

HR 3919

Broadband Census of America Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 15, 2007
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 23, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 13, 2007)

Broadband Census of America Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) Requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct an annual assessment and report to the public on the nature and deployment of, and subscription to, broadband service capability throughout the states, including information comparing the extent of broadband service capability in other countries. Provides for enforcement as if the provisions of this paragraph were a part of the Communications Act of 1934. Considers a violation of the provisions of this paragraph to be a violation of that Act or a regulation promulgated under that Act. Makes the provisions of this paragraph ineffective six years after enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the Department of Commerce to develop and maintain a broadband inventory map of the United States that identifies and depicts the geographic extent to which broadband service capability is deployed and available from commercial or public providers throughout each state. Requires the NTIA to seek to overlay demographic data obtained from other sources in the Department of Commerce and elsewhere for use with the map and to make the map accessible by the public on an interactive and searchable NTIA website. Requires that the NTIA request and obtain information as necessary from entities that are eligible for map grants under this Act, the FCC and commercial and public broadband service providers. Makes the provisions of this paragraph ineffective seven years after enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the NTIA, subject to fund availability, to make grants to states or nonprofit organizations to assist in providing the NTIA with information to facilitate the development of that map.

(Sec. 5) Requires the NTIA to make grants to local technology planning entities, including to assess the current use of broadband service capability, set goals for improving or maximizing such use, identify local broadband demand and aggregate such demand, and establish programs to improve computer ownership and Internet access for unserved and underserved populations. Prohibits using grant funds to provide broadband service or acquire equipment or facilities for such capability.

(Sec. 6) Requires the FCC to conduct and make public periodic consumer surveys regarding the types of technology used, the amounts consumers pay, the actual data transmission speeds, the types of applications and services consumers most frequently use in conjunction with such capability, the reasons given by consumers who decline to subscribe to broadband service, and other sources of broadband service consumers regularly use or on which they rely. Makes the provisions of this paragraph ineffective six years after enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 8) Prohibits construing this Act to expand or limit the authority of states, Indian tribes, or units of local government to compel the collection of information.

(Sec. 9) Authorizes appropriations to carry out provisions of this Act relating to the broadband inventory map, grants for that map, and grants to technology planning entities.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 14, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Nov 13, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 110-443.
- **Nov 13, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 274.
- **Nov 13, 2007:** Mr. Markey moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 13, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H13557-13561)
- **Nov 13, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3919.
- **Nov 13, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H13557-13559)
- **Nov 13, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H13557-13559)
- **Nov 13, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 30, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 30, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
- **Oct 22, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 22, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2196-2197)
- **Oct 22, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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