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**USTELECOM STATEMENT ON STELA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2014**

*Background: Tomorrow, the House is scheduled to consider the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014.*

*The following statement is from USTelecom President Walter McCormick:*

“We commend the bipartisan leadership of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee for reaching agreement on the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014. This legislation takes the first of several needed steps toward creating a level playing field for all competitors in the 21st century video marketplace. We look forward to working with the committees in the 114th Congress to build on this solid foundation so that video consumers can enjoy the full array of competitive choices in programming they deserve.”

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