

HR 6624

USA Telecommunications Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Apr 24, 2020

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Nov 18, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6624>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2] | R · KY | | Apr 24, 2020 |
| Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6] | D · CA | | Apr 24, 2020 |
| Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2] | R · OR | | Apr 24, 2020 |
| Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18] | D · CA | | May 5, 2020 |
| Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6] | R · OH | | May 5, 2020 |
| Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5] | R · IN | | May 19, 2020 |
| Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17] | R · TX | | May 19, 2020 |
| Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11] | D · NY | | May 19, 2020 |
| Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24] | R · NY | | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large] | R · AS | | Jun 22, 2020 |
| Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1] | D · AZ | | Jul 16, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Referred To | Nov 18, 2020 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Reported By | Nov 17, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 116 HR 7856 | Related bill | Oct 30, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 463. |

Summary (as of Nov 17, 2020)

Utilizing Strategic Allied Telecommunications Act of 2020 or the USA Telecommunications Act

This bill establishes a program through which the Department of Commerce shall award grants to support the deployment and use of Open RAN 5G Networks throughout the United States.

Open RAN 5G Networks are networks that follow a set of open standards (such as O-RAN standards or the Open Radio Access Network approach to standardization) and open interfaces for multi-vendor network equipment interoperability.

Grants awarded under the program shall, among other things, (1) promote technology that will enhance competitiveness in the supply chains of Open RAN 5G Networks, (2) accelerate the deployment of Open Network Equipment, and (3) promote the inclusion of security features that enhance the integrity and availability of such equipment.

Commerce must also (1) establish the criteria for a grant award, (2) establish a committee that advises on technology developments to inform both the grant program and government efforts to support Open RAN 5G Network supply chains, and (3) report on the grant program and 5G network supply chains.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5823-5825)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6624.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5823-5824)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5823-5824)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-589.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 487.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 24, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 24, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.