

HR 1338

SAT Streamlining Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Mar 3, 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]

Party: Republican • State: WA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Mar 3, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 8, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Satellite And Telecommunications Streamlining Act or the SAT Streamlining Act

This bill directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to revise its regulations that govern licenses and grants of U.S. market access for geostationary and non-geostationary orbital satellites. Geostationary orbital satellites maintain a stationary position in orbit while non-geostationary satellites move in relation to the Earth's surface; these satellites may be used to provide broadband and other telecommunications services.

In particular, the bill specifies deadlines by which the FCC must decide whether to approve an application for a license or grant of market access. Generally, the FCC must make a decision on (1) an initial application or a major modification of an application within one year, (2) a renewal of an application within 180 days, and (3) a minor modification of an application within 90 days. The bill allows the FCC to extend the deadlines in some instances, such as when an application raises national security and law enforcement concerns.

Furthermore, the FCC regulations must include performance objectives for space safety and orbital debris that are specific, measurable, and technology-neutral.

The FCC must also include requirements related to the sharing of the electromagnetic spectrum band by licensees and grantees. For example, the FCC must (1) require licensees and grantees to make a good faith effort to coordinate their use of the spectrum with others, and (2) establish a quantifiable level of protection from harmful interference for other authorized users of the spectrum.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 25, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-157.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 125.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Mr. Latta moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3919-3928; text: CR H3919-3924)
- **Jul 25, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1338.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** 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.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3934)
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 250 - 163, 1 Present (Roll no. 365).
- **Jul 25, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 250 - 163, 1 Present (Roll no. 365).
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 44 - 0.
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 0 .
- **Mar 3, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Mar 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.