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Honest Ads Act

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Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 24, 2018
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 25, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 10, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 26, 2018
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 19, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6437	Related bill	Jul 19, 2018: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, Armed Services, House Administration, Energy and Commerce, Appropriations, Financial Services, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.
115 HR 4077	Identical bill	Oct 19, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Oct 19, 2017)

Honest Ads Act

This bill expands source disclosure requirements for political advertisements by (1) establishing that paid internet and paid digital communications may qualify as “public communications” or “electioneering communications” that may be subject to such requirements, and (2) imposing additional requirements relating to the form of such source disclosures and the information contained within. The bill also requires certain online platform companies to maintain publicly available records about qualified political advertisements that have been purchased on their platforms.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism. Hearings held.
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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