

## S 88

### DIGIT Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Jan 10, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Aug 11, 2017)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 10, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 5, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 686	Identical bill	<b>Jan 24, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## Developing Innovation and Growing the Internet of Things Act or the DIGIT Act

(Sec. 2) This bill expresses the sense of Congress that policies governing the Internet of Things (IoT) should maximize the potential and development of the growing number of connected and interconnected devices to benefit businesses, governments, and consumers.

(Sec. 4) The Department of Commerce must convene a working group of federal stakeholders to provide recommendations and a report to Congress regarding the IoT. The bill establishes a steering committee to be composed of stakeholders outside the federal government to advise the working group.

The working group must: (1) identify federal laws and regulations, grant practices, budgetary or jurisdictional challenges, and other sector-specific policies that inhibit IoT development; (2) consider policies or programs that encourage and improve coordination among federal agencies with IoT jurisdiction; (3) implement recommendations from the steering committee; (4) examine how federal agencies can benefit from, use, prepare for, and secure the IoT; and (5) consult with nongovernmental stakeholders.

The steering committee must advise the working group about laws, budgets, spectrum needs, individual privacy, security, small business challenges, and any international proceedings or negotiations affecting the IoT.

Within 18 months after enactment of this bill, the working group must report its findings and recommendations, its reasons for inaction on steering committee recommendations, and an accounting of any progress by federal agencies to implement recommendations.

(Sec. 5) The Federal Communications Commission must: (1) seek public comment on the IoT's spectrum needs, regulatory barriers, and growth with licensed and unlicensed spectrum; and (2) submit a summary of those comments to Congress.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4819)
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 5, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written report No. 115-90.
- **Jun 5, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 113.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.