

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.**

**H. R. 815**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, 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. DAINES

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SUPPORTING NATIONAL SECURITY WITH SPEC-**  
3 **TRUM.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the  
5 “Supporting National Security with Spectrum Act”.

6 (b) **ADDITIONAL “RIP AND REPLACE” FUNDING.**—  
7 Section 4(k) of the Secure and Trusted Communications  
8 Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1603(k)) is amended  
9 by striking “\$1,900,000,000” and inserting  
10 “\$4,980,000,000”.

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

8 (d) FCC AUCTION 97 REAUCION OF CERTAIN LI-  
9 CENSES; COMPLETION OF REAUCION.—

10 (1) FCC AUCTION 97 REAUCION 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 REAUCION.—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.