

1 Diversified Reporting Services, Inc.

2 RPTS CARR

3 HIF202000

4

5

6 MARKUP OF:

7 H.R. 4369, THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN ADVANCED AND  
8 CONTINUOUS PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING ACT;

9 H.R. 654, THE DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES PANDEMIC RELIEF ACT;

10 H.R. 2051, THE METHAMPHETAMINE RESPONSE ACT OF 2021;

11 H.R. 2379, THE STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT AUTHORIZATION ACT  
12 OF 2021;

13 H.R. 2364, THE SYNTHETIC OPIOID DANGER AWARENESS ACT;

14 H.R. 2355, THE OPIOID PRESCRIPTION VERIFICATION ACT OF 2021;

15 H.R. 4026, THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH DATA ANALYSIS  
16 ACT OF 2021;

17 H.R. 3743, THE SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL  
18 INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND THE REAGAN-UDALL FOUNDATION FOR THE  
19 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ACT;

20 H.R. 550, THE IMMUNIZATION INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION ACT;

21 H.R. 1550, THE PREVENT HPV CANCERS ACT OF 2021;

22 H.R. 951, THE MATERNAL VACCINATION ACT;

23 H.R. 4387, THE MATERNAL HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF  
24 2021;

25 H.R. 3742, THE VACCINE INFO ACT;

26 H.R. 2347, THE STRENGTHENING THE VACCINES FOR CHILDREN ACT OF  
27 2021;

28 H.R. 3894, THE CARING FOR SOCIAL DETERMINANTS ACT OF 2021;  
29 H.R. 4406, THE SUPPORTING MEDICAID IN THE U.S. TERRITORIES  
30 ACT;  
31 H.R. 2685, THE UNDERSTANDING CYBERSECURITY OF MOBILE NETWORKS  
32 ACT;  
33 H.R. 3919, THE SECURE EQUIPMENT ACT OF 2021;  
34 H.R. 4028, THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY  
35 STRATEGY ACT;  
36 H.R. 4032, THE OPEN RAN OUTREACH ACT;  
37 H.R. 4045, THE FUTURE NETWORKS ACT;  
38 H.R. 4046, THE NTIA POLICY AND CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION  
39 ACT;  
40 H.R. 4055, THE AMERICAN CYBERSECURITY LITERACY ACT; AND  
41 H.R. 4067, THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ADVISORY ACT OF 2021  
42 WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021  
43 House of Representatives,  
44 Committee on Energy and Commerce,  
45 Washington, D.C.

46

47

48 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:07 a.m. in  
49 Room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Frank Pallone  
50 [chairman of the committee] presiding.

51

52 Present: Representatives Pallone, Rush, Eshoo, DeGette,  
53 Doyle, Schakowsky, Butterfield, Matsui, Castor, McNerney,  
54 Welch, Tonko, Clarke, Schrader, Cardenas, Ruiz, Peters,  
55 Dingell, Veasey, Kuster, Kelly, Barragan, Blunt Rochester,  
56 Soto, O'Halleran, Rice, Craig, Schrier, Trahan, Fletcher;  
57 Rodgers, Upton, Burgess, Scalise, Latta, Guthrie, McKinley,  
58 Kinzinger, Griffith, Bilirakis, Johnson, Long, Bucshon,  
59 Hudson, Walberg, Duncan, Palmer, Dunn, Curtis, Lesko, Pence,  
60 Crenshaw, Joyce, and Armstrong.

61

62 Staff Present: Jacquelyn Bolen, Health Counsel; Jeff  
63 Carroll, Staff Director; Jennifer Epperson, Counsel; Waverly  
64 Gordon, General Counsel; Jessica Grandberry, Staff Assistant;  
65 Tiffany Guarascio, Deputy Staff Director; Perry Hamilton,  
66 Deputy Chief Clerk; Stephen Holland, Health Counsel; Zach  
67 Kahan, Deputy Director Outreach and Member Service; Rick  
68 Kessler, Senior Advisor and Staff Director, Energy and  
69 Environment; Saha Khaterzal, Professional Staff Member;  
70 Mackenzie Kuhl, Press Assistant; Una Lee, Chief Health  
71 Counsel; Jerry Leverich, Senior Counsel; David Miller,  
72 Counsel; Meghan Mullon, Policy Analyst; Joe Orlando, Policy  
73 Analyst; Tim Robinson, Chief Counsel; Chloe Rodriguez, Deputy  
74 Chief Clerk; Kylea Rogers, Staff Assistant; Andrew Souvall,  
75 Director of Communications, Outreach, and Member Services;  
76 Rebecca Tomilchik, Policy Analyst; Kimberlee Trzeciak, Chief

77 Health Advisor; Caroline Wood, Staff Assistant; Alec  
78 Aramanda, Minority Professional Staff Member, Health; Kate  
79 Arey, Minority Content Manager and Digital Assistant; Sarah  
80 Burke, Minority Deputy Staff Director; Theresa Gambo,  
81 Minority Financial and Office Administrator; Seth Gold,  
82 Minority Professional Staff Member, Health; Grace Graham,  
83 Minority Chief Counsel, Health; Nate Hodson, Minority Staff  
84 Director; Peter Kielty, Minority General Counsel; Emily King,  
85 Minority Member Services Director; Bijan Koohmaraie, Minority  
86 Chief Counsel; Tim Kurth, Minority Chief Counsel, CPC; Kate  
87 O'Connor, Minority Chief Counsel, C&T; Clare Paoletta,  
88 Minority Policy Analyst, Health; Kristin Seum, Minority  
89 Counsel, Health; Kristen Shatynski, Minority Professional  
90 Staff Member, Health; Michael Taggart, Minority Policy  
91 Director; and Evan Viau, Minority Staff Member, C&T.  
92

93           \*The Chairman. The committee will come to order, and we  
94 are meeting today to consider 24 bills.

95           Before we do opening statements, let me make some  
96 remarks about the process.

97           Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, members can  
98 participate in today's markup either in person or remotely  
99 via online video conferencing. Members who are not  
100 vaccinated and participating in person must wear a mask and  
101 be socially distanced. Such members may remove their masks  
102 when they are under recognition and speaking from a  
103 microphone. Staff and press who are not vaccinated and  
104 present in the committee room must wear a mask at all times  
105 and be socially distanced.

106           Members participating remotely, your microphones will be  
107 set on mute for the purpose of eliminating inadvertent  
108 background noise. Members participating remotely will need  
109 to unmute your microphone each time you wish to speak.  
110 Please note that, once you unmute your microphone, anything  
111 that is said in Webex will be heard over the loudspeakers in  
112 the committee room, and subject to be heard by the live  
113 stream and C-SPAN.

114           Additionally, I ask that members participating remotely  
115 use the raise hand feature of the software platform when you  
116 wish to be recognized, including to give an opening statement  
117 or to offer an amendment. After you are recognized to speak,

118 please use the lower hand feature of the software platform,  
119 so that I know you are no longer seeking recognition.

120         During voice votes members participating remotely will  
121 need to unmute yourself, so that we can hear your response.  
122 If you would like to request a recorded vote, please do so  
123 immediately after you respond to the voice vote.

124         During recorded votes you will need to unmute yourself  
125 to respond to the clerk once your name is called. And in  
126 responding to the clerk, I ask that, instead of just saying  
127 aye or no, that you respond with a phrase like, "Frank  
128 Pallone from New Jersey votes aye.'" This will provide  
129 additional time for the voting members to be identified and  
130 made visible on the platform.

131         Since members are participating from different  
132 locations, all recognition of members will be in the order of  
133 full committee seniority.

134         During this markup amendments will be sent to members  
135 electronically, as we did during virtual markups. Members  
136 participating in person should not bring paper copies of  
137 their amendments to the clerk's desk. If a member  
138 participating in person would like a paper copy of an  
139 amendment or bill, please let staff know during the  
140 consideration of the amendment or bill.

141         Finally, amendments and motions should be sent to Chloe  
142 Rodriguez, who is here, and Perry Hamilton, and documents for

143 the record to Ed Kacsmarski at the email addresses we  
144 provided to staff. All documents will be entered into the  
145 record at the conclusion of the markup.

146 So that is that, but let me also add this. At  
147 approximately 12:00 noon we are going to go into -- the  
148 committee will go into recess so that we can go to the floor  
149 on PFAS, right? I know members want to speak, and that is  
150 our bill that is on the floor. And we will return  
151 immediately following the last amendment -- immediately  
152 following the votes.

153 So let me start over again. So around noon we are going  
154 to recess. We are going to do general debate, amendments,  
155 and then votes. All that process should take, I would say,  
156 at least two hours. So they are probably going to call votes  
157 around 1:45. They will be over maybe, like, 2:30, 2:45, and  
158 then I would ask you to come back. So it is going to be,  
159 like, at least a two-and-a-half-hour recess just to deal with  
160 PFAS, which I think is the only bill. But please come back  
161 immediately after the last vote, so we can continue and  
162 finish the markup, since we have 24 bills.

163 So I am now going to recognize myself for an opening  
164 statement, and say that today the full committee will be  
165 marking up 24 bills that will continue our work of  
166 strengthening and improving our public health and health care  
167 system, and bolstering the security of our telecommunications

168 networks and supply chains.

