

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to provide for necessary payments from the Spectrum Relocation Fund for costs of spectrum research and development and planning activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Supplementing the
5 Pipeline for Efficient Control of The Resources for Users
6 Making New Opportunities for Wireless Act” or the
7 “SPECTRUM NOW Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COSTS OF SPECTRUM RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES.**

3 Section 118(g) of the National Telecommunications
4 and Information Administration Organization Act (47
5 U.S.C. 928(g)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;
8 and” and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
10 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(C) the Director of OMB may make a
13 payment described in paragraph (2) from
14 amounts in the Fund other than amounts made
15 available under subparagraphs (A) and (B) if,
16 before making the payment, the Director of
17 OMB, in consultation with NTIA, determines
18 and submits to the congressional committees
19 described in subsection (d)(2)(C) a certification
20 that—

21 “(i) the conditions described in sub-
22 clauses (I) and (II) of paragraph (2)(D)(i)
23 have been met;

24 “(ii) as of the date of the certification,
25 amounts made available under subpara-
26 graphs (A) and (B) are insufficient to

1 make the payment requested by the Fed-
2 eral entity in the plan approved under
3 paragraph (2)(E) by the Technical Panel
4 established under section 113(h)(3); and

5 “(iii) the payment will leave sufficient
6 amounts in the Fund to pay the relocation
7 or sharing costs that will be incurred by el-
8 igible Federal entities to complete the im-
9 plementation of all transition plans that,
10 as of the date of the certification, have
11 been found sufficient by the Technical
12 Panel under section 113(h)(4).”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)(D)(ii), by inserting after
14 “60 days” the following: “(or, in the case of a pay-
15 ment under paragraph (1)(C), 30 days)”.