COMPARISON OF DEMOCRATIC SUBSTITUTE TO COMMITTEE MARK

	Democratic Substitute	Committee Mark
Hard Deadline	April 7, 2009	December 31, 2008
Converter Box Program	"such sums as may be necessary" (estimated at \$3.5 to 4 B)	\$990 M (minus \$160 M administrative costs)
	Vouchers mailed to homes	Consumers must apply for coupons
	Covers every household who needs a box	First-come, first serve for 20.75 million boxes
Public Safety Interoperability Grant Program	\$5.8 B	\$ 0
Where Rest of Spectrum Auction Revenues Spent	\$200 M for E-911 implementation	Budget Reconciliation tax cuts
	\$ 75 M for digital low power and television translator transition	
	\$ 30 M for repeaters for displaced World Trade Center broadcasters	
	\$ 15 M to ensure effective distribution of boxes along US/Mexican border	
	Remainder to Broadband Account for rural, underserved, and economically depressed areas and to promote advanced technologies	