169 We will begin by considering 16 health bills that came  
170 out of the Health Subcommittee.

171 First up will be bipartisan legislation to foster the  
172 development of advanced and continuous pharmaceutical  
173 manufacturing technology. This bill will lead to a more  
174 nimble and efficient mode of drug production at universities  
175 across the country, including Rutgers in my district. We are  
176 hopeful this will help prevent future drug shortages and  
177 other supply chain interruptions, while bringing jobs back to  
178 the U.S.

179 We will also take up legislation that will provide  
180 resources and support to help Americans impacted by the  
181 ongoing opioid and substance use disorder epidemic. Our  
182 continued work in this area is critical, since overdose  
183 deaths reached tragic heights last year.

184 The committee is also considering legislation intended  
185 to improve our public health infrastructure, address social  
186 determinants of health, improve maternal health outcomes, and  
187 increase access to lifesaving vaccines. The COVID-19 crisis  
188 has underscored the importance of investing in our nation's  
189 public health system to both prevent and quickly respond to  
190 future public health emergencies, and that is exactly what  
191 these bills are intended to do.

192 And finally, on the health front, we will consider



193 bipartisan legislation led by Representatives Soto and  
194 Bilirakis to prevent a fiscal cliff for millions of American  
195 citizens who rely on Medicaid in the U.S. territories. This  
196 bill would be the longest extension of increased Medicaid  
197 funding for the U.S. territories in more than a decade.  
198 While I believe we must find a permanent Medicaid funding  
199 solution, I believe this is a very strong bill, worthy of  
200 bipartisan support.

201         We will then move to the eight bills related to our  
202 communications networks. Collectively, these bills will only  
203 further our commitment to increasing the safety and security  
204 of our networks and supply chains, while at the same time  
205 increasing competition and innovation in the  
206 telecommunications marketplace. And as we move forward on  
207 this critical issue, we need to make sure that Americans  
208 across our country have the ability to leverage the great  
209 tech advances of our time in a manner that improves their  
210 lives. It is also vital that we help them understand and  
211 mitigate the risks that come with sophisticated, new, and  
212 more complex technologies.

213         So this suite of bills will help inform consumers and  
214 smaller providers about the risks and benefits of new  
215 communications technologies, and provide stability and  
216 structure for the Federal Government to work with the private  
217 sector to keep us safe.

218           So again, I want to thank the ranking member. It was  
219 tremendous bipartisan cooperation to get us to this markup  
220 today. And thank you all on both sides of the aisle.

221           And now I will recognize the ranking member for her  
222 opening statement.

223           \*Mrs. Rodgers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good  
224 morning, everyone.

225           Today is a good example of what we can accomplish when  
226 we plow the hard ground necessary to legislate. We are  
227 moving more than 20 bills to modernize our health care  
228 system, lower costs, ensure a robust and secure  
229 communications network, and improve people's lives.

230           After a year of lockdowns, our communities are battling  
231 the depths of despair. I am very concerned about the  
232 increase in mental health emergencies, especially among young  
233 adults and children. During the pandemic, overdose deaths  
234 also were a record high. This hits close to home for all of  
235 us. On Saturday I attended the memorial service for a young  
236 mom in my community who fought addiction and, sadly,  
237 overdosed. For me, I think about the two teenagers who last  
238 -- we lost last fall to potential fentanyl exposure.

239           Today we are moving five bipartisan solutions to address  
240 opioid and stimulant use disorders. We must build on this  
241 work by, first, making the placement of fentanyl analogs in  
242 schedule I permanent. Law enforcement needs this tool to

243 keep deadly fentanyl analogs from coming across the border  
244 and off our streets.

245 Second, we also need to work to reauthorize programs at  
246 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
247 that expire next year, including those that we worked on  
248 together in previous historic opioid packages to combat the  
249 opioid epidemic.

250 In addition, today we are advancing bipartisan solutions  
251 to unleash innovation, boost access to vaccines, and improve  
252 public health.

253 I would also like to commend the bipartisan work to  
254 extend Medicaid funding for the territories, with the bill  
255 led by Representatives Bilirakis and Soto. I am grateful for  
256 the hard work of my friends and colleagues, the congresswoman  
257 from Puerto Rico, Jenniffer Gonzalez, and Congresswoman Amata  
258 Radewagen.

259 I am also pleased that we are taking action on eight  
260 bipartisan solutions that will strengthen the security of our  
261 networks as industry deploys advanced technologies. With  
262 recent cyber attacks, it is our duty to find solutions that  
263 ensure a robust and secure supply chain for our  
264 communications networks.

265 Finally, before we begin, I must note my concern about  
266 the majority's latest tax-and-spend proposal that is in the  
267 news for more command and control over our health care. This

268 markup proves that we can work together, and it leads to  
269 better outcomes and stronger legislation. I ask the  
270 question: Why draft and rush such a large, partisan bill  
271 behind closed doors, with proposals to federalize Medicaid,  
272 Medicare for All, and include the Speaker's drug pricing  
273 scheme?

274       Republicans stand ready to work together to lower health  
275 care costs, including prescription drug prices. How about we  
276 work this fall, together, to address the substance use  
277 disorder and mental health crisis facing Americans, rather  
278 than more government spending, when we are already seeing the  
279 negative consequences, prices on everything -- gas and  
280 groceries are skyrocketing?

281       Today's markup proves what we can achieve. We stand  
282 ready to work. And with that, I yield back.

283       \*The Chairman. I want to thank Mrs. Rodgers, and now  
284 move to our subcommittee leaders.

285       I recognize Ms. Eshoo, chairwoman of the Subcommittee on  
286 Health, for three minutes for an opening statement.

287       \*Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

288       Our committee marks up 24 bipartisan bills today to  
289 improve the health of families across the country, and  
290 improve the cybersecurity of our communications networks. I  
291 am very proud that 16 of the bills were heard and developed  
292 by the Health Subcommittee, and pleased to have led or co-led

293 4 of the bills under consideration today. Health  
294 Subcommittee members worked together to tackle hard problems  
295 related to substance use treatment, vaccine access, and the  
296 social inequities that result in poor health outcomes.

297 Five of the bills we are marking up help address the  
298 overdose crisis our nation currently faces. In 2020 there  
299 were 93,000 overdose deaths, a 30 percent increase, making  
300 2020 the deadliest year for overdoses on record. The bills  
301 we are considering today will strengthen the resources that  
302 our local communities rely on to combat the overdose  
303 epidemic.

304 We will mark up six bills that aim to ensure that every  
305 American, no matter their age, race, or income, are empowered  
306 to receive the dose of hope: vaccine protection. We have  
307 100 million Americans today that remain unvaccinated.

308 The other bills use public health data to address health  
309 disparities, starting before conception, through childhood,  
310 and into adulthood, including the startling health inequities  
311 new mothers face in our country.

312 Most importantly, our committee worked together to  
313 negotiate a long-term solution to the Medicaid funding cliff  
314 Americans in the U.S. territories face beginning October 1st.  
315 So I am very pleased that we have bipartisan agreement to  
316 increase the funding and the Federal match for most of the  
317 territories for eight years, and five years for Puerto Rico.

318 I am also pleased that we will be considering three  
319 bipartisan bills I have co-led that improve cybersecurity  
320 literacy, protect our telecom networks from national security  
321 threats, and help us develop a deeper knowledge of the cyber  
322 vulnerabilities in our 2G, 3G, and 4G networks.

323 Today will be a productive day for the Energy and  
324 Commerce Committee, and I look forward to passing these 24  
325 bills which will make Americans healthier and safer.

326 And I yield back.

327 \*The Chairman. Thank you, Ms. Eshoo. I now recognize  
328 Mr. Guthrie, ranking member of the Subcommittee on Health,  
329 for three minutes.

330 \*Mr. Guthrie. Thank you, Chairman Pallone, for holding  
331 this markup.

332 Before us today we have several bills that address  
333 important issues. And I want to thank the majority and  
334 minority committee staff for their very hard work on these  
335 bills.

336 I am pleased to see H.R. 4032, the Open RAN Outreach  
337 Act, that I introduced with Representatives Allred,  
338 O'Halleran, and Hudson; and H.R. 4369, the National Centers  
339 for (sic) Excellence in Advanced and Continuous  
340 Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, that I introduced with Chairman  
341 Pallone, before us today. This advanced and continuous  
342 manufacturing bill will create partnerships between the FDA

343 and universities to research and develop innovative advanced  
344 manufacturing technologies. This bill is important as we  
345 work to ensure our drug supply chain does not depend too  
346 heavily on other countries, such as China.

347 Today's markup also includes bills to address substance  
348 use disorders after preliminary data from CDC released last  
349 week showed record high overdose deaths. We lost an  
350 estimated 93,331 people in the U.S. to overdoses in 2020,  
351 which is the highest annual jump in at least 3 decades. One  
352 of the driving forces for this surge is -- in overdose deaths  
353 as fentanyl, which the CDC data showed played a role in more  
354 than 60 percent of overdose deaths.

355 Before us today we have H.R. 2364, the Synthetic Opioid  
356 Danger Awareness Act. This would direct the CDC and other  
357 Federal agencies to conduct a public awareness campaign on  
358 the dangers of synthetic opioids.

359 We must do more than a public awareness campaign. Just  
360 the El Paso sector of the Border Patrol has -- just the El  
361 Paso sector alone of the Border Patrol has confiscated 41  
362 pounds of fentanyl this year. In 2019 the El Paso sector  
363 found 2 pounds of fentanyl, and 9 pounds of fentanyl in 2020.  
364 Keep in mind, roughly 2.2 pounds of fentanyl can kill up to  
365 500,000 people. The current temporary scheduling of fentanyl  
366 analogs expires on October 22nd, 2021. We must permanently  
367 add fentanyl analogs to the DEA schedule of I -- schedule I

368 of scheduled drugs.

