[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. ______

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress reports containing plans for the auction of certain bands of spectrum frequencies.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. ______ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________

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A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Spectrum Pipeline Act
5 of 2015”.

SEC. 2. PLANS FOR AUCTION OF CERTAIN BANDS OF SPEC-TRUM FREQUENCIES.

(a) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—For each band of spectrum frequencies specified in subsection (d), the Commission, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary, shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report containing a proposed plan for the assignment, through a system of competitive bidding under section 309(j) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)), of new flexible-use licenses for the use of the frequencies in such band, including—

[(1) draft framework for the service rules and procedures that the Commission proposes for the competitive bidding process;]

(2) a proposed plan for the relocation to other frequencies of the operations of Federal entities that operate Federal Government stations authorized to use frequencies in such band or for such entities to share frequencies in such band with non-Federal users;

(3) a proposed timeline for the competitive bidding process; and

(4) a proposed plan for balance between unlicensed and licensed use.
(b) COORDINATION REGARDING FEDERAL ENTITY PLANS.—In developing a plan under subsection (a)(3), the Commission shall coordinate with the Assistant Secretary and affected Federal entities.

(c) BANDS SPECIFIED.—The Commission shall submit a report under subsection (a) for a band of spectrum frequencies as follows:

(1) For the frequencies between [_______] megahertz and [_______] megahertz, not later than [_______].

(2) For the frequencies between [_______] megahertz and [_______] megahertz, not later than [_______].

[(3) Additional paragraphs may be added.]

(d) SUBSTITUTION OF ALTERNATE BANDS.—If the Commission, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary, determines that it would not be feasible to assign licenses for the use of the frequencies in a band specified in subsection (c) in the manner described in subsection (a), the Commission, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary, may, in the report, submit a proposal for an alternate band of spectrum frequencies.

(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Each range of frequencies described in this section shall be construed to be inclusive of the upper and lower frequencies in the range.
(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assistant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

(2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.

(3) FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term “Federal entity” has the meaning given such term in section 113(l) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 923(l)).

SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Not later than [_____] years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall transmit a report to Congress containing—

(1) an analysis of the results of the rules changes relating to the frequency between 3550 and 3650 megahertz; and

(2) any potential plans for sharing such bands among Federal entities, non-Federal licensed users, and unlicensed users.