

HR 3169

Future of Local News Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2021
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2021

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1601	Related bill	May 12, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Future of Local News Act

This bill establishes the Future of Local News Committee to examine, report on, and make recommendations related to the state of local news and the ability of local news to meet the information needs of the people of the United States.

The duties of the committee include (1) examining the implications of the loss of local newspapers, digital news outlets, and broadcasting outlets; (2) assessing the impact of the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic and whether the Paycheck Protection Program has had beneficial effects on local news organizations; and (3) assessing and examining existing and potential means of supporting local news production.

The committee must recommend mechanisms that the federal government can create and implement to support the production of local news, such as the possible creation of a new national endowment for local journalism or the reform and expansion of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **May 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 12, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.