S. 665

To monitor the progress of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

April 29, 1997

Mr. Kerrey introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 "Telecommunication
- 5 Act Progress Report Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT PROGRESS REPORT.
- 7 Within six months after the date of enactment of this
- 8 Act and each year thereafter, the National Telecommuni-
- 9 cations and Information Administration, in consultation
- 10 with the Federal Communications Commission, the De-
- 11 partment of Justice, other relevant executive branch agen-

- 1 cies and Regulatory Utility Commissions within the states
- 2 shall issue an annual report to the Congress on tele-
- 3 communications services in America. The report shall re-
- 4 view available information and consider at a minimum the
- 5 level of competition, the provision of universal service in
- 6 telecommunications markets, mergers among tele-
- 7 communications providers and their effect, employment in
- 8 the American telecommunications industry and the afford-
- 9 ability of residential rates for telecommunications services.
- 10 The report shall make legislative and policy recommenda-
- 11 tions to the Congress and the President.

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