

HR 1328

ACCESS BROADBAND Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Mar 6, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2019
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Mar 18, 2019
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Apr 10, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Apr 10, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Apr 12, 2019
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		May 2, 2019
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 2, 2019
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		May 7, 2019
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		May 7, 2019
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		May 7, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		May 7, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		May 7, 2019
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		May 7, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 9, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1046	Related bill	Oct 1, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 567.
116 S 4131	Related bill	Jul 1, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 7302	Related bill	Jun 25, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Advancing Critical Connectivity Expands Service, Small Business Resources, Opportunities, Access, and Data Based on Assessed Need and Demand Act or the ACCESS BROADBAND Act

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The office shall connect with communities that need access to high-speed internet and hold regional workshops to share best practices and effective strategies for promoting broadband access and adoption. The bill also requires the office to (1) develop targeted broadband training and presentations for various demographic communities through media, (2) develop and distribute publications providing guidance to communities for expanding broadband access and adoption, and (3) track construction and use of and access to any broadband infrastructure built using federal support.

Under the bill, the office shall consult with any agency offering a federal broadband support program in order to streamline the application process for financial assistance or grants.

The office, any agency that offers a federal broadband support program, and the Federal Communications Commission through the Universal Service Fund shall coordinate to ensure that broadband support is being distributed in an efficient, technology-neutral, and financially sustainable manner.

Actions Timeline

- **May 9, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **May 8, 2019:** Mr. Tonko moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 8, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3488-3490)
- **May 8, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1328.
- **May 8, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3488-3489)
- **May 8, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3488-3489)
- **May 8, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.