

SRES 157

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.

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Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 6, 2013
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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 19, 2013
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 11, 2013
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 15, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 19, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HRES 536	Related bill	Apr 4, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Summary (as of Dec 19, 2013)

Expresses the sense of the Senate that: (1) all communications service providers must appropriately complete telephone calls to all areas of the United States regardless of the technology used by such providers; (2) no entity may unreasonably discriminate against communications service in rural areas; and (3) the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) should pursue violators of FCC rules, impose enforcement actions to discourage uncompleted telephone calls and unreasonable discrimination, and establish a definitive solution to discrimination against communications service in rural areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2013:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble. With written report No. 113-130.
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 276.
- **Jul 30, 2013:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 23, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3865)