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Telecom Program Update

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Budget:

<u>Broadband:</u>	2008	2009(proposed)
• Hardship 4%	\$ --	\$ --
• Treasury Rate	\$792,000,000	\$297,000,000
• Guaranteed	\$ --	\$ --
• Grants	<u>\$ 13,405,000</u>	<u>\$ --</u>
• Total Broadband	\$ 805,405,000	\$297,000,000

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Budget:

DLT and Public TV: **2008** **2009(proposed)**

• Treasury Rate Loans	\$28,265,000	\$ 0
• DLT Grants	\$29,790,000	\$20,000,000
• Public TV Grants	<u>\$4,965,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
• Total DLT	\$63,020,000	\$20,000,000

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Farm Bill:

- Administration support:
 - Reauthorization of Broadband Loan Program
 - Reauthorization of Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program
- Congressional action ????????

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