369 Today we are also examining several bills pertaining to  
370 vaccines. I support efforts to give every American the  
371 opportunity to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and other  
372 preventable diseases, when a vaccination is recommended.

373 Lastly, we are examining the Medicaid funding for the  
374 territories. I am encouraged by this bipartisan agreement,  
375 and to see the program integrity measures included. However,  
376 we must still work together to ensure this bill and other  
377 bills are paid for.

378 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

379 \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Guthrie. Mr. Doyle is  
380 with us virtually.

381 Did you want to make an opening statement?

382 \*Mr. Doyle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be brief.

383 Just once again, the Energy and Commerce Committee has  
384 demonstrated its ability to get legislation done, and to do  
385 it in a bipartisan manner. I support all 24 bills, and look  
386 forward to getting them to the House floor, so that we can  
387 get them passed there.

388 Thank you, I yield back.

389 \*The Chairman. Thank you. And next we go to Mr. Latta,  
390 who is the ranking member of the Subcommittee on  
391 Communications and Technology.

392 You are recognized.



393           \*Mr. Latta. Well, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman,  
394 and I also want to thank the ranking member for today's  
395 markup, where we will be considering eight bills from the  
396 Communications and Technology Subcommittee. These bills  
397 build on the committee's recent work to secure our  
398 communications network and supply chains from untrusted  
399 vendors like Huawei and ZTE.

400           I am pleased to say that the bills before us were  
401 discussed in an oversight hearing, and further reviewed in a  
402 legislative hearing in the last few months. While the  
403 subcommittee did not mark up these bills, each has bipartisan  
404 support, and is critical for advancing United States  
405 leadership and for improving the Federal Government's  
406 response to potential future threats.

407           I would like to thank my Republican colleagues for their  
408 work spearheading several of the bills before the committee,  
409 and my friends across the aisle for their willingness to make  
410 improvements to all the bills we are considering today.

411           With that, Mr. Chairman, I look forward today's markup,  
412 and I yield back.

413           \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Latta.

414           So now, any other member who wants to be recognized for  
415 an opening for one minute, let's see hands.

416           Mr. -- anybody? Nobody on our side?

417           Mr. Pence is recognized.

418           \*Mr. Pence. Thank you, Chairman Pallone and Ranking  
419 Member Rodgers, for holding this markup today.

420           The 24 bills under consideration touch everything from  
421 opioid abuse and maternal health to protecting our  
422 telecommunication networks from national security threats. I  
423 would like to take a moment to rise in support of the work  
424 this committee has done on a bipartisan basis. I am proud to  
425 be part of an esteemed committee that can put partisan  
426 differences aside for the sake of our constituents. It is  
427 clear, with this slate of bills before us today, that we are  
428 more productive for the American people when we work across  
429 party lines.

430           I want to thank my colleagues for the work in moving  
431 these bills forward, including the Secure Equipment Act,  
432 which I am proud to have joined as a cosponsor with  
433 Congressman Scalise and Congresswoman Eshoo.

434           I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to  
435 continue down this partisan -- bipartisan path. I yield  
436 back.

437           \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Pence.

438           Anyone else who is here, in person?

439           Do we have anyone on virtually? No? All right, then we  
440 are going to move on.

441           Let me just say that concludes opening statements.

442           Pursuant to committee rules, members' written opening

443 statements shall be made part of the record. Please submit  
444 written opening statements electronically to the email  
445 address that we have provided.

446 So at this time we will begin bill consideration, and  
447 the chair calls up H.R. 4369, the National Centers of  
448 Excellence in Advanced and Continuous Pharmaceutical  
449 Manufacturing Act, as forwarded by the Subcommittee on  
450 Health, and the clerk will report the bill.

451 \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 4369, a bill to  
452 amend the 21st Century Cures Act --

453 \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
454 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with, and the  
455 bill is now considered as read.

456 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
457 and open for amendment at any point.

458 [The bill follows:]

459

460 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

461

462           \*The Chairman. I have an amendment, but I don't know if  
463 anyone wants to seek recognition to speak on the underlying  
464 bill before we proceed to amendments.

465           No? Okay, then I will recognize myself for the purpose  
466 of speaking on an amendment.

467           The name, Madam Clerk, the file name -- I guess it is  
468 Pallone 01. Do you have it?

469           \*The Clerk. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

470           \*The Chairman. All right. Will the clerk call up the  
471 amendment?

472           \*The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 4369, offered by Mr.  
473 Pallone of New Jersey. Page 9, lines 5 through 8 --

474           \*The Chairman. Without objection, the reading of the  
475 amendment is dispensed with, and the amendment is now  
476 considered as read.

477           [The amendment of The Chairman follows:]

478

479           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

480

481           \*The Chairman. And we will proceed with the amendment,  
482 and I will strike the last word in support of it.

483           As I stated before, the need to invest and support  
484 domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing is critical. Many of  
485 the supplies we rely on for pharmaceuticals, whether they be  
486 active ingredients, raw material, or glass vials, are  
487 produced largely overseas. This bill would invest critical  
488 resources into advanced and continuous manufacturing  
489 development by designating institutions of higher education  
490 as national centers of excellence. These centers would work  
491 closely with industry and the FDA to facilitate further  
492 research and development in advanced and continuous  
493 manufacturing technologies, support regulatory guidance and  
494 expertise, and develop an advanced manufacturing workforce  
495 here in the United States.

496           I believe these centers will be critical to helping  
497 industry and FDA advance this technology here at home,  
498 encourage greater utilization, and, hopefully, help bring  
499 pharmaceutical manufacturing jobs back to the U.S.

500           The amendment offered today is -- by myself and my  
501 colleague, Ranking Member Guthrie -- as well as the bill --  
502 will ensure that the majority of the funding made available  
503 for the program is awarded directly to the centers of  
504 excellence chosen to participate, while also preserving  
505 resources for FDA to offer technical assistance, guidance, or

506 training. And I believe this amendment strikes the balance  
507 of providing the centers with the vast majority of the  
508 funding appropriated, but still allowing for administrative  
509 expenses needed to successfully run the program.

510 So I thank Congressman Guthrie and his staff for working  
511 with me on this bipartisan amendment and underlying bill. I  
512 hope the House will pass this bill again soon, and that  
513 Congress will see action in the Senate. And I urge my  
514 colleagues to support the amendment and the underlying bill,  
515 and I yield back.

516 \*Mr. Guthrie. Will the chairman yield?

517 \*The Chairman. Yes, Mr. Guthrie is recognized.

518 \*Mr. Guthrie. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate you  
519 working with me on this bill for the National Centers of  
520 Excellence in Advancing Continuous Pharmaceutical  
521 Manufacturing Act.

522 This legislation would direct FDA to designate up to  
523 five higher education institutions as national centers of  
524 excellence in order to create a national framework for the  
525 implementation of advanced and continuous manufacturing  
526 technology. This technology will help prevent drug  
527 shortages, and allow Americans to scale up production for  
528 drugs more easily, which can help us be better prepared for  
529 future public health emergencies.

530 Given the potential this technology holds, I am pleased

531 we are moving this bipartisan legislation forward. I urge my  
532 colleagues to support the amendment being offered by the  
533 chair, and also the underlying bill, and I yield back to the  
534 chair.

535 \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Guthrie.

536 Does anyone else want to speak on this amendment?

537 Nobody virtually? All right. Then we are going to  
538 proceed. If there is no further debate, we will proceed to a  
539 vote on the amendment.

540 All those in favor of the amendment will signify by  
541 saying aye.

542 All those opposed will say no.

543 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, the  
544 amendment is agreed to.

545 Are there further amendments to the bill?

546 It does not appear that we do have any further  
547 amendments, so we will move to final passage of the bill.

548 The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
549 4369, as amended, to the full House.

550 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4369, as amended,  
551 to the House will signify by saying aye.

552 All those opposed will signify by saying no.

553 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and we  
554 will simply announce that H.R. 4369, as amended, is reported  
555 to the full House. Thank you, everybody.

556           The next bill, the chair calls up H.R. 654, the Drug-  
557 Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act, as forwarded by the  
558 Subcommittee on Health. And the clerk will report the bill.

559           \*The Clerk. H.R. 654, to provide the administrator --

560           \*The Chairman. And without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
561 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
562 is now considered as read.

563           [The bill follows:]

564

565           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

566



567           \*The Chairman. And without objection, the bill is  
568 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

569           Are there members seeking recognition to speak on the  
570 underlying bill?

571           Seeing none, are there any members seeking to offer  
572 amendments, bipartisan or otherwise?

573           No? Nobody wants to talk? Okay, then we will proceed.  
574 This looks like this is going well today. We will proceed --  
575 if there is no further debate, we will proceed to a vote,  
576 okay?

577           The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R. 654,  
578 as amended, to the House.

579           All those in favor of reporting H.R. 654, as amended, to  
580 the House will signify by saying aye.

581           And all those opposed will say no.

582           And in the opinion of the chair the ayes have it.

583           And therefore, H.R. 654, as amended, is reported to the  
584 House.

585           The next bill up for consideration, the chair calls up  
586 H.R. 2051, the Methamphetamine Response Act of 2021. The  
587 clerk will report the bill.

