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LECs Win: Texans Pass Telco IPTV Franchise Bill

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... the National Taxpayer's Union, however, praised the measure as a good consumer bill that allows Lone Star State residents quicker access to IPTV service over ...

from Telecom Web:

"On the third attempt in fewer than three months, the Texas Legislature passed a controversial telecom bill that allows the statewide franchising of telephone-company video services. In a major victory for ILECs, the state's House of Representatives voted an overwhelming 144-1 in favor of the measure yesterday, one day after the Senate gave its 24-3 seal of approval.

The third time definitely was the charm for SBC Communications and Verizon Communications, pushing them past the bill's chief opponents &ndash; the state's cable-TV business."