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### Universal Service Support Act

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2082) (Mar 8, 2001)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/500>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 8, 2001
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 8, 2001
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 8, 2001
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 8, 2001
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 28, 2001
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	R · KY		Apr 2, 2001
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 3, 2001
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Apr 3, 2001
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
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 11, 2002

### 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

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No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Mar 8, 2001)

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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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