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Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 10, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Feb 13, 2018
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Feb 28, 2018
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 28, 2018
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 6, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 6, 2018
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 20, 2018
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Apr 24, 2018
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 24, 2018
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		May 14, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 14, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 2, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2	Related bill	Dec 20, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-334.
115 HR 4881	Identical bill	Jul 24, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Oct 2, 2018)

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(Sec. 3) This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States. The task force must identify current gaps in the availability of broadband Internet access service on agricultural land and recommend policies to expand its deployment.

The Department of Agriculture and the FCC shall jointly submit to the task force a list of all federal programs or resources available for the expansion of broadband Internet access service on unserved agricultural land.

The FCC shall renew the task force every two years until it terminates on January 1, 2025.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7367-7368; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7367-7368)
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- **Oct 2, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-342.
- **Oct 2, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 615.
- **Apr 25, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.