

HR 734

Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Feb 4, 2015
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Feb 17, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 253	Related bill	Sep 28, 2016: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.

(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) Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to replace various reporting requirements with a communications marketplace report that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is required to publish on its website and submit to Congress every two years assessing: (1) competition in the communications marketplace; (2) deployment of communications capabilities, including whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion; and (3) whether laws, regulations, or regulatory practices pose a barrier to competitive entry or expansion of existing providers of communications services.

Requires the report to describe the FCC's actions in the marketplace and its agenda for the next two years.

Directs the FCC to: (1) compile a list of geographic areas that are not served by any provider of advanced telecommunications capability; and (2) consider market entry barriers for entrepreneurs and small businesses in accordance with national policy favoring diversity of media voices, competition, technological advancement, and promotion of the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Requires the FCC's competition assessments to include the aggregate average total amount paid by cable systems for retransmission consent.

(Sec. 3) Repeals or consolidates various reports of the FCC and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, including reports on satellite competition, international broadband, video programming, cable industry prices, small business entry barriers, commercial mobile radio, services to minority and diverse audiences, waivers from requirements prohibiting FCC employees from being financially interested in companies subject to FCC regulation, and several other existing reports under such Act.

Amends the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to require the FCC to determine from the communications marketplace report every two years (currently, in an inquiry initiated each year) whether it must act immediately to accelerate deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities, particularly in elementary and secondary schools, by removing barriers to infrastructure investment and promoting competition.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-27.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 19.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Mr. Walden moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1095-1098)
- **Feb 24, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 734.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** 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.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1101-1102)
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 0 (Roll no. 85).(text: CR H1095-1096)
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 0 (Roll no. 85). (text: CR H1095-1096)
- **Feb 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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