

HR 1343

To return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2011
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 6, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 4, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1659	Identical bill	Oct 5, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on September 29, 2011. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

(Sec. 1) Requires the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service or the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to terminate for cause any award (including grants and loans) made under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, respectively, established pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, if the Administrator or Assistant Secretary determines that cause exists (including insufficient level of performance, wasteful spending, or fraudulent spending) to terminate the award.

Directs the Administrator or the Assistant Secretary to: (1) deobligate, upon terminating such an award, an amount equivalent to such award, less allowable costs, to the extent funds with respect to such award are available in the account relating to the respective programs (requires that any additional amount subsequently recovered be deobligated immediately upon receipt); and (2) return to the Treasury's general fund such deobligated amounts and any award returned or disclaimed by a recipient after enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 3) Requires the Administrator or the Assistant Secretary, upon receiving information from the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, or the Comptroller General pertaining to material noncompliance with award terms or improper usage of award funds, to: (1) review such information immediately, (2) determine whether cause exists to terminate such award (unless the relevant official recommends that such a determination not be made), and (3) notify Congress of any such determination.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 6, 2011:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Mr. Walden moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6570-6573)
- **Oct 5, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1343.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6570)
- **Oct 5, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6570)
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 29, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 112-228, Part I.
- **Sep 29, 2011:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Sep 29, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 149.
- **Apr 8, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Apr 5, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 5, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 4, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Apr 4, 2011:** Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Discharged.
- **Apr 4, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

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