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H. R. 7353

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2020

Mr. GUTHRIE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Timely Replacement
3 Under Secure and Trusted for Early and Dependable
4 Broadband Networks Act” or the “TRUSTED Broadband
5 Networks Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF NEPA AND NHPA TO COVERED**
7 **EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.**

8 (a) COVERED PROJECT DEFINED.—In this section,
9 the term “covered project” means a project for which the
10 Commission approves a reimbursement under section 4 of
11 the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of
12 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1603).

13 (b) NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—A covered project shall be
15 categorically excluded from the requirement to pre-
16 pare an environmental assessment or an environ-
17 mental impact statement under section 102 of the
18 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
19 U.S.C. 4332).

20 (2) RELATION TO EXTRAORDINARY CIR-
21 CUMSTANCES PROCEDURES.—The use of the cat-
22 egorical exclusion under paragraph (1) shall not be
23 considered to include extraordinary circumstances
24 under section 220.6 of title 36, Code of Federal
25 Regulations, or section 1508.4 of title 40, Code of

1 Federal Regulations (or any successor to such regu-
2 lations).

3 (c) NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT EX-
4 EMPTION.—A covered project shall not be considered an
5 undertaking under section 300320 of title 54, United
6 States Code.

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