

HR 5525

End Taxpayer Funded Cell Phones Act of 2016

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jun 16, 2016

Current Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 207 -

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]

Party: Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jun 16, 2016
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jun 21, 2016
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jun 21, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 16, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1621	Related bill	Jun 18, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
114 HR 266	Related bill	Jan 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

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This bill prohibits a provider of commercial mobile service or commercial mobile data service from receiving universal service support under the Communications Act of 1934 through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Lifeline program, which provides subsidies for discounts on monthly telephone or broadband service (e.g., Internet service on mobile phones) to qualifying low-income consumers.

The FCC must continue to collect universal service contributions from telecommunications carriers through 2017 based on mobile service support provided in 2016 despite the bill's prohibition on Lifeline universal service support for mobile services. But the amounts collected for mobile services must be deposited in the Treasury for deficit reduction instead of being distributed for universal service support.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 21, 2016:** Mr. Scott, Austin moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3978-3983; text of measure as introduced: CR H3978-3979)
- **Jun 21, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5525.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4025)
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 207 - 143 (Roll no. 334).
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