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H. R. 3280

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2023

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Timely Replacement
5 Under Secure and Trusted for Early and Dependable

1 Broadband Networks Act” or the “TRUSTED Broadband
2 Networks Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF NEPA AND NHPA TO COVERED**
4 **COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERV-**
5 **ICES.**

6 (a) NEPA EXEMPTION.—A Federal authorization
7 with respect to a covered project may not be considered
8 a major Federal action under section 102(2)(C) of the Na-
9 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
10 4332(2)(C)).

11 (b) NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT EX-
12 EMPTION.—A covered project may not be considered an
13 undertaking under section 300320 of title 54, United
14 States Code.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered
17 project” means a project to permanently remove cov-
18 ered communications equipment or services (as de-
19 fined in section 9 of the Secure and Trusted Com-
20 munications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C.
21 1608)) and to replace such covered communications
22 equipment or services with communications equip-
23 ment or services (as defined in such section) that are
24 not covered communications equipment or services
25 (as so defined).

1 (2) FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION.—The term
2 “Federal authorization”—

3 (A) means any authorization required
4 under Federal law with respect to a covered
5 project; and

6 (B) includes any permits, special use au-
7 thorizations, certifications, opinions, or other
8 approvals as may be required under Federal law
9 with respect to a covered project.

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