

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ESTES OF KANSAS**

Page 361, after line 13, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6116. TRANSPARENCY IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
2 **INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN PROGRAM.**

3 Title VI of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
4 U.S.C. 950bb et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 606. TRANSPARENCY IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
7 **INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR ASSIST-
9 ANCE.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Reg-
10 ister, and promptly make available to the public, a fully
11 searchable database on the website of Rural Utilities Serv-
12 ices that contains, at a minimum—

13 “(1) notice of each application for a loan from
14 the Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan and
15 Guarantee Program under this Act describing the
16 application, including—

17 “(A) the identity of the applicant;

18 “(B) a description of the application, in-
19 cluding—

1 “(i) each census block proposed to be
2 served by the applicant; and

3 “(ii) the amount and type of support
4 requested by the applicant;

5 “(C) the status of the application;

6 “(D) the estimated number and proportion
7 of households in each such census block that
8 are without telecommunications service; and

9 “(E) a list of the census block groups, in
10 a manner specified by the Secretary, to which
11 the applicant proposes to provide service; and

12 “(2) notice of each borrower receiving assist-
13 ance under the Telecommunications Infrastructure
14 Loan and Guarantee Program under this Act, in-
15 cluding—

16 “(A) the name of the borrower;

17 “(B) the type of assistance being received;

18 and

19 “(C) the purpose for which the borrower is
20 receiving the assistance; and

21 “(3) such other information as is sufficient to
22 allow the public to understand the assistance pro-
23 vided under the Telecommunications Infrastructure
24 Loan and Guarantee Program under this Act.

1 “(b) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT IN-
2 FORMATION.—The Secretary shall, with respect to an ap-
3 plication for a loan under the Telecommunications Infra-
4 structure Loan and Guarantee Program under this Act—

5 “(1) not less than 15 days after providing the
6 notice required by subsection (a)(1) with respect to
7 the application, provide an opportunity for an inter-
8 ested party to voluntarily submit information con-
9 cerning the services that the party offers in the cen-
10 sus blocks referred to in subsection (a)(1)(B), so
11 that the Secretary may assess whether approving the
12 application would result in any duplication of lines,
13 facilities, or systems that are providing reasonably
14 adequate services; and

15 “(2) if no interested party submits information
16 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, con-
17 sider the number of providers in the census block
18 group to be established by using broadband deploy-
19 ment data from the Federal Communications Com-
20 mission’s most recent Form 477 data collection.”.

Page 361, line 14, strike “**6116**” and insert “**6117**”.