588           \*The Clerk. H.R. 2051, a bill to designate  
589 methamphetamine as an emerging threat --

590           \*The Chairman. And without objection, Madam Clerk,  
591 without objection, the first reading of the bill will be

592 dispensed with. The bill is now considered as read.

593 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
594 and open for amendment at any point.

595 [The bill follows:]

596

597 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

598

599           \*The Chairman. Are there --

600           \*Mr. Peters. Mr. Chairman?

601           \*The Chairman. Yes, Mr. Peters is recognized to speak  
602 on the underlying bill for five minutes.

603           \*Mr. Peters. Thank you. I move to strike the word.

604           I want to thank you for including the Methamphetamine  
605 Response Act in this markup. I want to thank my good friend,  
606 Mr. Curtis, for all his work on this important bill, and for  
607 guiding the bill out of the Health Subcommittee. The  
608 Methamphetamine Response Act is a straightforward bill that  
609 requires the Office of National Drug Control Policy to  
610 develop and implement a national plan to mitigate the rising  
611 tide of methamphetamine addiction and overdose.

612           While methamphetamine has long been a public health  
613 concern, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a sharp increase in  
614 fatal drug overdoses. In 2020 we saw more Americans die from  
615 stimulants like methamphetamine than has never been recorded  
616 before.

617           Congress has a strong track record on dampening the  
618 proliferation of methamphetamine, and this bill will continue  
619 that tradition. After the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic  
620 Act of 2005 was implemented, Americans who purchased over-  
621 the-counter drugs that could be used to make methamphetamine,  
622 such as pseudoephedrine, were logged and limited in the  
623 quantities they could buy. This dramatically cut down on

624 domestic methamphetamine production. However, drug  
625 traffickers then began moving meth in from other locations,  
626 like through the U.S.-Mexico border in San Diego.

627 Recent historic seizures by the DEA in San Diego, Utah,  
628 and elsewhere indicate the severity of the current problem,  
629 and the sheer volume that is circulating on our streets. The  
630 Methamphetamine Response Act will directly address this  
631 growing threat.

632 I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I now  
633 yield my time to my friend --

634 \*Mr. Curtis. Will the gentleman yield?

635 \*Mr. Peters. -- yield my time to my friend from Utah,  
636 Mr. Curtis.

637 \*Mr. Curtis. Thank you, Mr. Peters.

638 I would like to associate myself with the comments from  
639 -- with my friend from San Diego, from California. I urge  
640 our colleagues to support this bill, and yield back the  
641 balance of my time.

642 \*Mr. Peters. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I yield back.

643 \*The Chairman. Thank you both.

644 Does anyone else want to speak on the underlying bill?

645 Hearing none, are there any amendments to the bill?

646 Seeing none, the question now occurs on favorably  
647 reporting H.R. 2051 to the full House.

648 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 2051 to the House

649 will signify by saying aye.

650 All those opposed will say no.

651 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. And as a  
652 result, H.R. 2051 is reported to the House.

653 The next bill -- okay, the chair calls up H.R. 2379, the  
654 State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act of 2021, as  
655 forwarded by the Subcommittee on Health. And the clerk will  
656 report the bill.

657 \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 2379, to amend --

658 \*The Chairman. And without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
659 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
660 is now considered as read.

661 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
662 and open for amendment at any point.

663 [The bill follows:]

664

665 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

666

667           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
668 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

669           \*Ms. Kuster. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
670 word.

671           \*The Chairman. Is that --

672           \*Ms. Kuster. It is Congresswoman Kuster.

673           \*The Chairman. Ms. -- the gentlewoman from New  
674 Hampshire is recognized for five minutes.

675           \*Ms. Kuster. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike  
676 the last word, and I am proud to speak in support of H.R.  
677 2379, the State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act.

678           As the founder and current co-chair of the Bipartisan  
679 Addiction and Mental Health Task Force, I have heard from  
680 countless -- experts on how -- are for those on the front  
681 lines of the substance use disorder crisis. The state opioid  
682 response grants help treatment providers, first responders,  
683 and families who face the incredible challenge of this opioid  
684 epidemic every single day.

685           More than ever, the state opioid response grants are  
686 needed, as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic and the existing  
687 addiction epidemic. According to the CDC data released just  
688 last week, over 93,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in  
689 2020, an increase of nearly 30 percent from the 72,000 deaths  
690 in 2019. We must continue to prioritize this issue, and  
691 commit the long-term resources so that states across this

692 country can turn the tide on the overdose crisis.

693 I am proud to cosponsor this legislation, introduced by  
694 my co-chair on the Bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health  
695 Task Force, Congressman David Trone, and I urge my colleagues  
696 to support this crucial legislation.

697 Thank you, and I yield back.

698 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. A beautifully  
699 decorated office you have there, we can see.

700 Mr. Armstrong is recognized for five minutes.

701 \*Mr. Armstrong. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to  
702 strike the last word.

703 The State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act would  
704 authorize funding and expand the scope of state opioid  
705 response grants.

706 We all have seen the recent news that drug overdose  
707 deaths have hit 93,300 in 2020. While much of our attention  
708 is focused on fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot  
709 ignore the epidemic of opioid addiction and substance abuse,  
710 which are still ravaging communities across the country.

711 The grants authorized by this bill would provide funding  
712 to state and tribal governments to reduce overdose-related  
713 deaths through prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts.  
714 While Congress has appropriated funds for this grant program  
715 since 2018, formal authorization is important because it  
716 provides stable and reliable funding to local communities

717 that are on the front lines of responding to this crisis.

718         And this crisis has varying effects across states and  
719 communities. Therefore, it is essential to have local  
720 stakeholders at the table when making these decisions. While  
721 the Federal Government certainly has a role to play in  
722 combating the opioid crisis, state and local communities are  
723 best equipped to enact meaningful change. The bill empowers  
724 state and local communities to combat the opioid crisis in a  
725 way that best -- that is best for their citizens. And when  
726 talking about this, I often say that we have to fight these  
727 crises with the services we have, not the services we wish we  
728 had.

729         Additionally, this bill expands the scope of grants from  
730 specifically addressing opioids to addressing substance --  
731 other substance abuse disorders more broadly.

732         The amendment makes technical changes ensuring stimulant  
733 or misuse is accounted for in funding allocation and reports  
734 to Congress, aligning these sections with other sections of  
735 the underlying bill that expand the scope of the grant  
736 program.

737         This bipartisan bill passed the House last Congress, and  
738 I urge my colleagues to support the amendment and the bill's  
739 passage through committee.

740         Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

741         \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Armstrong.



742 Does anyone else want to speak on the underlying bill?

743 All right, then we will proceed --

744 \*Mrs. Trahan. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
745 word.

746 \*The Chairman. Mrs. Trahan, this is on the underlying  
747 bill, or you want to offer the amendment?

748 \*Mrs. Trahan. I have an amendment at the desk.

749 \*The Chairman. All right, we will proceed to that.

750 Do we have, Madam Clerk, the Trahan amendment?

751 \*Voice. Yes.

752 \*The Chairman. Okay. Will the clerk report the  
753 amendment?

754 \*The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 2379, offered by Mrs.  
755 Trahan of Massachusetts.

756 \*The Chairman. And without objection, the reading of  
757 the Trahan amendment will be dispensed with.

758 [The amendment of Mrs. Trahan follows:]

759

760 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

761

762           \*The Chairman. And the gentlewoman from Massachusetts  
763 is recognized for five minutes.

764           \*Mrs. Trahan. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like to  
765 strike the last word, and speak in support of my amendment  
766 and the underlying bill, H.R. 2379, the State Opioid Response  
767 Grant Authorization Act of 2021.

768           Opioids are the leading cause of drug overdose deaths in  
769 our country. The CDC recently released new numbers of  
770 overdose deaths, and the numbers are staggering. Deaths from  
771 opioid overdoses increased by 37 percent last year, with over  
772 68,000 people dying in 2020 due to an opioid overdose. And  
773 opioid misuse continues to be a crisis in this country, and  
774 the bill before us today will authorize and expand grants  
775 available to states today to manage the ongoing and worsening  
776 opioid crisis.

777           This bill will ensure that there is continued funding  
778 for effective, evidence-based programs that work for the  
779 prevention, treatment, and management of opioid misuse. And  
780 the funding from this legislation goes directly into  
781 prevention efforts, better monitoring of prescription drugs,  
782 training for health care providers, treatment for patients  
783 with opioid use disorder, and provision of recovery support  
784 services.

785           In addition to rising deaths from opioid overdose,  
786 deaths from overdoses of stimulants is also on the rise, with

787 over 24,000 deaths last year attributed to stimulant misuse.  
788 This is 2 times higher than the rates we saw in 2018. So  
789 this amendment that I am offering today with Representative  
790 Armstrong makes technical changes to the language in this  
791 bill to ensure funds be used to address misuse of stimulants,  
792 as well as opioids.

793 This bill was passed by the House last year unanimously,  
794 and it is my hope that we can work to pass it again swiftly.  
795 So I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bipartisan  
796 bill that directly addresses the opioid crisis that has  
797 devastated the lives of too many families across our country.

798 And with that, Mr. Chair, I yield back. Thank you.

799 \*The Chairman. I thank Mrs. Trahan. Is there anyone  
800 else who wants to speak on the Trahan amendment?

