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HR 1301, the US House version of the Amateur Radio Parity Act, will be among four communications-related measures set for a legislative hearing on January 12 before the House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. Chairing the panel is US Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI, an Oregon Republican.

"This New Year we resolve to continue working to protect America's consumers and small businesses," Walden is quoted in a Subcommittee news release. "These bills collectively seek to protect folks from the inappropriate applications of law and misuse of 21st century technology."

Sponsored by US Rep Adam Kinzinger, an Illinois Republican, HR 1301 would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land-use restrictions, such as deed covenants, conditions, and restrictions.

The bill has attracted 116 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle.

While no one from the ARRL is scheduled to testify in support of the measure, ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, and ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, are expected to be on hand for the session. The League directly contacted ARRL members in the

districts represented on the subcommittee, asking them to contact their members of Congress and urge their support of the bill.

The US Senate version of the Amateur Radio Parity Act, S. 1685, cleared the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation last November. It has 3 cosponsors.

There is more information about the bills on the ARRL Amateur Radio Parity Act web page, located at, <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act> .

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