

# AG FACT SHEET



## Overview

7.14.21 - Full Committee Business Meeting to consider of the [Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act \(HR 4374\)](#). This piece of legislation is aimed at addressing rural broadband connections. Bill will **direct \$43.2 billion toward critically needed infrastructure for rural broadband** and includes resources to ensure that this funding is used in a timely manner and accessible to rural communities with limited resources.

## Quote Highlight

*"I want to make one thing abundantly clear. This committee – the House Agriculture Committee – is taking the lead on this issue. We know what rural America needs and what they're asking for, and it's absolutely vital that House Agriculture be the guiding light on this issue." – House Agriculture Chairman David Scott of Georgia*

## Votes

Voting to advance this Bill was unanimous.

## Contact

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## Bill, By the Numbers

**Innovative Broadband**  
Authorizes **\$300 million** in appropriations

**Rural Broadband Loans/Grants**  
Provides that the ReConnect Rural Broadband Program shall be authorized to receive **\$4.5 billion** in appropriations

**Community Connect Grants**  
Authorizes **\$150 million** in appropriations

**Distance Learning & Telemedicine Loans/Grants**  
Authorizes **\$150 million** in appropriations

**Expansion of Middle Mile Infrastructure into Rural Areas**  
Authorizes **\$300 million** in appropriations

**Broadband Connectors Program**  
Authorizes up to **\$25 million** in appropriations

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