801 Ms. Schakowsky is recognized.

802 \*Ms. Schakowsky. This is --

803 \*The Chairman. This is on the --

804 \*Ms. Schakowsky. H.R. 2379?

805 \*The Chairman. Yes.

806 \*Ms. Schakowsky. Thank you, yes.

807 \*The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

808 \*Ms. Schakowsky. Thank you. I seek to address the  
809 House -- address the committee.

810 So it has already been said, but I want to just repeat  
811 it once again, how much during the first 8 months of 2020

812 that the epidemic has increased in almost every state, and  
813 that includes my state of Illinois. It is such a terrible  
814 burden on and such a toll on mental health and physical  
815 health of American workers.

816 And so, on behalf of those workers, I just -- I wanted  
817 to say that we need to overcome addiction, and it is vital  
818 that we make sure that our workers, who are in the -- both  
819 the health and the mental health field, have the support that  
820 they need, and that there is uninterrupted access to the  
821 resources and the care that they need.

822 And with that I yield back, thank you.

823 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Anyone else  
824 want to speak on the Trahan amendment?

825 All right, then we will move to a vote on the amendment.

826 All those in favor of the Trahan amendment will signify  
827 by saying aye.

828 All those -- I got to wait for the delayed reaction.

829 All right.

830 All those opposed will say no.

831 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and the  
832 amendment is agreed to.

833 Now, are there any further amendments to this underlying  
834 bill?

835 Seeing none, the question now occurs on favorably  
836 reporting H.R. 2379, as amended, to the House.

837 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 2379, as amended,  
838 to the House will signify by saying aye.

839 All those opposed will say no.

840 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. And, as a  
841 result, H.R. 2379, as amended, is reported to the House.

842 Next we go to H.R. 2364. The chair calls up H.R. 2364,  
843 the Synthetic Opioid Danger Awareness Act, as forwarded by  
844 the Subcommittee on Health, and the clerk will report the  
845 bill.

846 \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 2364, a bill to  
847 amend title --

848 \*The Chairman. And Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
849 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
850 is now considered as read.

851 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
852 and open for amendment at any point.

853 [The bill follows:]

854

855 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

856

857           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
858 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

859           No one? All right.

860           Does any member seek recognition to offer an amendment?

861           No? That makes it easy.

862           Then we will simply go to a vote on the bill, and the  
863 question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R. 2364 to the  
864 House.

865           All those -- it has been amended? Okay.

866           The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
867 2364, as amended, to the full House.

868           All those in favor of supporting H.R. 2364, as amended,  
869 to the House will signify by saying aye.

870           All those opposed will say no.

871           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
872 2364, as amended, is reported to the House.

873           The chair now calls up H.R. 2355, the Opioid  
874 Prescription Verification Act of 2021, as forwarded by the  
875 Subcommittee on Health, and the clerk will report that bill.

876           \*The Clerk. Committee print on H.R. 2355, to facilitate  
877 response --

878           \*The Chairman. And, Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
879 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
880 is now considered as read.

881           And without objection, the bill is considered as read,

882 and open for amendment at any point.

883 [The bill follows:]

884

885 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

886

887           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
888 recognition to speak on H.R. 2355?

889           All right, does any member seek to amend H.R. 2355?

890           It does not appear to be the case.

891           \*Mr. Cardenas. Mr. Chairman?

892           \*The Chairman. Oh, I am sorry. Who is that?

893           \*Mr. Cardenas. I don't have an amendment, but I do seek  
894 to be recognized.

895           \*The Chairman. Yes, the gentleman from California, Mr.  
896 Cardenas, is recognized for five minutes.

897           \*Mr. Cardenas. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I,  
898 like the rest of us on this committee, Republican and  
899 Democrat, are very proud of the fact that we are working in a  
900 bipartisan manner to pass these 24 bills on the House floor.  
901 And hopefully, we are going to see that same bipartisanship  
902 across the board amongst the 435 Members of Congress.

903           But I would like to point out that, prior to this era  
904 and today, when it comes to drug addiction in America, the  
905 United States Congress and the -- unfortunately, the American  
906 people were fooled into believing that stuck on stupid was  
907 the way for us to help the American individual addicted to  
908 drugs, and the American families who have been destroyed by  
909 drug addiction. And communities and this country, as well,  
910 have suffered tremendously from that.

911           What I mean by stuck on stupid is today what you are



912 seeing is bills. There are actually bills with real  
913 solutions. We are talking about when an American is addicted  
914 to drugs, we get them help. When American communities are  
915 being destroyed, and families are being destroyed by drug  
916 addiction, that we actually use science and medical response,  
917 instead of just adding 100,000 more cops to the streets of  
918 America to go ahead and hook them and book them, and continue  
919 to destroy families even more.

920 That was the past in the United States. I hope and pray  
921 that we never go back to stuck on stupid when it comes to  
922 thinking that being punitive with somebody who is addicted to  
923 drugs is the answer and the solution.

924 Today we have bills like 2355, that are actually going  
925 to be part of the compassionate American way in which we  
926 should address things. We should address things by looking  
927 at the individual and saying, "How can we help you," by  
928 looking at an individual and saying, "You are a brother, you  
929 are a father, you are a grandfather stuck on -- addicted to  
930 opioids, you are a child whose brain isn't even fully  
931 developed, and you are addicted to opioids, and we are going  
932 to figure out a way to help you.''

933 In the past, on my side of town, ladies and gentlemen,  
934 when crack --

935 \*Voice. Ladies and gentlemen?

936 \*Mr. Cardenas. -- was destroying families, and on my

937 side of town, ladies and gentlemen, when a child was not  
938 dealing drugs, taking drugs, they threw the book at him, and  
939 they said, "You know what? The place for you, little  
940 criminal, is jail.'" We were doing that to American children  
941 without any sense of regret.

942 Today I want to remind us that we are doing things the  
943 way America should do things, to think things through, to  
944 think about the cause and effect, and what is happening  
945 today, and how we can make today and tomorrow better, and how  
946 we could learn from our mistakes.

947 And one of the reasons why I felt compelled to say this  
948 is because this is a beautiful day and an amazing day, but  
949 this is a boring day for press. It is a boring day to see 24  
950 amazing bills go through the Energy and Commerce Committee  
951 with the full commitment and vote of every single Republican  
952 and Democrat, and there is probably going to be nothing said  
953 about it in the press. So I feel compelled to remind us that  
954 today is, in fact, an amazing day, a day where we have come  
955 together to use our best sensibilities and to be the best of  
956 ourselves, to say, "You know what, let's put aside bipartisan  
957 -- partisanship, excuse me, and be bipartisan. Let's put  
958 aside the fact that we are Republicans and Democrats, and  
959 look at this for what it is.'"

960 These addictions are killing American citizens. These  
961 addictions can be solved with compassion and respect for the

962 individual and the family to see individuals be restored back  
963 into their community, so that they can tell the stories to  
964 the next generation of how compassion was bestowed upon them,  
965 and they were restored, and they can continue to have a life  
966 that they meant to have, instead of looking shamefully at  
967 their children, at their community, and their friends and  
968 say, "I was stuck on drugs, and I did 5, 10, 20 years of time  
969 for my addiction."

970         Those are the scars that America has today. Those are  
971 the individuals that are even being denied the right to vote  
972 because they got hooked on drugs. Those are the punitive and  
973 damaging solutions, lack of solutions that the United States  
974 Congress, state legislatures, and local governments have been  
975 using for generations. And today, I hope, ladies and  
976 gentlemen, is an eye-opening moment for us to realize. Let  
977 us never, never go back to stuck on stupid when it comes to  
978 American lives, when it comes to addiction to drugs, when it  
979 comes to realizing that we should be respectful to the  
980 individual, and compassionate, and science-based, and make  
981 sure that we do things that lifts our country, instead of  
982 helps destroy it.

983         My time has expired. I yield back my time. Thank you  
984 so much, Mr. Chairman and colleagues.

985         \*The Chairman. I wasn't going to stop you, because that  
986 was a really outstanding statement, and I certainly

987 appreciate what you just said, Tony. Thank you.

988 Does anyone else want to speak on the underlying bill?

989 All right, do we have any amendments to the bill?

990 We do not? Okay, then we are going to proceed to a vote  
991 on the bill itself.

992 The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
993 2355, as amended, to the full House.

994 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 2355, as amended,  
995 to the House will signify by saying aye.

996 And all those opposed will say no.

997 \*Mr. Rush. This is a roll call --

998 \*The Chairman. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes  
999 have it. And as a result, H.R. 2355, as amended, is reported  
1000 to the House.

1001 The chair now calls up H.R. 4026, the Social  
1002 Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act of 2021. The clerk  
1003 will report the bill.

1004 \*The Clerk. H.R. 4026, a bill to require the  
1005 comptroller general of the United States --

1006 \*The Chairman. Without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
1007 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
1008 is now considered as read.

1009 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1010 and open for amendment at any point.

1011

1012 [The bill follows:]

1013

1014 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1015

1016           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1017 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

1018           The number is H.R. 4026, it deals with social  
1019 determinants.

1020           No? Mike?

1021           Dr. Burgess is recognized for five minutes.

1022           \*Mr. Burgess. Yes, thank you, Chairman. I just would  
1023 like to point out to members that this bill is -- I have  
1024 heard some concern that the definition of "social  
1025 determinants'" is murky. This is a bill that will actually  
1026 elucidate, and get the Department, get the agency to collect  
1027 the data that will allow for a more precise definition on  
1028 what comprises those social determinants.

