

Union Calendar No. 339

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4596

[Report No. 114-444]

To ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Mr. WALDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

MARCH 7, 2016

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 24, 2016]

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 “Small Business*
5 *Broadband Deployment Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO ENHANCEMENT TO TRANSPARENCY**
7 **REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The enhancements to the trans-*
9 *parency rule of the Federal Communications Commission*
10 *under section 8.3 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations,*
11 *as described in paragraphs 162 through 184 of the Report*
12 *and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling, and Order of*
13 *the Federal Communications Commission with regard to*
14 *protecting and promoting the open Internet (adopted Feb-*
15 *ruary 26, 2015) (FCC 15–24), shall not apply to any small*
16 *business.*

17 *(b) SUNSET.—Subsection (a) shall not have any force*
18 *or effect after the date that is 5 years after the date of the*
19 *enactment of this Act.*

20 *(c) REPORT BY FCC.—Not later than 180 days after*
21 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-*
22 *nications Commission shall submit to the Committee on*
23 *Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and*
24 *the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*
25 *of the Senate a report that contains the recommendations*

1 *of the Commission (and data supporting such recommenda-*
2 *tions) regarding—*

3 *(1) whether the exception provided by subsection*
4 *(a) should be made permanent; and*

5 *(2) whether the definition of the term “small*
6 *business” for purposes of such exception should be*
7 *modified from the definition in subsection (d)(2).*

8 *(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

9 *(1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—*
10 *The term “broadband Internet access service” has the*
11 *meaning given such term in section 8.2 of title 47,*
12 *Code of Federal Regulations.*

13 *(2) SMALL BUSINESS.—The term “small busi-*
14 *ness” means any provider of broadband Internet ac-*
15 *cess service that has not more than 250,000 sub-*
16 *scribers.*

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