

Sanford Bishop voted against a motion increasing funding for rural utilities by one hundred twenty-five million dollars.

BACKUP:

Sanford Bishop voted Nay on a motion to recommit with instructions for H.R. 265, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019:

Editor's Note: [A motion to recommit with instructions](#) is intended to amend a bill and the proposed amendments are immediately adopted into the bill. The House of Representatives then votes immediately on the passage of the amendments.

- **Sanford Bishop voted Nay on Roll Call Vote 24.** (H.R. 265, [Roll Call Vote #24](#): Defeated 197-229-7; R 191-1-6, D 5-228-1, Bishop Vote Nay, 1/10/2019)

Representative Aderholt's motion to recommit with instructions would have allocated an additional \$125 million towards the Rural Utilities Service – Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program, which conforms to the previous appropriations bill:

- **Representative Aderholt motioned to recommit H.R. 265 with an additional \$125 million in spending inserted on page 100, line 22 of the bill.** (Congress.gov, [Congressional Record Vol. 165, No. 5](#), 1/10/2019)

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Motion to Recommit

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?
Mr. ADERHOLT. I am, in its current form.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to
recommit.
The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Aderholt moves to recommit the bill H.R. 265 to the
Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the
same back to the House forthwith with the following
amendments:
Page 2, line 7, after the first dollar amount, insert
``(reduced by $19,000,000)``.
Page 2, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert ``(reduced
by $12,000,000)``.
Page 2, line 19, after the dollar amount, insert ``(reduced
by $12,000,000)``.
Page 3, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert ``(reduced
by $2,000,000)``.
Page 3, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert ``(reduced
by $5,000,000)``.
Page 4, line 15, after the first dollar amount, insert
``(reduced by $6,000,000)``.
Page 5, line 3, after the dollar amount, insert ``(reduced
by $34,000,000)``.
Page 5, line 4, after the dollar amount, insert ``(reduced
by $10,000,000)``.
Page 5, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert ``(reduced
by $3,000,000)``.
Page 6, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert ``(reduced
by $58,000,000)``.
Page 17, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert
``(reduced by $3,000,000)``.
Page 66, line 12, after the dollar amount, insert
``(reduced by $2,000,000)``.
Page 100, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert
``(increased by $125,000,000)``.
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(Congress.gov, [Congressional Record Vol. 165, No. 5](#), 1/10/2019)

- **Page 100, line 22 of H.R. 265 appropriates \$425,000,000 to the Rural Utilities Service – Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program.** “SEC. 756. There is hereby appropriated \$425,000,000, to remain available until expended, for an additional amount for Sec. 779 of Public Law 115–141.” (Congress.gov, [H.R. 265](#), Introduced in the House of Representatives 1/8/2019)
- **Section 779 of Public Law 115 – 141, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, establishes that \$600 million be appropriated to the Rural Utilities Service – Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program for loans and grants, until expended.** “Sec. 779. For an additional amount for ‘ ‘ Rural Utilities Service- Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program”, \$600,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a new broadband loan and grant pilot program under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.).” (Gov Info, [115th Congress Public Law 141](#), Accessed 8/15/2022)

In his opposition to the motion to recommit, Sanford Bishop explained that the allocation of funds to the rural utilities program was sufficient:

- **In his opposition to Mr. Aderholt’s motion to recommit, Sanford Bishop explained that the program’s funding was already in the works and that if H.R. 265 passed as-is, the program would receive more than \$1 billion.** “Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as many know, I have been and will continue to be an advocate and a supporter of rural broadband expansion. I view it as an obligation to provide adequate service for everyone, as it is vital to health, safety, the economy, and the welfare of all of our rural communities. The \$425 million that is provided in this bill will complement the \$600 million that was provided in the FY 2018 bill, which has not yet been spent. USDA recently completed the program design, and it can now begin implementing and, if this bill is enacted, awarding over \$1 billion in broadband expansion funding to the communities that need it the most. This funding is in addition to the other programs that assist communities in getting broadband services, including the Community Connect Program, the Broadband Loan Program, and the Distance Learning and Telecommunication Program. We have funding in the works to accomplish the needs for rural broadband. We need to pass this bill because we need to open the government. We need to make sure that USDA and the Food and Drug Administration and all of the agencies that are shut down will open, and open quickly, to support the needs of the American people. Mr. Speaker, I urge that this motion to recommit be rejected, and I yield back the balance of my time.” (Congress.gov, [Congressional Record Vol. 165, No. 5](#), 1/10/2019)