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AMENDMENT NO. 3 Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require a feasibility study on conducting mobile broadband coverage drive testing in rural areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2644

To reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, 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. MANCHIN *(for himself +*

Viz: *Mr. Gardner, Mr. Daines, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Fischer,*

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following: *Mr. Peters, Mr.*

2 SEC. ____ . FEASIBILITY STUDY ON MOBILE BROADBAND *Johnson,*

3 COVERAGE DRIVE TESTING IN RURAL AREAS.

4 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “rural
5 area” means a nonmetropolitan county or county equiva-
6 lent, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

7 (b) STUDY.—The Commission shall study the feasi-
8 bility of conducting mobile broadband coverage drive test-
9 ing in rural areas, to determine the scope of existing mo-
10 bile broadband coverage, using—

11 (1) the delivery systems of the United States
12 Postal Service;

Ms. Ayotte)

1 (2) commercial entities; and

2 (3) any other means that the Commission de-
3 termines appropriate.

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Commission—

6 (1) shall submit to Congress a report with the
7 results of the study conducted under subsection (b);
8 and

9 (2) if the Commission determines that con-
10 ducting drive testing as described in subsection (b)
11 is not feasible, shall include in the report rec-
12 ommendations for other methods of mobile
13 broadband coverage testing in rural areas that the
14 Commission considers feasible.