

HR 3344

Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act

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| Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4] | R · NJ | | Apr 27, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | May 28, 2021 |
| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate | Referred To | Apr 28, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|------------|--------------|--|
| 117 S 2876 | Related bill | Sep 28, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. |

Summary (as of Apr 27, 2022)

Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act

This bill directs the Department of State and other federal agencies to help certain countries improve the security of their telecommunications networks and addresses related issues.

Assistance provided under this bill shall be available to projects in a country that falls below certain gross domestic product per capita thresholds and is (1) a NATO member state that shares a border with Russia, or (2) a European country that has not participated in or aided Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

A project located in such a country shall be eligible for assistance if the project (1) improves telecommunications networks; (2) is inclusive, transparent, economically viable, sustainable, supplied only with secure equipment and services, and compliant with international standards and laws; and (3) does not use equipment or services from China or Russia or replaces such equipment or services.

To support eligible projects, the State Department shall provide diplomatic and political support and shall also encourage international financial institutions to provide investment support. The U.S. Trade and Development Agency, the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, and other specified federal agencies shall also provide project support, such as feasibility studies and finance-related support, as necessary.

The State Department must also appoint, from among its existing personnel, an International Telecommunication Union Security Campaign Director. The director must, among other duties, lead efforts to promote candidates for elections at the International Telecommunication Union who will support and defend democratic values, internet freedom, and telecommunication security.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2022:** Star Print ordered on the bill.
- **Apr 28, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Mr. Connolly moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4538-4541)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3344.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4557)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 366 - 60 (Roll no. 133).
- **Apr 27, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 366 - 60 (Roll no. 133). (text: CR H4538-4540)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber.
- **May 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E555)
- **May 19, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.