1029           So it wasn't very controversial in subcommittee, and I  
1030 would just encourage members to vote in favor. I yield back.

1031           \*The Chairman. Thank you, Dr. Burgess.

1032           Anyone else want to speak on the underlying bill?

1033           Hearing none, are there any amendments?

1034           I guess we have no amendments to the bill, so we will go  
1035 to a vote on the bill.

1036           All those -- wait a second. The question now occurs on  
1037 favorably reporting H.R. -- I am sorry, H.R. 4026, as  
1038 amended.

1039           No amendments?

1040           Okay, the question now occurs on favorably reporting

1041 H.R. 4026 to the full House.

1042 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4026 to the House  
1043 will signify by saying aye.

1044 [Laughter.]

1045 It is like an echo.

1046 All those opposed will say no.

1047 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
1048 4026 is reported to the House.

1049 The chair now calls up H.R. 3743, the Supporting the  
1050 Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the  
1051 Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration  
1052 Act. And the clerk will report that bill.

1053 \*The Clerk. H.R. 3743, to increase funding for the  
1054 Reagan-Udall Foundation --

1055 \*The Chairman. And without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
1056 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
1057 is now considered as read.

1058 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1059 and open for amendment at any point.

1060 [The bill follows:]

1061

1062 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1063

1064           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1065 recognition to speak on H.R. 3743?

1066           Oh, Ms. Eshoo. The chairwoman is recognized.

1067           \*Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I seek  
1068 recognition to strike the last word, and speak on the  
1069 underlying bill.

1070           Mr. Chairman, I am proud to sponsor this, together with  
1071 Congressman Hudson, this bill, which increases the amount of  
1072 funding for the NIH and the FDA, so that they can transfer  
1073 and allocate to their respective foundations.

1074           I don't know how many members realize that both of these  
1075 agencies have a foundation, but they do. And they do  
1076 excellent work. They are really exemplary models of public  
1077 and private organizations working together to advance  
1078 breakthrough biomedical discoveries.

1079           The Foundation for the NIH helped to address the COVID-  
1080 19 pandemic by launching and coordinating the accelerating  
1081 COVID-19 therapeutic interventions and vaccines -- the short  
1082 term for it is ACTIV Initiative -- in partnership with  
1083 government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and  
1084 biopharmaceutical companies. The ACTIV Initiative played a  
1085 significant role in speeding the availability of the  
1086 effective Moderna mRNA vaccine.

1087           The Foundation for the NIH also does the important work  
1088 of managing the family lodge on the NIH campus. I don't know



1089 if -- how many members are aware of it, have seen it,  
1090 experienced it. If you haven't, you should. This is a  
1091 temporary residence for caregivers for patients who volunteer  
1092 for NIH research.

1093         The Foundation for the FDA helps patients navigate  
1094 clinical trials, benefit from the expanded access process,  
1095 and participate in listening sessions with the FDA, where  
1096 they can provide personal insight about the challenges of  
1097 living with a specific disease.

1098         So these foundations make very important contributions  
1099 to biomedical research every day. I am pleased to sponsor  
1100 the legislation to ensure that they continue to have the  
1101 resources needed for their important work.

1102         I salute Congressman Hudson for the work that he did  
1103 with us, and I urge all of my colleagues to support the bill,  
1104 and I yield back.

1105         \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Does anyone  
1106 else want to speak on the underlying bill?

1107         Nobody virtual? All right.

1108         Do we have any amendments?

1109         No amendments? Okay, then we will proceed to a vote on  
1110 the bill.

1111         The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R. 2743  
1112 to the House.

1113         Oh, I said -- okay. The question now occurs on

1114 favorably reporting H.R. 3743 to the House.

1115 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 3743 to the House  
1116 will signify by saying aye.

1117 All those opposed will say no.

1118 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
1119 3743 is reported to the House.

1120 The next bill the chair calls up is H.R. 550, the  
1121 Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act, as forwarded  
1122 by the Subcommittee on Health, and the clerk will report the  
1123 bill.

1124 \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 550, a bill to  
1125 amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to  
1126 immunization --

1127 \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1128 first reading the bill would be dispensed with. The bill is  
1129 now considered as read.

1130 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1131 and open for amendment at any point.

1132 [The bill follows:]

1133

1134 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1135

1136           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1137 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

1138           The gentleman from Indiana, Mr. Bucshon, is recognized.

1139           \*Mr. Bucshon. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to  
1140 thank you and Ranking Member Rodgers for including H.R. 550  
1141 in today's markup.

1142           Immunization Information Systems serve as a vital link  
1143 between public health officials, community providers, and  
1144 individuals, not only in cases of disease outbreaks or  
1145 emergencies, but also during routine vaccination efforts.

1146           H.R. 550 would improve, enhance, and expand the ability  
1147 of Immunization Information Systems to securely exchange  
1148 real-time immunization record data between all public health  
1149 programs.

1150           I would again like to thank Representative Kuster for  
1151 her partnership on this issue, and I urge everyone to support  
1152 this bill.

1153           Thank you, and I yield back.

1154           \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Is there any  
1155 other member -- Chairwoman of the Commerce and Consumer  
1156 Protection Subcommittee, Ms. Schakowsky, is recognized.

1157           \*Ms. Schakowsky. Thank you.

1158           Throughout the pandemic we saw public health departments  
1159 and health care providers struggling immensely with their  
1160 Immunization Information Systems. Even in Illinois's 9th

1161 district, my district, we -- the health departments there  
1162 struggled to get their data systems up to speed.

1163 So we are very thankful for all the hard work of our  
1164 public health departments, and from this committee to address  
1165 this problem. It is definitely time to invest in public  
1166 health departments and their information systems.

1167 And with my support, I yield back.

1168 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Do any other  
1169 members seek recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

1170 Hearing none, are there any amendments?

1171 No amendments are expected, so we will proceed to report  
1172 the bill.

1173 The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R. 550,  
1174 as amended, to the House.

1175 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 550, as amended, to  
1176 the House will signify by saying aye.

1177 All those opposed will say no.

1178 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
1179 550, as amended, is reported to the House.

1180 The chair now calls up H.R. 150, the Promoting Resources  
1181 to Expand Vaccination Education and New Treatments for HPV  
1182 Cancers Act of 2021, or also called the PREVENT HPV Cancers  
1183 Act of 2021, as forwarded by the Subcommittee on Health. And  
1184 the clerk will report the bill.

1185 \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 1550, to amend the

1186 Public Health Service --

1187 \*The Chairman. And Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1188 first reading the bill will be dispensed with. The bill is  
1189 now considered as read.

1190 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1191 and open for amendment.

1192 [The bill follows:]

1193

1194 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1195

1196           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1197 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

1198           Is that you --

1199           \*Mr. Burgess. Mr. Chairman, I do have an amendment.

1200           \*The Chairman. Oh, you have an amendment. All right.  
1201 If no one wants to speak on the bill, we will move to  
1202 amendments.

1203           And the gentleman -- well, let's see. Is the amendment  
1204 at the desk, Dr. Burgess's amendment?

1205           \*The Clerk. Yes.

1206           \*The Chairman. You have it? Madam Clerk will report  
1207 the amendment.

1208           \*The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 1550, offered by Mr.  
1209 Burgess of Texas.

1210           \*The Chairman. And Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1211 reading of the Burgess amendment will be dispensed with.

1212           [The amendment of Mr. Burgess follows:]

1213

1214           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1215

1216           \*The Chairman. And the gentleman from Texas is  
1217 recognized for five minutes.

1218           \*Mr. Burgess. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I do want  
1219 to thank Representative Castor for partnering with me to  
1220 offer this important amendment.

1221           As you may recall, we did an amendment in the nature of  
1222 a substitute during the subcommittee markup that reauthorized  
1223 the Johanna's Act to make information available about the  
1224 availability of the vaccine for human papillomavirus. This  
1225 amendment further refines that.

1226           And many members on this subcommittee or full committee  
1227 will recall we had a hearing back in 2018, hearing from the  
1228 forensic nurses involved in attending to patients who had --  
1229 who presented complaining of sexual assault. It was clear  
1230 that more of this type of activity was necessary. But even  
1231 on further examination, the -- of the availability of human  
1232 papillomavirus vaccine should be discussed with the patient  
1233 at the time of this interaction.

1234           So this amendment provides that we make access to the  
1235 proper education and tools necessary to help survivors make  
1236 the appropriate decision. It is not a mandate in any way,  
1237 shape, or form, but does provide information, and would  
1238 provide the vaccine for those who chose to receive it.

1239           It is a good amendment. And again, I want to thank  
1240 Representative Castor for working with me on getting this

1241 amendment to the full committee.

1242 I yield back.

1243 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Do we have  
1244 anyone else who wants to speak on the Burgess amendment?

1245 All right, hearing none, we will go to a vote on the  
1246 Burgess amendment.

1247 All those in favor of the Burgess amendment will signify  
1248 by saying aye.

1249 All those -- I am sorry, I forgot for the virtuals. All  
1250 right. And all those opposed will signify by saying no.

1251 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and the  
1252 amendment is agreed to.

1253 Are there any further amendments to this bill?

1254 No? Then we will go to the question which now occurs on  
1255 favorably reporting H.R. 1550, as amended, to the full House.

1256 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 1550, as amended,  
1257 to the House will signify by saying aye.

1258 All those opposed will say no.

1259 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
1260 1550, as amended, is reported to the House.

