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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 645

To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Measuring the Economic Impact of Broadband Act of 2018”.
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6 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS REGARDING THE EFFECT OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY ON THE ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES.**
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9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
5 and Transportation of the Senate;

6 (B) the Committee on Environment and
7 Public Works of the Senate;

8 (C) the Committee on Small Business and
9 Entrepreneurship of the Senate;

10 (D) the Committee on Energy and Com-
11 merce of the House of Representatives;

12 (E) the Committee on Transportation and
13 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;
14 and

15 (F) the Committee on Small Business of
16 the House of Representatives.

17 (2) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
18 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
19 Commerce for Communications and Information.

20 (3) BROADBAND.—The term “broadband”
21 means an Internet Protocol-based transmission serv-
22 ice that enables users to send and receive voice,
23 video, data, or graphics, or a combination of those
24 items.

25 (4) DIGITAL ECONOMY.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), the term “digital economy” has the
3 meaning given the term by the Secretary in car-
4 rying out this section.

5 (B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In establishing a
6 definition for the term “digital economy” under
7 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall con-
8 sider—

9 (i) the digital-enabling infrastructure
10 that a computer network needs to exist
11 and operate; and

12 (ii) the roles of e-commerce and dig-
13 ital media.

14 (5) DIGITAL MEDIA.—The term “digital media”
15 means the content that participants in e-commerce
16 create and access.

17 (6) E-COMMERCE.—The term “e-commerce”
18 means the digital transactions that take place using
19 the infrastructure described in paragraph (4)(B)(i).

20 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
21 the Secretary of Commerce.

22 (b) BIENNIAL ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS RE-
23 QUIRED.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enact-
24 ment of this Act, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary,
25 in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Eco-

1 nomic Analysis of the Department of Commerce and the
2 Assistant Secretary, shall conduct an assessment and
3 analysis regarding the contribution of the digital economy
4 to the economy of the United States.

5 (c) CONSIDERATIONS AND CONSULTATION.—In con-
6 ducting each assessment and analysis required under sub-
7 section (b), the Secretary shall—

8 (1) consider the impact of—

9 (A) the deployment and adoption of—

10 (i) digital-enabling infrastructure; and

11 (ii) broadband;

12 (B) e-commerce and platform-enabled
13 peer-to-peer commerce; and

14 (C) the production and consumption of
15 digital media, including free media; and

16 (2) consult with—

17 (A) the heads of any agencies and offices
18 of the Federal Government as the Secretary
19 considers appropriate, including the Secretary
20 of Agriculture, the Commissioner of the Bureau
21 of Labor Statistics, the Administrator of the
22 Small Business Administration, and the Federal
23 Communications Commission;

24 (B) representatives of the business commu-
25 nity, including rural and urban Internet service

1 providers and telecommunications infrastruc-
2 ture providers;

3 (C) representatives from State, local, and
4 tribal government agencies; and

5 (D) representatives from consumer and
6 community organizations.

7 (d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the ap-
8 propriate committees of Congress a report regarding the
9 findings of the Secretary with respect to each assessment
10 and analysis conducted under subsection (b).