

THE PROPER DIRECTION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS REFORM LEGISLATION

Almost nine years have passed since the Telecommunications Act of 1996—the first major congressional overhaul of telecommunications law in almost sixty-two years. The provisions concerning competition for local telephone services have been especially controversial and have prompted much litigation. Given the likelihood that Congress will revisit telecommunications legislation in 2005, this conference inaugurates a new series on the future of American telecommunications by asking how Congress should best proceed with reform.

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI

1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

9:45 a.m. *Registration*

10:00 a.m. *Welcome:* ROBERT W. HAHN, JOINT CENTER

Presentation: **DID THE LOCAL COMPETITION PROVISIONS OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 INCREASE OR DECREASE
ECONOMIC WELFARE?**

ROBERT CRANDALL, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

Discussants: HAROLD FURCHTGOTT-ROTH, FURCHTGOTT-ROTH ECONOMIC
ENTERPRISES
JOHN MAYO, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
WALTER MCCORMICK, UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION

Moderator: J. GREGORY SIDAK, AEI

12:00 p.m. **LUNCHEON**

12:30 p.m. *Keynote Speech:* **THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 2005**

F. DUANE ACKERMAN, CHAIRMAN & CEO, BELL SOUTH
CORPORATION

1:30 p.m. *Adjournment*

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