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S. 690

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2023

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. CAP-ITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Network Equipment
5 Transparency Act” or the “NET Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY CHAIN CONSIDER-**
2 **ATION.**

3 Section 13 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
4 U.S.C. 163) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
6 section (e); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(d) STATUS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY
10 CHAIN.—In each report required by subsection (a), the
11 Commission shall, to the extent that data is available, de-
12 termine whether a lack of network equipment significantly
13 impacted the deployment of advanced telecommunications
14 capability during the applicable reporting period.”.

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