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Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2020

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Oct 26, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 26, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 27, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5365	Related bill	Dec 10, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Summary (as of Oct 26, 2020)

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This bill requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to use the same procedures when enforcing antitrust law, and it requires the FTC to issue a decision within 180 days of receiving a merger application.

Under current law, the FTC litigates the merits of contested merger cases before its own administrative tribunals. The bill requires the FTC to litigate these cases in federal court, similar to DOJ.

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