



MEMORANDUM

4/15/2023

To: Members, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
From: Majority Staff
Re: Communications and Technology Subcommittee Markup

I. INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Health Subcommittee Markup, whichever is later, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology will hold a markup in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building to consider the following legislation:

- **H.R. 3279** the “Winning the International Race for Economic Leadership and Expanding Service to Support Leadership Act” or the “WIRELESS Leadership Act” (Latta)
- **H.R. 3295**, the “Barriers and Regulatory Obstacles Avoids Deployment of Broadband Access and Needs Deregulatory Leadership Act” or the “BROADBAND Leadership Act” (Griffith)
- **H.R. 3287**, the “Cable Access for Broadband and Local Economic Leadership Act” or the “CABLE Leadership Act” (Balderson)
- **H.R. ___**, the Connecting and Building Lines for Expedited Expansion or the “CABLE Expansion Act” (Lesko)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Consumer Access to Broadband for Local Economies and Competition Act” or the “CABLE Competition Act” (Burgess)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Cable Transparency Act” (Weber)
- **H.R. 3298**, the “Broadband Expansion and Deployment Fee Equity and Efficiency Act” or the “BEAD FEES Act” (Allen)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Granting Remaining Applications Not Treated Efficiently or Delayed Act” or the “GRANTED Act” (Obernolte)
- **H.R. 3300**, the “5G Using Previously Granted Rulings that Accelerate Deployment Everywhere Act of 2023” or the “5G UPGRADE Act of 2023” (Harshbarger)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Streamlining Permitting to Enable Efficient Deployment for Broadband Infrastructure Act of 2023” or the “SPEED for Broadband Infrastructure Act of 2023” (Pence)
- **H.R. 3289**, the “Wireless Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act” (Johnson)
- **H.R. 3288**, the “Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act” (Joyce)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Wireless Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act of 2023” (Bucshon)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Broadband Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act” (Crenshaw)

- **H.R. 3291**, the “Proportional Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act” (Carter)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Reducing Antiquated Permitting for Infrastructure Deployment” or the “RAPID Act” (Hudson)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Coastal Broadband Deployment Act” (Bilirakis)
- **H.R. 3292**, the “Brownfields Broadband Deployment Act” (Walberg)
- **H.R. 3280**, the “Timely Replacement Under Secure and Trusted for Early and Dependable Broadband Networks Act” or the “TRUSTED Broadband Networks Act” (Guthrie)
- **H.R. 3301**, the “Connecting Communities Post Disaster Act of 2023” (Dunn)
- **H.R. 3296**, the “Wildfire Communications Resiliency Act” (Rodgers)
- **H.R. 3297**, the “Reducing Barriers for Broadband on Federal Lands Act” (Fulcher)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Standard Fees to Expedite Evaluation and Streamlining Act” or the “Standard FEES Act” (Palmer/Ryan)
- **H.R. 3293**, the “Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Act” (Duncan/Craig)
- **H.R. 3299**, the “Deploying Infrastructure with Greater Internet Transactions and Legacy Applications Act” or “DIGITAL Applications Act” (Cammack/Matsui)
- **H.R. 3283**, the “Facilitating the Deployment of Infrastructure with Greater Internet Transactions and Legacy Applications Act” or “Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act” (Miller-Meeks/Dingell)
- **H.R. ___**, the “Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act” (Pfluger/Soto)
- **H.R. ___**, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to grant a license or construction permit through a system of competitive bidding (Rodgers)

II. BACKGROUND ON LEGISLATION

1. H.R. 3279, the Winning the International Race for Economic Leadership and Expanding Service to Support Leadership (WIRELESS Leadership) Act

H.R. 3279 is led by Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Chair Latta (R-OH). H.R. ___ 3279 would streamline permitting processes for wireless providers by preserving State and local zoning authority subject to reasonable limitations, like shot clocks and cost-based fees, to ensure providers receive an answer on their applications in a timely manner.

2. H.R. 3295, Barriers and Regulatory Obstacles Avoids Deployment of Broadband Access and Needs Deregulatory Leadership (BROADBAND Leadership) Act

H.R. 3295 is led by Rep. Griffith (R-VA). This bill would streamline permitting processes for telecommunications service providers by preserving State and local zoning authority subject to reasonable limitations, like shot clocks and cost-based fees, to ensure providers receive an answer on their applications in a timely manner.

3. H.R. 3287, Cable Access for Broadband and Local Economic Leadership (CABLE Leadership) Act

H.R. ___ 3287 is led by Rep. Balderson (R-OH). It would place shot clocks on a cable franchising authority to act on a request for a new franchise to speed up deployment.

4. **H.R. ___, Connecting and Building Lines for Expedited Expansion (CABLE Expansion) Act**

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Lesko (R-AZ). It would streamline permitting processes for cable operators by preserving franchising authority subject to reasonable limitations, like shot clocks, to ensure cable operators receive an answer on applications to upgrade or deploy new facilities in a timely manner.

5. **H.R. ___, Consumer Access to Broadband for Local Economies and Competition (CABLE Competition) Act**

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Burgess (R-TX). It would streamline the transfer of a franchise from a franchise authority to a cable operator.

6. **H.R. ___, Cable Transparency Act**

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Weber (R-TX). This bill would clarify and make the terms for a cable franchise more transparent.

