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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To clarify the activities and functions of the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences.

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To amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. CRUZ to the amendment (No. _____) proposed by Ms. DUCKWORTH

Viz:

1 In section 106(a)(2)(A)(iv) of part A of the National
2 Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-
3 ganization Act, as added by section 2, insert "evaluate
4 and" before "improve".

5 In section 106(a)(2)(A) of part A of the National
6 Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-

1 ganization Act, as added by section 2, redesignate clauses
2 (v) and (vi) as clauses (vi) and (viii), respectively.

3 In section 106(a)(2)(A) of part A of the National
4 Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-
5 ganization Act, as added by section 2, insert the following
6 after clause (iv):

7 “(v) evaluate and improve the sharing
8 of Federal spectrum among Federal users,
9 and the performance and efficiency of Fed-
10 eral systems operating with, or using, Fed-
11 eral spectrum or shared Federal and non-
12 Federal Spectrum, or a combination there
13 of;

14 In section 106(a)(2)(A) of part A of the National
15 Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-
16 ganization Act, as added by section 2, in clause (vi), as
17 so redesignated, strike “; and” and insert a semicolon.

18 In section 106(a)(2)(A) of part A of the National
19 Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-
20 ganization Act, as added by section 2, insert the following
21 after clause (vi), as so redesignated:

1 “(vii) develop and evaluate tech-
2 nologies, methods, and tools to improve the
3 quality, performance, and interoperability
4 of telecommunications services and sys-
5 tems, including audio, video, and public
6 safety communications; and

7 In section 106(a)(2)(A) of part A of the National
8 Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-
9 ganization Act, as added by section 2, in clause (viii), as
10 so redesignated, strike “as determined necessary by the
11 Assistant Secretary” and insert “as the Assistant Sec-
12 retary determines are activities reasonably necessary to
13 the functions described in clauses (i) through (vii), a func-
14 tion delegated under subparagraph (B), or communica-
15 tions research, testing, engineering, or technical assistance
16 within the responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary under
17 section 103 of this Act”.

18 In section 106(a)(2)(B) of part A of the National
19 Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-
20 ganization Act, as added by section 2, add at the end the
21 following: “The Assistant Secretary may not delegate to
22 ITS under this subparagraph authority to establish or de-
23 termine policy, make final determinations regarding spec-

1 trum allocation or reallocation, or make final agency deci-
2 sions.”.

3 In section 106(a)(3) of part A of the National Tele-
4 communications and Information Administration Organi-
5 zation Act, as added by section 2, strike subparagraph
6 (G).

7 Strike subsection 106(b) of part A of the National
8 Telecommunications and Information Administration Or-
9 ganization Act, as added by section 2, and insert the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(b) TRANSFER OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
12 AND TRACKING TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH INITIATIVE.—

13 “(1) TRANSFER.—The emergency communica-
14 tion and tracking technologies research initiative es-
15 tablished under section 405 of the America COM-
16 PETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (15 U.S.C.
17 278n-1) is transferred from the National Institute
18 of Standards and Technology to ITS, and shall be
19 carried out by the Assistant Secretary.

20 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
21 the date of enactment of this section, the Assistant
22 Secretary shall submit to Congress, and make pub-

- 1 liely available, a report on the status of the initiative
- 2 described in paragraph (1).”.