

## Briefs: Cable exec urges equal treatment of cos.

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A cable-industry executive urged Congress Thursday to treat all competitors equitably in their efforts to streamline telecommunication legislation.

Testifying before the House Commerce and Energy Committee's Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, the head of the National Cable and Telecommunications Association said that companies should not only be treated on an equal footing, but also in a deregulated environment.

"As Congress drafts changes to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, we urge you to treat like services alike, preferably in a deregulatory environment. We will do the rest by raising private risk capital, investing in new technology, offering better customer service, creating innovative new programming, and competing with other multichannel video providers in order to provide consumers with the best voice, video, and data services possible," said Kyle McSlarrow.

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