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The Mobile Informational Call Act, <http://thomas.loc.gov> a bill sponsored by Republican U.S. Rep. Lee Terry of Nebraska (R) has pitted bankers and consumers against each other over the issue of allowing unsolicited calls to mobile phones. The bill (H.R. 3035), currently in committee, aims to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to permit informational calls to mobile telephone numbers. According to popvox.com, one consumer group says the bill would make it legal for corporations to 'robocall' account payments that are due. Although the bill is still in committee, now is the time to let your U.S. representatives and senators how you feel about it. On the other side of the issue are several banking associations. The U.S. Chamber says passage of the bill will ...CON'T

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YEAR-END US AGENDA

- 1.) A packed and likely contentious agenda will include: FY 2012 appropriations, before the current Continuous Resolution (CR) expires 12/16, is a top priority. Issues include: payroll tax cut extension, unemployment benefits for tax extenders, [IRA charitable rollover](#) and other giving incentives.
- 2.) SUPER COMMITTEE FAILS (AKA: Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction) A deficit reduction agreement was not reached last week by the 11/23 deadline. This triggers a 2013 \$1.2 trillion in automatic spending cuts outlined in the [Budget Control Act](#). President Obama will veto any rollbacks of these cuts unless replaced with balanced deficit reductions.
- 3.) NONPROFIT HIRING TAX CREDITS President Obama signed legislation to provide tax incentives for employers to hire previously unemployed veterans. The veterans' hiring credit was originally included in the America Jobs Act with a new provision allowing nonprofit employers to receive full value of the incentive.
- 4.) CHARITABLE INCENTIVES A 10/18 hearing of Senate Finance Committee explored options for reforming the current charitable deduction as part of tax reform and deficit reduction. Witnesses and committee members cautioned against changes that would negatively impact giving. Florida Nonprofits were represented by IS President Diana Aviv in a statement in support of preserving incentives for giving in the tax code.
Source: Independent Sector (member since 1991)

CON'T enable businesses to send calls to mobilephones to inform consumers about data breaches, fraud alerts, flight and service appointment cancellations, drug recalls, and account payments that are due. Although the bill is still in committee, now is the time to let your U.S. representatives and senators how you feel about it. (Go to Knowledgebase for more)

FROM FANO KNOWLEDGEBASE

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS SOLD

Announced at a noon news conference today 11/29: 100 percent of the Jacksonville Jaguars football team has been sold to Illinois businessman [Shahid Khan](#) who has made a verbal commitment to keep the team in Jacksonville. Still to be determined: Whether this purchase will affect the team's nonprofit relationships it has sponsorship agreements with.

NPO STARTUP INFO ON FANO.ORG

Several sample Articles of Incorporation are now available on FANO's website, including those for faith-based organizations, environmental organizations, and general organizations. FANO also offers an interactive section on the website for nonprofit start-up issues; a library with more than 400 titles hosted at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 501 SE Third Ave.; and a Preferred Partner consultant offering discounts to FANO members for preparing forms, applications and registrations.

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" COMPETITION

You'll have to act fast, but if you enter one of the 10 most outstanding "Make a Difference Day" projects, you win a \$10,000 grant from USA Weekend, HandsOn Network and Newman's Own. The deadline for entries is 11/30/11. Go to: <http://daytabank.handsonnetwork.org/>
Source: FANO website in Knowledgebase

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