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### **U.S. SENATE PASSES TRACED ACT**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – Attorney General Jason Ravensborg today praised the United States Senate as it passed, with unanimous consent, the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act sponsored by Senators John Thune (R-SD) and Ed Markey (D-MA). The Act is expected to be signed into law by President Donald Trump.

The TRACED Act was supported by 54 attorneys general through a bipartisan effort coordinated by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG). In comments from the floor of the Senate, Sen. Markey recognized NAAG and the AG's who supported the act by thanking them for "raising their voices and calling on Congress to pass this bipartisan legislation."

"I am pleased to see Congress working together on an issue that impacts all South Dakotans," said Ravensborg. "Thank you to Senator John Thune for working to provide us the tools to block unwanted calls, reduce robocalls, and hold telemarketers and robocallers accountable."

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