1261 The chair now calls up H.R. 951, the Maternal  
1262 Vaccination Act, as forwarded by the Subcommittee on Health,  
1263 and the clerk will report the bill.

1264 \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 951, a bill to  
1265 direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services --



1266           \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1267 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
1268 is now considered as read.

1269           And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1270 and open for amendment at any point.

1271           [The bill follows:]

1272

1273           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1274

1275           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1276 recognition to speak on H.R. 951?

1277           No? All right, if no one seeks recognition to speak --  
1278 and are there any amendments to H.R. 951?

1279           Apparently not. So we will go to reporting the bill to  
1280 the full House.

1281           The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R. 951,  
1282 as amended, to the House.

1283           All those in favor of reporting H.R. 951, as amended, to  
1284 the House will signify by saying aye.

1285           All those opposed will say no.

1286           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
1287 951, as amended, is reported to the House.

1288           The chair now calls up H.R. 4387, the Maternal Health  
1289 Quality Improvement Act of 2021. And the clerk will report  
1290 the bill.

1291           \*The Clerk. H.R. 4387, to amend the Public Health  
1292 Service --

1293           \*The Chairman. And, Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1294 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
1295 is now considered as read.

1296           And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1297 and open for amendment.

1298

1299

1300 [The bill follows:]

1301

1302 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1303

1304 \*The Chairman. Does anyone seek recognition to speak --

1305 \*Ms. Kelly. Mr. Chair?

1306 \*The Chairman. -- on the bill?

1307 \*Ms. Kelly. Robin.

1308 \*The Chairman. Ms. Eshoo will start -- we will start  
1309 with Ms. Eshoo, the chairwoman.

1310 For what purpose does the member seek recognition?

1311 \*Ms. Eshoo. I seek recognition to strike the last word,  
1312 and speak on the underlying bill, Mr. Chairman.

1313 \*The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized for five  
1314 minutes.

1315 \*Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Kudos. Kudos to  
1316 Congresswoman Kelly, to Dr. Bucshon for reintroducing the  
1317 Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act. This is a  
1318 bipartisan bill to address the maternal health crisis in our  
1319 country. They have really done superb work, and I salute  
1320 them for it.

1321 Our subcommittee is very familiar with this bill, Mr.  
1322 Chairman. Last Congress we heard and marked up its important  
1323 provisions, and it passed the House. But unfortunately, our  
1324 Senate colleagues didn't act. Surprise, surprise. Now the  
1325 bill is finally moving in the Senate, and our markup today is  
1326 another important step toward it becoming law.

1327 And it needs to become law. We know why this bill is  
1328 important. It will save the lives of new mothers. Each year

1329 700 women die, and 50,000 women are severely injured due to  
1330 complications related to childbirth. If you are a Black  
1331 woman in the United States, it is even more dangerous to give  
1332 birth.

1333 Black women are three times more likely to die from  
1334 childbirth than White women. This is shocking, and it is  
1335 unacceptable. And today we are taking the steps because we  
1336 know it is also preventable. The CDC estimates as much as 60  
1337 percent of these deaths could be prevented. Imagine that.  
1338 Sixty percent of these deaths could be prevented.

1339 The bill authorizes and funds programs that develop and  
1340 disseminate best practices to improve maternal outcomes. And  
1341 this work was -- I am very proud of this -- was spearheaded  
1342 in my congressional district. Stanford's California Maternal  
1343 Quality Care Collaborative reduced severe health problems  
1344 from pregnancy-related hemorrhages by 21 percent, and  
1345 contributed to reducing the maternal mortality rate in  
1346 California by a whopping 55 percent.

1347 The bill is supported by a large coalition of  
1348 organizations including ACOG, the American Hospital  
1349 Association, the March of Dimes, Moms Rising, and the  
1350 American Medical Association, and many more.

1351 I encourage every colleague to support this bill, so  
1352 that it can finally become law.

1353 And again, bravo and our collective thanks to

1354 Representative Kelly for her leadership, and that of Dr.  
1355 Bucshon and others. This is -- we are taking a major step  
1356 forward on this, colleagues.

1357 Thank you, and I yield back.

1358 \*The Chairman. I thank the chairwoman. Anyone on --  
1359 Mr. Latta is recognized.

1360 \*Mr. Latta. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to  
1361 strike the last word in the underlying bill.

1362 \*The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

1363 \*Mr. Latta. I -- thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am an  
1364 original cosponsor on the Maternal Health Quality Improvement  
1365 Act, and I appreciate our committee for taking steps to  
1366 decrease pregnancy-related complications.

1367 My district covers northwest and west central Ohio. It  
1368 is largely rural, so I often hear from constituents about  
1369 barriers for accessing care, or from hospitals that have  
1370 difficulty recruiting and retaining health care providers.  
1371 Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic heightened this medical  
1372 professional shortage, affecting the well-being of our  
1373 communities, but also patient access to care such as maternal  
1374 health services.

1375 Women should be able to obtain obstetric care services,  
1376 no matter where they reside. However, studies show that  
1377 women in rural areas have a higher rate of complications of  
1378 death, compared to their urban counterparts. H.R. 4387

1379 contains provisions to improve rural maternal obstetric care  
1380 for -- that will -- care that will help women across the  
1381 country, including in my district.

1382 In addition to specific issues facing rural America,  
1383 maternal mortality is far too common. According to the Ohio  
1384 Department of Health, in Ohio from 2008 to 2017, 59 percent  
1385 of pregnancy-related deaths were found to be preventable.  
1386 The rising number of women dying due to pregnancy-related  
1387 complications is alarming. It is time we fully understand  
1388 the root causes of maternal deaths, and fix it by enacting  
1389 the Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act.

1390 We can better equip health care providers with the  
1391 information and training they need to help them understand  
1392 maternal deaths, provide quality care, and save lives.

1393 I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to  
1394 improve the maternal health outcomes across our country. I  
1395 thank all the members who have worked on this piece of  
1396 legislation.

1397 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of  
1398 my time.

1399 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman, and would maybe  
1400 comment that I am familiar with some of those beautiful areas  
1401 in Ohio, like Knox County, but I know there are many  
1402 challenges, as well. So thank you.

1403 \*Ms. Kelly. Mr. Chair?

1404           \*The Chairman. I heard -- yes, our vice chair and  
1405 sponsor of the bill, Ms. Kelly, is recognized.

1406           \*Ms. Kelly. I would like to strike the last word, and  
1407 thank Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers  
1408 for holding this bipartisan markup and including my bill,  
1409 H.R. 4387, the Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act. And  
1410 I would like to thank Chairwoman Eshoo for all of her support  
1411 throughout this. Thank you so much. Also, thank you to my  
1412 E&C colleagues, Representatives Bucshon, Burgess, and Latta  
1413 for your support on this important legislation.

1414           You have heard all the stats about how many women are  
1415 dying and, in particular, Black women and indigenous women.  
1416 My bipartisan bill would address this maternal health crisis  
1417 by improving the quality of maternal health care, and  
1418 tackling underlying biases among health care professionals.

1419           H.R. 4387 would develop and implement evidence-based  
1420 best practices within the medical community, and support  
1421 health professional training programs focused on biases that  
1422 may affect the quality of maternal care for people of color.

1423           Additionally, the bill would improve, as you heard,  
1424 rural maternal health care by improving data collection and  
1425 establishing rural obstetric networks, which is very  
1426 important to me, coming from a district that is urban,  
1427 suburban, and rural.

1428           This bill incorporates parts of the MOMMA's Act, which



1429 is far-reaching legislation to address maternal mortality  
1430 that I have been leading for years. The MOMMA's Act consists  
1431 of five main components that include expanding access to  
1432 Medicaid postpartum coverage, standardizing maternal health  
1433 data collection.

1434 I am proud that we can all come together in a bipartisan  
1435 manner to address the maternal health crisis in this country.  
1436 But more work remains to be done, and I encourage my  
1437 colleagues to support this, and ask that we continue to work  
1438 together -- the remaining policies outlined in the MOMMA's  
1439 Act.

1440 Thank you, and I yield back.

1441 \*The Chairman. I thank the vice chair of the full  
1442 committee, and recognize Dr. Bucshon for five minutes.

1443 \*Mr. Bucshon. I move to strike the last word.

1444 \*The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

1445 \*Mr. Bucshon. I would like to thank Chair Pallone and  
1446 Ranking Member Rodgers for including this important  
1447 legislation in today's markup.

1448 My home state of Indiana has an unacceptably high  
1449 maternal mortality rate statewide, possessing the third worst  
1450 rate in the country. And I have to admit, when I found that  
1451 out, I was shocked.

1452 I was proud to join my colleagues in introducing this  
1453 bipartisan bill that includes language from a bill I authored

1454 last Congress that would authorize grants to identify,  
1455 develop, and disseminate maternal health quality best  
1456 practices, as well as support training for health  
1457 professionals.

1458         It is vital that we improve maternal mortality rates  
1459 broadly across America, especially in rural America, and --  
1460 like the areas that I represent -- by providing the necessary  
1461 resources to stop preventable maternal mortality. H.R. 4387  
1462 is a great step towards that goal, and I urge my colleagues  
1463 to support the bill.

1464         Thank you, and I yield back.

1465         \*The Chairman. Thank you.

1466         Yes, Ms. Schakowsky, Chairwoman Schakowsky is  
1467 recognized.

1468         \*Ms. Schakowsky. I am just so grateful to everyone who  
1469 has been involved: Robin Kelly, Chairman Eshoo, Chairman  
1470 Pallone, the ranking members who are involved in this, and  
1471 the bipartisan support.

