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H. R. 1053

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

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 covered project shall not
7 be subject to the requirements of section 102(2)(C) of the
8 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
9 4332(2)(C)).

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

14 (c) COVERED PROJECT DEFINED.—In this section,
15 the term “covered project” means a project to perma-
16 nently remove covered communications equipment or serv-
17 ices (as defined in section 9 of the Secure and Trusted
18 Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1608))
19 and to replace such covered communications equipment or
20 services with communications equipment or services that
21 are not covered communications equipment or services (as
22 so defined).

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