**Policy Summary**

Jeff Denham wrote a bill (HR 2904) that would lead to greater profits and opportunities for telecom corporations.  (The bill would create an advisory committee to make recommendations to FEMA on what to procure for any new “Integrated Public Alert Warning System. (PAWS)” It gives telecom CEOs valuable access to government officials who decide which systems to purchase.

In total, companies that could stand to benefit from Denham's bill gave the Congressman $27,750 this cycle. Timing is also an issue, as several telecom companies gave to Denham at dates that show potential pay to play:

**Research Back-Up:**

**September 13, 2011: Denham Introduced a Bill to Modernize Public Alert System.** On Date, Congressman Denham introduced HR 2904, a bill that would create an advisory committee to make recommendations to FEMA on what to procure for any new “Integrated Public Alert Warning System.” As of September 13, 2012, the bill had 3 cosponsors, including one Democrat and two Republicans, and was referred to the House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. [HR 2904, [9/13/11](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:H.R.2904:@@@D&amp;summ2=m&amp;)]

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?&id=5670>

**Companies and Associations that Lobbied on Member’s Bill**

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| **Client Name** | **Lobbying Firm** | **Amount Spent Lobbying** | **First Report Containing Bill** | **Most Recent/Final Report Containing Bill** |
| National Cable and Telecommunications Association | National Cable and Telecommunications Association | $14,300,000 | [12/31/11](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=4ade8dab-a546-4684-99e7-2d2047b59b06) | [6/30/12](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=dd70011c-6826-425c-a311-3861f9997dfb) |
| National Alliance of State Broadcasters Associations | Monument Policy Group LLC | $30,000 | [12/31/11](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=02855de2-6aad-49ef-aaa8-8c69619ad1cf) | [6/30/12](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=11cb2fa6-58a7-400c-a89f-08a04d094e53) |
| Zenith Electronics Corp | Law Offices of Kevin G. Curtin | $30,000 | [12/31/11](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=b6e3858e-d2a3-4184-9af3-5271812a60fb) | [12/31/11](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=b6e3858e-d2a3-4184-9af3-5271812a60fb) |
| National Association of Broadcasters | Monument Policy Group LLC | $30,000 | [12/31/11](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=02855de2-6aad-49ef-aaa8-8c69619ad1cf) | [6/30/12](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=11cb2fa6-58a7-400c-a89f-08a04d094e53) |
| National Association of Broadcasters | National Association of Broadcasters | $11,060,000 | [12/31/11](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=40d01e26-abea-48ca-9651-1226e06f3154) | [6/30/12](http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=2ddfe51d-ebc9-4d33-84e3-2f98847cfffa) |

[Lobbying Disclosure Database, accessed 9/13/12]

*Editor’s Note: The amounts spent on lobbying do not necessarily match the lobbying disclosure reports linked above. This is because some of these amounts were compiled from multiple lobbying disclosure forms.*

**Member Took $27,750 from PACs Affiliated with the National Association of Broadcasters**

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| Company/Association | Amount | Date |
| AT&T Federal PAC | [$2,500](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?11931442983) | 4/04/11 |
| AT&T Federal PAC | [$2,500](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12951963767) | 5/04/12 |
| AT&T Federal PAC | [$2,500](http://pml.cq.com/tr/tr_mg_cand.aspx?sCandID=H0CA19173&sCycle=2012) | 1/27/12 |
| AT&T Federal PAC | [$2,500](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?11930474863) | 2/11/11 |
| Clear Channel Communications PAC | [$1,000](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?11932247577) | 7/25/11 |
| Clear Channel Communications PAC | [$1,000](http://pml.cq.com/tr/tr_mg_cand.aspx?sCandID=H0CA19173&sCycle=2012) | 9/08/11 |
| Comcast PAC | [$2,000](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12970439832) | 1/31/12 |
| Comcast PAC | [$2,000](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?11971748889) | 9/27/11 |
| Comcast PAC | [$1,000](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12952166773) | 5/29/12 |
| Comcast PAC | [$1,000](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?11932010588) | 6/07/11 |
| Tds Telecommunications Corp PAC | [$250](http://pml.cq.com/tr/tr_mg_cand.aspx?sCandID=H0CA19173&sCycle=2012) | 5/02/12 |
| Verizon Communications PAC | [$1,000](http://pml.cq.com/tr/tr_mg_cand.aspx?sCandID=H0CA19173&sCycle=2012) | 3/01/12 |
| Sprint Nextel Corporation PAC | [$2,500](http://pml.cq.com/tr/tr_mg_cand.aspx?sCandID=H0CA19173&sCycle=2012) | 1/07/11 |
| National Association of Broadcasters | [$5,000](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?11952872840) | 10/25/11 |
| National Association of Broadcasters | [$1,000](http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12971235967) | 1/25/12 |

[Congressional Quarterly Moneyline, accessed 9/13/12]

**Member Took $2500 from Employees of the Associations/Companies that Lobbied on the Bill**

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| **Last** | **First** | **Employment** | **Occupation** | **Amount** | **Date** |
| Clark | Stephen | Clark, Lytle & Geduldig | Lobbyist | [$500](http://images.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12971431275) | 3/27/11 |
| Geduldig | Sam | Clark, Lutle & Geduldig | Lobbyist | [$250](http://images.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12971431374) | 6/20/11 |
| Clark | Stephen | Clark, Lytle & Geduldig | Lobbyist | [$500](http://images.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12971431341) | 4/04/11 |
| Stein | Shimon | Blank Rome | Principal | [$250](http://images.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12971431662) | 2/06/12 |
| Wise | Matt | Crossroads Strategies LLC |  | [$500](http://query.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/qind/) | 2/14/12 |
| Holsclaw | John | TCH Group, LLC | Partner | [$500](http://images.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/?12971431669) | 2/14/12 |

[Federal Election Commission, accessed 9/13/12]

**Member Took $30,250 from PACs and Employees of the Associations/Companies That Lobbied on the Bill**

**Member Took $8,000 From PACs and Employees of the Associations/Companies That Lobbied on the Bill Within 50 Days of Introduction**

* **Received $1,000 from Clear Channel Shortly Before Introducing Legislation.** In September 2011, five days before he introduced HR 2904, Clear Channel Communications contributed $1,000 to Denham’s congressional campaign. [Congressional Quarterly Moneyline, accessed 9/13/12]
* **$2,000 from Comcast Two Weeks After Bill was Introduced.** In September 2011, 14 days after Denham introduced HR 2904, Comcast contributed $2,000 to his congressional campaign. [Congressional Quarterly Moneyline, accessed 9/13/12]
* **National Association Made First Contribution After Bill Was Introduced.** In October 2011, the National Association of Broadcasters contributed $5,000 to Denham’s campaign. This was the Association’s first and largest donation to date to Denham’s campaign. They have contributed a total of $6,000 to Denham’s congressional campaign and spent $11,090,000 lobbying congress on HR 2904. [Lobbying Disclosure Database, accessed 9/13/12; Congressional Quarterly Moneyline, accessed 9/13/12]

**Member Took $$ From [Relevant Industry]**

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| Election Cycle | Subcategory of Industry | Amount |
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[Commercial TV & Radio Stations](http://www.opensecrets.org/industries/indus.php?ind=C2100)

[Telephone Utilities](http://www.opensecrets.org/industries/indus.php?ind=B08)

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[Computers/Internet](http://www.opensecrets.org/industries/indus.php?ind=B12)