NACo applauds D block passage

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Counties (NACo) today applauded the Senate and House of Representatives for passage of critical legislation to reallocate 700MHz D-Block spectrum for a national interoperable broadband network for public safety.

The bipartisan measure, one of the last remaining recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to be implemented, includes an estimated $7 billion in incentive auction funding. The president is expected to sign the bill into law soon.

NACo Executive Director Larry E. Naake said the legislation provides first responders – most often county public safety officials – reliable public safety communications capabilities for years to come.

“NACo is thankful that Congress has finally passed this life-saving legislation,” Naake said. “More than 10 years after 9/11 our nation’s first responders will now have critical access to the most reliable emergency communication systems available.”

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