

HR 288

Small Business Broadband Deployment Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jan 4, 2017

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jan 11, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Loebssack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jan 4, 2017
Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jan 10, 2017
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Jan 10, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 11, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 4, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 228	Related bill	Jan 24, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks: CR S451; text of measure as introduced: CR S451)

(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 exempts for five years any small business broadband Internet access service provider with no more than 250,000 subscribers from the enhancements to the transparency rule of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under which any person engaged in the provision of broadband Internet access service must disclose publicly accurate information regarding the network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of its broadband Internet access services sufficient for:

- consumers to make informed choices regarding their use; and
- content, application, service, and device providers to develop, market, and maintain Internet offerings.

The FCC shall report to specified congressional committees, within 180 days after enactment of this bill, its recommendations (together with supporting data) on whether:

- this exception should be made permanent, and
- the definition of "small business" for these purposes should be modified.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 11, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Mrs. Blackburn moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H268-270)
- **Jan 10, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 288.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H268)
- **Jan 10, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H268)
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.