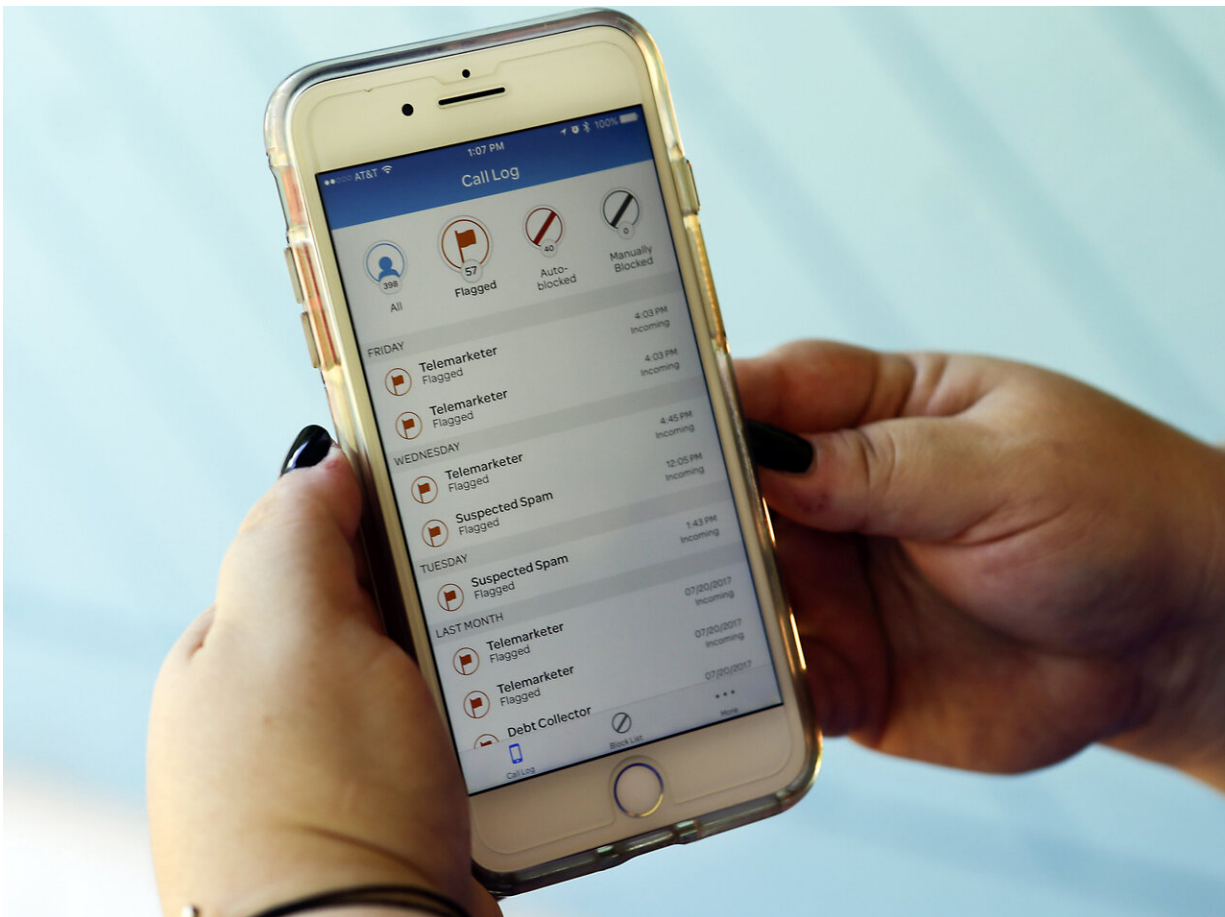


Senate passes bill meant to combat robocalls

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This Aug. 1, 2017, file photo, shows a call log displayed via an AT&T app on a cellphone in Orlando, Fla. The app helps locate and block fraudulent calls, although some robocalls do get through. The Senate has passed a bill that aims to combat the illegal robocalls torturing Americans. The Traced Act on Thursday, May 23, 2019, passed 97-1. It's not clear what will happen in the House, where the Democrats in charge have made several anti-robocall proposals. (AP Photo/John Raoux, File)

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Though the measure wouldn't eliminate all unwanted calls, it would give regulators more tools to go after scammers. It would also push [phone companies](#) to adopt new technology to combat fake phone numbers popping up on caller ID.

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The bill has support from the telecom industry and [consumer groups](#), a rare combination.

As scam call volume rises, the Federal Communications Commission is trying to nudge phone companies. The nation's communications regulator will vote in June to allow carriers to block scam calls by default for customers.

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