

HR 2611

Public Lands Telecommunications Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 18, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2	Related bill	Jul 20, 2020: Received in the Senate.

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This bill directs the Department of the Treasury to establish separate special accounts for the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation (the federal land management agencies) for the deposit of rental fees received by such agencies for communications use authorizations on federal lands that are granted, issued, or executed by them. A "communication use authorization" is defined as a right-of-way, permit, or lease granted, issued, or executed by a federal land management agency for the primary purpose of authorizing the occupancy and use of federal lands for communications use.

The rental fees received by each federal land management agency shall

- be deposited in its special account, and
- remain available for expenditure for agency activities related to communications sites (those areas of federal lands designated for telecommunications uses).

The Departments of the Interior and Agriculture may enter into cooperative agreements to carry out activities related to communications sites.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 18, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 7, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **May 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **May 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.