

HR 7680

Reinforcing Utility Restoration After Losses (RURAL) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

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Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Aug 7, 2020
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Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Aug 18, 2020
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Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Aug 25, 2020
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Aug 25, 2020
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Aug 25, 2020
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Aug 25, 2020
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Sep 25, 2020
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Oct 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 3, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reinforcing Utility Restoration After Losses (RURAL) Act

This bill provides authority and funding for the Department of Agriculture to establish a loan program for certain rural utility service providers (e.g., electric, telecommunications, or waste disposal service providers) to replace specified losses during a federally declared disaster or emergency.

During such a disaster or emergency, interest on the loan shall not accrue, and repayment of principal shall not be required. Borrowers may qualify for partial loan forgiveness if certain requirements are met.

The bill also establishes and provides funding for a Rural Utility Bridge Loan Fund to implement the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 3, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.