7. **H.R. 3298, Broadband Expansion And Deployment Fee Equity and Efficiency (BEAD FEES) Act**

H.R. 3298 is led by Rep. Allen (R-GA). This bill would require states accepting BEAD money to ensure that application fees charged by state and local governments are transparent, competitively neutral, and cost-based.

8. **H.R. ___, Granting Remaining Applications Not Treated Efficiently or Delayed (GRANTED) Act**

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Obernolte (R-CA). This bill would create a deemed grant remedy for applications to place infrastructure on federal lands that remain pending after 270 days.

9. **H.R. 3300, 5G Using Previously Granted Rulings that Accelerate Deployment Everywhere (5G UPGRADE) Act**

H.R. 3300 is led by Rep. Harshbarger (R-TN). It would speed up the process to modify wireless facilities on existing infrastructure by codifying shot clocks to review and approve applications.

10. **H.R. ___, Streamlining Permitting to Enable Efficient Deployment for Broadband Infrastructure (SPEED for Broadband Infrastructure) Act**

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Pence. It would reduce federal red tape by exempting broadband facilities from burdensome environmental and historic preservation reviews on federal property where a previous communications facility has already been approved.

11. H.R.3289, Wireless Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act

H.R. 3289 is led by Rep. Johnson (R-OH). It would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review in order to add or upgrade wireless facilities on existing infrastructure.

12. H.R. 3288, Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act

H.R. 3288 is led by Rep. Joyce (R-PA). It would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review in order to add or upgrade wireline facilities.

13. H.R. ___, Wireless Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Bucshon (R-IN). This bill would make it easier to improve the resiliency of communications networks by expediting the approval process to modify existing wireless facilities to provide backup power or more reliable connection capabilities.

14. H.R. ___, Broadband Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Crenshaw (R-TX). It would expedite the approval process for modifications to wireline facilities that would not substantially expand their existing footprint, including those that would improve public safety and resiliency.

15. H.R. 3291, Proportional Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act

H.R. 3291 is led by Rep. Carter (R-GA). This bill would speed up the process to modify an existing wireless tower or base station through the addition, removal, or replacement of transmission equipment.

16. H.R. ___, Reducing Antiquated Permitting for Infrastructure Deployment (RAPID) Act

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Hudson (R-NC). It would provide clarity and certainty for providers to comply with historic preservation regulations and speed up the deployment of wireless infrastructure.

17. H.R. ___, Coastal Broadband Deployment Act

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Bilirakis (R-FL). The bill would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review for the deployment of broadband projects entirely within a floodplain.

18. H.R. 3292, Brownfields Broadband Deployment Act

H.R. 3292 is led by Rep. Walberg (R-MI). It would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review for the deployment of a broadband project entirely within a brownfields site, which is previously disturbed land.

19. H.R. 3280, Timely Replacement Under Secure and Trusted for Early and Dependable Broadband Networks (TRUSTED Broadband Networks) Act

H.R. 3280 is led by Rep. Guthrie (R-KY). This bill would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review prior to removing and replacing network equipment that puts our national security at risk.

20. H.R. ___, Connecting Communities Post Disaster Act

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Dunn (R-FL). The bill would accelerate replacing and improving communications facilities in Presidentially-declared disaster areas.

21. H.R. 3296, Wildfire Communications Resiliency Act

H.R. 3296 is led by Committee on Energy and Commerce Chair Rodgers (R-WA). This bill would speed up the deployment of projects to replace or improve communications facilities damaged after a wildfire.

22. H.R. 3297, Reducing Barriers for Broadband on Federal Lands Act

H.R. 3297 is led by Rep. Fulcher (R-ID). It would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review for the deployment of broadband projects on previously disturbed federal lands.

23. H.R. ___, Standard Fees to Expedite Evaluation and Streamlining (Standard FEES) Act

H.R. ___ is led by Rep. Palmer (R-AL). It would establish a common fee for processing applications to deploy communications facilities on federal property.

24. H.R. 3293, Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Act

H.R. 3293 is led by Rep. Duncan (R-SC). The bill would direct NTIA to lead an interagency strike force to help prioritize reviews for requests to deploy broadband on federal land.

25. H.R. 3299, Deploying Infrastructure with Greater Internet Transactions And Legacy Applications (DIGITAL Applications) Act

H.R. 3299 is led by Rep. Cammack (R-FL). The bill would establish an online portal to accept, process, and dispose of the common form application to deploy a communications facility on federal property.

26. H.R. 3283, Facilitating the Deployment of Infrastructure with Greater Internet Transactions And Legacy Applications (Facilitating DIGITAL Applications) Act

H.R. 3283 is led by Rep. Miller-Meeke (R-IA). It would require the NTIA to update Congress on whether the Departments of Interior and Agriculture have established an online portal for the acceptance, processing, and disposal of the common form application to deploy a communications facility on federal property.

27. H.R. ____, Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act

H.R. ____ is led by Rep. Pfluger (R-TX). The bill would require NTIA to submit a plan to Congress on tracking the acceptance, processing, and disposal of requests for communications use authorizations on federal property.

28. H.R. ____, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to grant a license or construction permit through a system of competitive bidding

H.R. ____ is led by Chair Rodgers (R-WA) and would authorize the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to use a system of competitive bidding to issue licenses and construction permits until June 30, 2023.

III. STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact Kate O'Connor or John Lin of the Committee Staff at (202) 225-3641.