

Union Calendar No. 486

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2474

[Report No. 119–565]

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the capability of the Appalachian Regional Commission to include low-orbit satellites in broadband projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. TAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MARCH 20, 2026

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 27, 2025]

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 “Expanding Appalachia’s*
5 *Broadband Access Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2 GAO STUDY ON SATELLITE BROADBAND.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 1 year after the date*
8 *of enactment of this section, the Comptroller General of the*
9 *United States shall conduct, and submit to Congress the re-*
10 *sults thereof, a study on the capability of the Appalachian*
11 *Regional Commission to incorporate satellites in broadband*
12 *projects.*

13 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*In conducting the study under*
14 *subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall—*

15 (1) *review the capacity of satellite broadband*
16 *services to be used for business purposes;*

17 (2) *evaluate economic development growth in*
18 *areas that have used satellite broadband for busi-*
19 *nesses; and*

20 (3) *analyze the cost-effectiveness of implementing*
21 *broadband via satellites for economic development.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the capability of the Appalachian Regional Commission to include satellites in broadband projects, and for other purposes.”.

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