

HR 3385

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: May 16, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Mar 6, 2024)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 6, 2024
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 12, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 2, 2023)

This bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to submit a report to Congress that assesses the feasibility, value, cost, and security implications of a submarine fiber optic cable to connect the contiguous United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Mr. Latta moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H801-803)
- **Mar 5, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3385.
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H801-802)
- **Mar 5, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H801-802)
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 5, 2024:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 2, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-239.
- **Oct 2, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 191.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 41 - 0.
- **Jul 12, 2023:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 12, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 19, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **May 16, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.