

Senate Committee Action June 28, 2017

Telecommunications & Information Technology

Telecommunication Modernization Act (HB 1811): Becomes the AT&T Modernization bill that moves from traditional landline telephone services to modern 21st century IP telephone landline services. As well as, inserts provisions regarding the Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program, and monies used from that voluntary fund to be used by wireless carriers for education and service assistance for low-income individuals. Also, changes timelines and the number of notices from 3 to 4 for when providers can file for a change of service with the ICC and FCC, and switches the ICC and FCC process so that the ICC process must be finished before providers move to getting approval from the FCC. Also, includes a last resort of the last resort provision at the end of the bill stating that if a customer misses the boat on all four notices during the ICC and FCC processes, they can file for an appeal within 45 days of the fourth notice. Furthermore, includes amendment language to extend ComEd utility company's use of copper lines for their phone service through 2022. Other utility companies were taken off opposition through MOU's with AT&T.