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Universal Service Support Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Mar 8, 2001

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: MT • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]	R · WY		Apr 3, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Apr 30, 2001
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 2, 2001
Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]	D · GA		May 8, 2001
Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		May 17, 2001
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Jun 11, 2001
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 12, 2001
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 8, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2001)

Universal Service Support Act - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to terminate current caps and limitations on universal service support mechanisms. Prohibits the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from enforcing or reimposing such caps or limitations for rural telephone companies or exchanges they acquire based on fund size or other considerations unrelated to the sufficiency of support to achieve desired purposes.

Requires the FCC to calculate: (1) high-cost (in excess of 115 percent of the nationwide average) loop (connection) support portions; and (2) the nationwide average unseparated loop cost.

Actions Timeline

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