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111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the Department of Commerce to expedite the issuance of coupons as part of the digital-to-analog converter box program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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. DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTER BOX PRO-**
4 **GRAM CHANGES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on
6 the date of enactment of this Act and ending on December

1 31, 2009, section 1341 and subchapter II of chapter 15
2 of title 31, United States Code, do not apply to any
3 amount obligated for coupons issued pursuant to section
4 3005 of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safe-
5 ty Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171; 120 Stat. 23).

6 (b) REDEMPTION RATE.—Section 3005(c)(2)(B) of
7 the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act
8 of 2005 is amended by striking “and issued but not ex-
9 pired” and inserting “plus 70 percent of the coupons
10 issued but not redeemed or expired”.

11 (c) EXPEDITING DELIVERY.—

12 (1) FIRST CLASS MAIL.—Within 7 days after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-
14 retary for Communications and Information of the
15 Department of Commerce shall expedite the distribu-
16 tion of coupons issued under section 3005 of the
17 Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act
18 of 2005 by directing that, if coupons are delivered
19 via the United States Postal Service, such coupons
20 shall be delivered via pre-sorted first class mail serv-
21 ice until February 17, 2009. The Assistant Sec-
22 retary shall continue to direct that such coupons be
23 delivered by such service subsequent to such date if
24 the Assistant Secretary determines that doing so will
25 significantly improve coupon redemption rates with-

1 out jeopardizing the availability of administrative
2 funds.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
4 3005(e)(1)(A) of the Digital Television Transition
5 and Public Safety Act of 2005 is amended by strik-
6 ing “, via the United States Postal Service,”.