

HR 2847

Rural America Technology Enhancement Act of 2001

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Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Sep 21, 2001
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Oct 2, 2001
Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Oct 9, 2001
Rep. Bonior, David E. [D-MI-10]	D · MI		Nov 14, 2001
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Nov 14, 2001
Rep. Bereuter, Doug [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Dec 5, 2001
Rep. Hilliard, Earl F. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jan 24, 2002
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 17, 2001
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 3, 2001
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 17, 2001
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 6, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rural America Technology Enhancement Act of 2001 - Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utility Service, to: (1) establish a National Centers for Distance Working Program to provide grants to eligible organizations for the Federal share of the cost of establishing National Centers for Distance Working in rural areas (and Indian reservations) to conduct five-year projects to support the use of teleworking in information technology fields; and (2) make grants for studies on teleworking in rural areas.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish the rural telecommunications facilities investment tax credit.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to direct the Federal Communications Commission to initiate a proceeding to provide Federal universal service support for the deployment of broadband telecommunications service to eligible rural communities.

Amends the National Telecommunications and Information Administrative Organization Act to direct the Rural Utilities Service of the Department of Agriculture to make loans or other credit extensions to eligible telecommunications carrier providers, or to companies that accept the obligations of such carriers, to finance the deployment of broadband service to eligible rural communities.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an Office of Rural Technology to act as an information center about programs that offer technology assistance to entities in rural areas.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a rural high tech employment tax credit.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support the expansion of opportunities in rural areas for instruction in high technology fields and enterprises.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Dec 3, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- **Sep 17, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **Sep 17, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.
- **Sep 17, 2001:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Sep 6, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Sep 6, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5445)
- **Sep 6, 2001:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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