

HR 599

Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jan 23, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 23, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4986	Related bill	Mar 7, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
115 S 174	Related bill	Aug 4, 2017: Held at the desk.

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This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to replace various reporting requirements with a communications marketplace report that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must publish on its website and submit to Congress every two years.

The report must describe the FCC's actions in the marketplace and its agenda for the next two years. The FCC must: (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.

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

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 is amended 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

- **Jan 24, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Mr. Lance moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H586-588)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 599.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text of measure as passed: CR H586-587)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text of measure as passed: CR H586-587)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

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