

HR 2174

Rural Broadband Initiative Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Housing and Community Development

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2007
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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 3, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1032	Identical bill	Mar 29, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Rural Broadband Initiative Act of 2007 - Amends the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to establish in the Department of Agriculture the Office of Rural Broadband Initiatives, to be headed by the Under Secretary for Rural Broadband Initiatives.

States that the Under Secretary shall: (1) administer all rural broadband-related grant and loan programs previously administered by the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, including the rural broadband access loan and loan guarantee program and the community connect grant program; (2) conduct rural outreach; (3) foster development of a comprehensive rural broadband strategic vision; (4) assess relevant technologies; (5) serve as a single information source for all federal rural broadband programs and services; and (6) provide technical assistance to state, regional, and local governments to develop broadband deployment strategies.

Directs the Under Secretary to submit: (1) to the President and to Congress a comprehensive rural broadband strategy report; and (2) to Congress a plan for a Rural Broadband Advisory Panel.

Establishes in the Treasury the National Rural Broadband Innovation Fund.

Actions Timeline

- **May 31, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research.
- **May 31, 2007:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **May 31, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture.
- **May 3, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **May 3, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.