

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To modify the provision relating to transparency and reporting with respect to applications by providers of broadband services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—112th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3240

To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, 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 Mrs. MCCASKILL

Viz:

1 On page 769, strike lines 12 through 16 and insert

2 the following:

3 “section;

4 “(D) may establish additional reporting

5 and information requirements for any recipient

6 of any assistance under this section so as to en-

7 sure compliance with this section; and

8 “(E) with respect to an application for as-

9 sistance under this section, shall—

10 “(i) promptly post on the website of

11 the Rural Utilities Service—

1 “(I) an announcement that iden-
2 tifies—

3 “(aa) each applicant; and

4 “(bb) the amount and type
5 of support requested by each ap-
6 plicant; and

7 “(II) a list of the census block
8 groups or tracts that the applicant
9 proposes to serve; and

10 “(ii) provide not less than 15 days for
11 broadband service providers to voluntarily
12 submit information about the broadband
13 services that the providers offer in the
14 groups or tracts listed under clause (i)(II)
15 so that the Secretary may assess whether
16 the applications submitted meet the eligi-
17 bility requirements under this section; and

18 “(iii) if no broadband service provider
19 submits information under clause (ii), con-
20 sider the number of providers in the group
21 or tract to be established by reference to—

22 “(I) the most current National
23 Broadband Map of the National Tele-
24 communications and Information Ad-
25 ministration; or

1 “(II) any other data regarding
2 the availability of broadband service
3 that the Secretary may collect or ob-
4 tain through reasonable efforts.”.