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Rural Health Care Connectivity Act of 2015

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

Party: Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 16, 2015
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 29, 2015
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Nov 10, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 27, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2576	Related bill	Jun 22, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-182.
114 HR 4111	Identical bill	May 23, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 452.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to include skilled nursing facilities among the types of health care providers that may request from a telecommunications carrier under the Universal Service Fund the necessary telecommunications and information services to serve persons who reside in rural areas at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 27, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune under authority of the order of the Senate of 09/29/2016 without amendment. With written report No. 114-368.
- **Oct 27, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 659.
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Aug 3, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 3, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.