

S 966

Rural Broadband Enhancement Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** May 25, 2001

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (May 25, 2001)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		May 25, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 25, 2001
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 25, 2001
Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]	D · MN		May 25, 2001
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Sep 12, 2001
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Sep 12, 2001
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		Mar 19, 2002
Sen. Carnahan, Jean [D-MO]	D · MO		May 22, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2038	Identical bill	<b>Jun 8, 2001:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

## Summary (as of May 25, 2001)

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Rural Broadband Enhancement Act - Amends the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to direct the Rural Utilities Service of the Department of Agriculture to make loans or other extensions of credit to eligible entities (any non-Federal public or private entity that submits a qualifying project) to provide funds for the construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband telecommunications service in eligible rural communities (non-metropolitan areas with no more than 20,000 inhabitants). Prohibits any such loan or credit extension after September 20, 2006.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 25, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 25, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5695-5696)
- **May 25, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.