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[Report No. 114–368]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2015

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

OCTOBER 27, 2016

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of September 29, 2016, by Mr. THUNE, without amendment

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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 “Rural Health Care
5 Connectivity Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR SKILLED**
2 **NURSING FACILITIES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 254(h)(7)(B) of the Com-
4 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(7)(B)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in clause (vi), by striking “and” at the end;

7 (2) by redesignating clause (vii) as clause (viii);

8 (3) by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

9 “(vii) skilled nursing facilities;”; and

10 (4) in clause (viii), as redesignated, by striking

11 “clauses (i) through (vi)” and inserting “clauses (i)

12 through (vii)”.

13 (b) **SAVINGS CLAUSE.**—Nothing in subsection (a)
14 shall be construed to affect the aggregate annual cap on
15 Federal universal service support for health care providers
16 under section 54.675 of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-
17 tions, or any successor regulation.

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