

S. 2238 Schmitt - 1 to Cruz - 3 (as modified)

AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To appropriate more funds for the Federal Communication Commission's "rip and replace" program, to require a spectrum auction, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

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To direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to develop a National Strategy to Close the Digital Divide, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHMITT to the amendment (No. 3) proposed by Mr. CRUZ

Viz:

in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert
~~At the appropriate place, insert the following:~~ *the following.*

2 **SEC. ____ . ADDITIONAL "RIP AND REPLACE" FUNDING;**
3 **SPECTRUM REAUCION.**

4 (a) ADDITIONAL "RIP AND REPLACE" FUNDING.—

5 (1) INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE LIMIT.— Sec-
6 tion 4(k) of the Secure and Trusted Communica-
7 tions Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1603(k)) is
8 amended by striking "\$1,900,000,000" and insert-
9 ing "\$4,980,000,000".

1 (2) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.—There is ap-
2 propriated to the Federal Communications Commis-
3 sion for fiscal year 2024, out of amounts in the
4 Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
5 \$3,080,000,000, to remain available until expended,
6 to carry out section 4 of the Secure and Trusted
7 Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C.
8 1603).

9 (b) SPECTRUM REACTION.—

10 (1) FCC AUCTION 97 REACTION OF CERTAIN
11 LICENSES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
12 enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications
13 Commission shall initiate a system of competitive
14 bidding under section 309(j) of the Communications
15 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)) to grant licenses for
16 spectrum in the inventory of the Commission within
17 the bands of frequencies referred to by the Commis-
18 sion as the “AWS-3 bands”, without regard to
19 whether the authority of the Commission under
20 paragraph (11) of that section has expired.

21 (2) COMPLETION OF REACTION.—The Federal
22 Communications Commission shall complete the sys-
23 tem of competitive bidding described in subsection
24 (a), including receiving payments, processing appli-
25 cations, and granting licenses, without regard to

1 whether the authority of the Commission under
2 paragraph (11) of section 309(j) of the Communica-
3 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)) has expired.