

HR 5918

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 31, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 22, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4667	Related bill	Sep 23, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to report on certain activations of the Disaster Information Reporting System (the system through which communications providers report their operational status during times of crisis) and to adopt specified rules related to network outage reporting.

If the system was activated for at least seven days, the FCC must issue a preliminary a report that includes (1) the number and duration of any service outages, (2) the approximate number of users or the amount of infrastructure potentially affected by a service outage, and (3) the number and duration of any outages at public safety answering points (PSAPs) that prevent the PSAPs from receiving and routing emergency calls to emergency service personnel. The FCC must also hold at least one public field hearing in the area affected by the event, and it must issue a final report that includes recommendations on how to improve the resiliency of affected communications or networks recovery efforts.

The FCC must also determine the circumstances under which it shall require certain service providers to notify a PSAP of a communications service disruption that prevents the origination of 9–1–1 calls or the delivery of information that allows the PSAP to identify the number of or locate a 9–1–1 caller. Further, the FCC must require this notification to be made and specify the appropriate timing of the notification.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Mr. McNerney moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4611-4613)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5918.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4611-4612)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 18, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-522.
- **Sep 18, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 422.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Feb 27, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 18, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 14, 2020:** Introduced in House
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