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Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jan 27, 2025

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Oct 24, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]

Party: Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 27, 2025
Sen. Luján, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 27, 2025
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 27, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 9, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1768	Related bill	Mar 3, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, the Judiciary, and Education and Workforce, 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.

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This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to annually publish a list of entities that hold a license or other authorization granted by the FCC and have ties to specified foreign countries.

With respect to entities holding cable landing licenses (for the placement and operation of submarine communications cables) or other licenses granted via competitive auction, the FCC must publish a list of all such entities (1) in which a covered entity holds a specified voting or equity interest, or (2) that have been determined by a national security agency to be subject to the control of a covered entity.

With respect to entities holding all other categories of FCC licenses or other authorizations, the FCC must first issue rules facilitating the collection of information on such licensees' ownership structure. After that information is obtained, the FCC must add to the published list any such entity in which a covered entity holds a specified voting or equity interest.

Under the bill, a *covered entity* is defined as an entity organized in China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia; a subsidiary of such an entity; or the government of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 24, 2025:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 24, 2025:** Held at the desk.
- **Oct 23, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 23, 2025:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S7734; text: CR S7734)
- **Oct 23, 2025:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 23, 2025:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 9, 2025:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cruz without amendment. With written report No. 119-36.
- **Jul 9, 2025:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 110.
- **Apr 30, 2025:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 27, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 27, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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