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MEMORANDUM

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

I. INTRODUCTION

The Subcommittee on Communications and Technology will hold a markup on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. (ET) in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building. The markup will consider the following legislation:

- H.R.1343, “Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act” (Reps. Pfluger and Soto)
- H.R.1588, “Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act” (Reps. Miller-Meeks and Dingell)
- H.R.1665, “DIGITAL Applications Act” (Reps. Cammack and Matsui)
- H.R. 1681, “Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Act” (Rep. Evans and Craig)
- H.R.1731, “Standard FEES Act” (Reps. Palmer and Ryan)
- H.R. ___, the Broadband and Telecommunications RAIL Act (Reps. Joyce, Landsman, and Peters)
- H.R.2289, “Proportional Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act” (Rep. Carter)
- H.R.278, “BROADBAND Leadership Act” (Rep. Griffith)
- H.R.339, “Broadband Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act” (Rep. Crenshaw)
- H.R.1541, “Wireless Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act” (Rep. Rulli)
- H.R.1617, “Wireless Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act of 2025” (Rep. Langworthy)
- H.R.1655, “Wildfire Communications Resiliency Act” (Rep. Bentz)
- H.R.1836, “GRANTED Act of 2025” (Rep. Obernolte)
- H.R.1975, “BEAD FEE Act of 2025” (Rep. Allen)
- H.R.2298, “Reducing Barriers for Broadband on Federal Lands Act of 2025” (Rep. Fulcher)

- H.R.2817, “Coastal Broadband Deployment Act” (Rep. Bilirakis)
- H.R.3960, “Connecting Communities Post Disasters Act of 2025” (Rep. Dunn)
- H.R.4211, “Brownfields Broadband Deployment Act” (Rep. Walberg)
- H.R.4927, “CABLE Competition Act” (Rep. Houchin)
- H.R.5147, “Winning the International Race for Economic Leadership and Expanding Service to Support Leadership Act” or “WIRELESS Leadership Act” (Rep. Latta)
- H.R.5170, “Cable Access for Broadband and Local Economic Leadership Act” or “CABLE Leadership Act” (Rep. Balderson)
- H.R.5264, “Streamlining Permitting to Enable Efficient Deployment for Broadband Infrastructure or the “SPEED for Broadband Infrastructure Act” (Rep. Goldman)
- H.R.5266, “5G Using Previously Granted Rulings that Accelerate Deployment Everywhere Act” or the “5G UPGRADE Act” (Rep. Harshbarger)
- H.R.5273, “Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act” (Rep. Joyce)
- H.R.5290, “Cable Transparency Act” (Rep. Weber)
- H.R.5311, “Connecting and Building Lines for Expedited Expansion Act” or the “CABLE Expansion Act” (Rep. Fedorchak)
- H.R.5318, “Reducing Antiquated Permitting for Infrastructure Deployment Act” or the “RAPID Act” (Rep. Hudson)
- H.R. 5358, “TRUSTED Broadband Networks Act” (Rep. Fry)

II. LEGISLATION

A. H.R. 1343, Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act (Reps. Pfluger and Soto)

This 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.

B. H.R. 1588, Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act (Reps. Miller-Meeks and Dingell)

This bill 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.

C. H.R. 1665, DIGITAL Applications Act (Reps. Cammack and Matsui)

This bill would establish an online portal to accept, process, and dispose of the common form application to deploy a communications facility on federal property.

D. H.R. 1681, Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Act (Reps. Evans and Craig)

This bill would direct NTIA to lead an interagency strike force to help prioritize reviews for requests to deploy broadband on federal land.

E. H.R. 1731, Standard FEES Act (Reps. Palmer and Ryan)

This bill would establish a common fee for processing applications to deploy communications facilities on federal property.

F. H.R. ___, the Broadband and Telecommunications RAIL Act (Reps. Joyce, Landsman, and Peters)

This discussion draft is led by Rep. Joyce. It would streamline the process for deploying broadband infrastructure in a public right-of-way that crosses a rail corridor and in railroad rights-of-way by clarifying the notification and application process, applying shot clocks on application reviews, and limiting fees for applications.

G. H.R. 2289, Proportional Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act (Rep. Carter)

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.

H. H.R. 278, BROADBAND Leadership Act (Rep. Griffith)

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.

I. H.R. 339, Broadband Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act (Rep. Crenshaw)

This bill 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.

J. H.R. 1541, Wireless Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act (Rep. Rulli)

This bill would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review to add or upgrade wireless facilities on existing infrastructure.

K. H.R. 1617, Wireless Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act of 2025 (Rep. Langworthy)

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.

L. H.R. 1655, Wildfire Communications Resiliency Act (Rep. Bentz)

This bill would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review to add or upgrade wireless facilities on existing infrastructure.

M. H.R. 1836, GRANTED Act of 2025 (Rep. Obernolte)

This bill would create a deemed granted remedy for applications to place infrastructure on federal lands that remain pending after 270 days.

N. H.R. 1975, BEAD FEE Act of 2025 (Rep. Allen)

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.

O. H.R. 2298, Reducing Barriers for Broadband on Federal Lands Act of 2025 (Rep. Fulcher)

This bill would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review for the deployment of broadband projects on previously disturbed federal lands.

P. H.R. 2817, Coastal Broadband Deployment Act (Rep. Bilirakis)

This bill would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review for the deployment of broadband projects entirely within a floodplain.

Q. H.R. 3960, Connecting Communities Post Disasters Act of 2025 (Rep. Dunn)

This bill would accelerate replacing and improving communications facilities in Presidentially declared disaster areas.

R. H.R. 4211, Brownfields Broadband Deployment (Rep. Walberg)

This bill 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.

S. H.R. 4927, CABLE Competition Act (Rep. Houchin)

This bill would streamline the transfer of a franchise from a franchise authority to a cable operator.

T. H.R. 5147, Winning the International Race for Economic Leadership and Expanding Service to Support Leadership Act or the WIRELESS Leadership Act (Rep. Latta)

This bill 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.

U. H.R. 5170, Cable Access for Broadband and Local Economic Leadership Act or CABLE Leadership Act (Rep. Balderson)

This bill would place shot clocks on a cable franchising authority to act on a request for a new franchise to speed up deployment.

V. H.R. 5264, Streamlining Permitting to Enable Efficient Deployment for Broadband Infrastructure or the SPEED for Broadband Infrastructure Act (Rep. Goldman)

This bill 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.

W. H.R. 5266, 5G Using Previously Granted Rulings that Accelerate Deployment Everywhere Act or the 5G UPGRADE Act (Rep. Harshbarger)

This bill would speed up the process to modify wireless facilities on existing infrastructure by codifying shot clocks to review and approve applications.

X. H.R. 5273, Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act (Rep. Joyce)

This bill would remove the requirement to prepare an environmental or historic preservation review in order to add or upgrade wireline facilities.

Y. H.R. 5290, Cable Transparency Act (Rep. Weber)

This bill would clarify and make more transparent the terms for a cable franchise.

Z. H.R. 5311, Connecting and Building Lines for Expedited Expansion or the “CABLE Expansion Act (Rep. Fedorchak)

This bill 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.

AA. H.R. 5318, Reducing Antiquated Permitting for Infrastructure Deployment Act (Rep. Hudson)

This bill would provide clarity and certainty for providers to comply with historical regulations and speed up the deployment of wireless infrastructure.

BB. H.R. 5358, TRUSTED Broadband Networks Act (Rep. Fry)

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.

III. STAFF CONTACTS

If you have questions regarding this hearing, please contact Elaina Murphy of the Committee staff at (202) 225-3641.