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Senate Approves FCC Nominations of Genachowski and McDowell
Former NTIA Acting Chief Baker Nominated as Commissioner

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Senate yesterday approved the nomination of Julius Genachowski to serve as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and reappointment of Republican Commissioner Robert M. McDowell. In addition, President Obama nominated former NTIA Acting Chief Meredith Attwell Baker to fill the remaining open seat on the Commission.

“COMPTEL and its members are encouraged by the Senate’s prompt approval of Chairman Genachowski’s and Commissioner McDowell’s nominations, and we anxiously await the day when the full FCC leadership is in place,” said COMPTEL CEO Jerry James. “The FCC has a number of critical issues to address in order to ensure that the Administration’s broadband goals can be achieved. We look forward to working with the Commission to ensure that these goals are met and consumers are rewarded with competitive options for advanced communications services.”

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