conditions at commercial and residential prem-
12 ises, including—

13 “(1) the supervision at a remote central office
14 of signals from sensors that detect intrusion, heat,
15 fire, medical emergencies, and similar threats to life,
16 safety, and property emanating from the monitored
17 premises; and

18 “(2) the notification by the remote central of-
19 fice of appropriate entities in the event that the sig-
20 nals indicate the likelihood of burglary, fire, vandal-
21 ism, bodily injury, or similar emergencies at the
22 monitored premises.

23 “(c)(1) For the purposes of this section the term ‘Bell
24 Telephone Company’ means any of the following
25 companies:

26 “(A) Bell Telephone Company of Nevada.

1 “(B) Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

2 “(C) Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incor-
3 porated.

4 “(D) Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

5 “(E) New England Telephone and Telegraph
6 Company.

7 “(F) New Jersey Bell Telephone Company.

8 “(G) New York Telephone Company.

9 “(H) US West Communications Company.

10 “(I) South Central Bell Telephone Company.

11 “(J) Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph
12 Company.

13 “(K) Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

14 “(L) The Bell Telephone Company of Penn-
15 sylvania.

16 “(M) The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone
17 Company.

18 “(N) The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone
19 Company of Maryland.

20 “(O) The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone
21 Company of Virginia.

22 “(P) The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone
23 Company of West Virginia.

24 “(Q) The Diamond State Telephone Company.

25 “(R) The Ohio Bell Telephone Company.

1 “(S) The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
2 Company.

3 “(T) The Wisconsin Telephone Company.

4 “(2) The term ‘Bell Telephone Company’ in-
5 cludes any successor or assign of any such company
6 that owns facilities over which are provided tele-
7 phone exchange services or that is so affiliated with
8 an entity that owns facilities that provide telephone
9 exchange services.”.

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