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Internet Exchange and Submarine Cable Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 629.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 629. (Dec 15, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1166>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 11, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 17, 2019
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jun 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3869	Identical bill	Jul 23, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Summary (as of Dec 15, 2020)

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This bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to award grants for the establishment and expansion of facilities through which internet service providers and content delivery networks exchange internet traffic (internet exchange facilities) in unserved or underserved areas. The NTIA must also award grants to states and Native American tribes to build infrastructure and acquire necessary equipment to establish or expand an open-access, carrier-neutral submarine cable landing station that serves a military facility.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 15, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 629.
- **Nov 18, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 11, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 11, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.