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NARUC Applauds House Passage of Caller-ID Spoofing Bill, Looks Forward to Senate Action

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners released the following statements after the House of Representatives passed H.R. 740, the Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement (PHONE) Act of 2007:

"We applaud the House for moving this important piece of legislation. This bill is a significant step in protecting consumers from deliberate attempts to mislead and deceive customers. NARUC has issued resolutions supporting this and similar pieces of legislation that make these kinds of fraudulent activities illegal."

—Attributable to NARUC President Jim Kerr of the North Carolina Utilities Commission

"We commend the House leaders who acted quickly in addressing this issue and will work with our friends Senators Bill Nelson and Olympia Snowe, who have introduced similar legislation, to ensure the bill becomes law. We are pleased that their legislation, S. 704 (the Truth in Caller ID Act of 2007), specifically recognizes the significant role States play in enforcing consumer protections. We look forward to working with the Senators to modify this provision so that it has its intended effect."

—Attributable to NARUC Telecommunications Committee Chairman Tony Clark of the North Dakota Public Service Commission

"The House is to be praised for quick action on this important consumer issue. Now we look forward to working with Senators Nelson and Snowe, as well as the rest of the Senate, in enacting a caller ID spoofing law to protect consumers from such fraudulent tricks."

—Attributable to NARUC Consumer Affairs Committee Chairman Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority

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