

## S 1541

### Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** May 10, 2021

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 117-338.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-338. (Jan 5, 2023)

**Law:** 117-338 (Enacted Jan 5, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1541>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

#### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 10, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 10, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 10, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 10, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 10, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 10, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 10, 2021
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		May 10, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 10, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 10, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 10, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		May 26, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 27, 2022

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 15, 2022

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jan 5, 2023)

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This act requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure that rates and charges for payphone services or other calling devices, including advanced (e.g., audio or video) communications services in correctional institutions, are just and reasonable. When promulgating regulations or otherwise implementing this act, the FCC (1) may use industry-wide average costs related to providing telephone and advanced communications services, and (2) must consider costs for safety and security measures related to providing communications services in correctional facilities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 5, 2023:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2023:** Became Public Law No: 117-338.
- **Dec 28, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10026-10028)
- **Dec 22, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1541.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10026)
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9724; text: CR S9724)
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 657.
- **Mar 22, 2022:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 10, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 10, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.