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Purpose: To require a study on the use of commercial communications programs services.


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To authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ______ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. Udall

Viz:

1 At the end of title VIII, add the following:

2 SEC. 816. STUDY ON COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) enhancing the ability of researchers to conduct and interact with experiments while in flight would make huge advancements in the overall profitability of conducting research on sub-orbit and low-

5 Earth orbit payloads; and
(2) current NASA communications do not allow for real-time data collection, observation, or transmission of information.

(b) STUDY.—The Administrator shall conduct a study on the feasibility, impact, and cost of using commercial communications programs services for sub-orbital flight programs and low-Earth orbit research.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress and make publically available a report that describes the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).