1472         You know, there are cities and places in the United  
1473 States that rival developing and poor countries when it comes  
1474 to infant mortality. It is just really shocking. And I  
1475 agree with Dr. Bucshon, that it is just shocking, and it is  
1476 unnecessary.

1477         But we also had a couple of hearings. There was a  
1478 grandmother who was raising a child because her daughter, who

1479 is a doctor, African American, kept saying, "Something is  
1480 wrong, something is wrong.'" I can't remember her name, but  
1481 this amazing young woman, who died. And then another doctor,  
1482 a Black woman, who testified how she was not believed about  
1483 the problems that she said she was -- that she was facing.

1484 So the kind of discrimination that we have seen -- and I  
1485 appreciate also Lauren Underwood and Alma Adams, who  
1486 established the Black Maternal Health Caucus, which many of  
1487 us are a part of, and others are welcome to join, to just  
1488 make sure that we are monitoring the situation. And this  
1489 legislation will help.

1490 So I think we can all be proud of passing this bill, and  
1491 putting the attention that it deserves on the issue of infant  
1492 mortality in the United States of America.

1493 So thank you, and I yield back.

1494 \*The Chairman. Thank you. Does anyone else want to  
1495 speak on the underlying bill?

1496 Hearing none, are there any amendments to the bill?

1497 All right, we will move to forward the bill.

1498 The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
1499 4387, as amended. No? Okay.

1500 The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R. 4387  
1501 to the House.

1502 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4387 to the House  
1503 will signify by saying aye.

1504           And all those opposed will say no.

1505           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
1506 4387 is reported to the House.

1507           The chair calls up H.R. 3742, the Vaccine Information  
1508 for Nursing Facility Operators Act, or the Vaccine INFO Act,  
1509 as forwarded by the Subcommittee on Health. The clerk will  
1510 report the bill.

1511           \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 3742, a bill to  
1512 require the Secretary of Health --

1513           \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1514 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
1515 is now considered as read.

1516           And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1517 and open for amendment.

1518           [The bill follows:]

1519

1520 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1521

1522           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1523 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

1524           \*Mr. Bilirakis. Mr. Speaker?

1525           \*The Chairman. The gentleman from Florida, Mr.  
1526 Bilirakis, is recognized.

1527           \*Mr. Bilirakis. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
1528 just elevated you. I move to strike the last word.

1529           \*The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

1530           \*Mr. Bilirakis. Okay. I want to thank the chairman and  
1531 ranking member for including my bill, H.R. 3742, the Vaccine  
1532 Information for Nursing Facility Operators, or Vaccine INFO  
1533 Act.

1534           The Vaccine INFO Act would require HHS to issue revised  
1535 regulations requiring the dissemination of information to  
1536 staff on vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on  
1537 Immunization Practices, or ACIP, specifically for health care  
1538 personnel. This information includes information on the  
1539 benefits and potential side effects of receiving the  
1540 vaccines, and where they may receive those vaccines.

1541           With the Delta variant of COVID-19 becoming more  
1542 prevalent across our nation as a more easily transmissible  
1543 strain of the virus, now it is more important than ever to  
1544 ensure we are getting crucial and accurate information out to  
1545 nursing home staff. We must ensure that we are incentivizing  
1546 health care staff to receive the vaccines necessary to not

1547 only -- not only to protect themselves, but to protect  
1548 elderly nursing home residents and patients, who are often at  
1549 risk of infection.

1550         We heard in hearings earlier this year that there is an  
1551 increased correlation between the lower vaccination rates in  
1552 nursing home facilities and higher transmission rates of  
1553 disease. Vaccines are a critical tool needed to provide  
1554 protection, and we need to do everything we can to reduce  
1555 transmission rates in these facilities. Disseminating  
1556 information to nursing home staff on the CDC's vaccine  
1557 guidelines and recommended practices is one way we can do  
1558 that.

1559         The Vaccine INFO Act addresses this issue, and I want to  
1560 thank my colleague and friend, Representative Kathleen Rice,  
1561 for her support in co-leading this legislation. So I urge  
1562 passage, unanimous passage, of this particular bill, H.R.  
1563 3742, and I yield back the balance of my time.

1564         \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. The gentlewoman  
1565 from New York seeks recognition, Miss Rice.

1566         \*Miss Rice. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word.

1567         \*The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

1568         \*Miss Rice. Mr. Chair, nursing home residents and staff  
1569 were among the hardest hit populations at the height of the  
1570 pandemic, and I am proud of the work Congress and the Biden  
1571 Administration have done to get seniors and health care

1572 workers vaccinated.

1573           In New York, over 85 percent of nursing home residents  
1574 have received their COVID vaccine. But as we look beyond  
1575 this pandemic, we must work to halt the spread of other  
1576 preventable diseases that threaten vulnerable nursing home  
1577 residents every day.

1578           One of the most important steps that we can take to  
1579 protect seniors is to improve vaccination rates among nursing  
1580 home staff because, as Mr. Bilirakis noted, when vaccination  
1581 rates are low, rates of disease are high. The Vaccine INFO  
1582 Act will improve vaccine uptake, and help stop the spread of  
1583 deadly diseases in nursing homes by educating nursing home  
1584 staff on the benefits of safe and effective vaccines. And it  
1585 will provide information on where vaccines are available.  
1586 This is yet a small step, but one that will keep our seniors  
1587 and health care heroes safe and healthy.

1588           I want to thank my friend and colleague, Mr. Bilirakis,  
1589 for his leadership on this bill, and the chair and ranking  
1590 member of the committee for putting it before the full  
1591 committee.

1592           I urge support for the Vaccine INFO Act, and yield back  
1593 the balance of my time.

1594           \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman from New York.  
1595 Does anyone else -- the gentlewoman -- is there anyone on the  
1596 Republican side?

1597 If not, we will go to Ms. Schakowsky.

1598 \*Ms. Schakowsky. I --

1599 \*The Chairman. She is recognized.

1600 \*Ms. Schakowsky. I am really grateful for this  
1601 legislation, because I am genuinely concerned about the  
1602 continuing vaccine hesitation among staff in senior living  
1603 settings, such as nursing homes. You know, as the sponsor,  
1604 Congresswoman Rice, said, where nursing home staff  
1605 vaccination lags, the viral outbreak could -- a viral  
1606 outbreak could follow. And it is so important.

1607 So this bill would help nursing staff have access to  
1608 more information on vaccinations, and help save lives. And  
1609 especially at a time when this Delta virus, which is even  
1610 more contagious than the original virus, this variant is out  
1611 and about in the United States, it is even more important  
1612 right now that our nursing home staff, that our senior living  
1613 staff is getting vaccinated. And we should all be part of  
1614 encouraging that, and this legislation is an important step  
1615 forward.

1616 I yield back.

1617 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Does anyone --  
1618 any other member seek to speak on this bill?

1619 Seeing none, are there any amendments to the bill?

1620 Apparently not, so we will move to final passage of the  
1621 bill.



1622           The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
1623 3742, as amended, to the House.

1624           All those in favor of reporting H.R. 3742, as amended,  
1625 to the House will signify by saying aye.

1626           All those opposed will say no.

1627           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
1628 3742, as amended, is reported to the House.

1629           The chair now calls up H.R. 2347, the Strengthening the  
1630 Vaccines for Children Act of 2021, as forwarded by the  
1631 Subcommittee on Health. And the clerk will report the bill.

1632           \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 2347, to amend  
1633 title --

1634           \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1635 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
1636 is now considered as read.

1637           And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1638 and open for amendment.

1639           [The bill follows:]

1640

1641 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1642

1643           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1644 recognition --

1645           \*Mr. Schrier. Chair Pallone?

1646           \*The Chairman. -- to speak on --

1647           \*Mr. Schrier. Mr. Chairman --

1648           \*The Chairman. Who is that?

1649           \*Mr. Schrier. -- I have an amendment at the desk.

1650           \*The Chairman. Ms. Schrier is recognized. Let's see,  
1651 do we have -- well, did anyone want to speak on the  
1652 underlying bill before we go to amendments?

1653           Okay. So does the clerk have the Schrier amendment?

1654           \*The Clerk. Yes.

1655           \*The Chairman. Would -- the clerk will report that  
1656 amendment.

1657           \*The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 2347, offered by Ms.  
1658 Schrier of Washington.

1659           \*The Chairman. Without objection, the reading of the  
1660 Schrier amendment will be dispensed with.

1661           [The amendment of Ms. Schrier follows:]

1662

1663           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1664

1665           \*The Chairman. And the gentlewoman is recognized for  
1666 five minutes.

1667           \*Mr. Schrier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have at the  
1668 desk a manager's amendment to H.R. 2347, the Strengthening  
1669 Vaccines for Children Program Act. I move to strike the last  
1670 word, and speak in support of H.R. --

1671           \*The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

1672           \*Mr. Schrier. As both a pediatrician --

1673           \*The Chairman. The gentlewoman is --

1674           \*Mr. Schrier. -- and a mom, I am worried about the drop  
1675 in routine childhood immunizations that we saw during the  
1676 pandemic, and that is why I am so glad that my bill is being  
1677 considered today. The Strengthening the Vaccines for  
1678 Children Program Act builds on the Vaccine for Children  
1679 program out of the CDC to strategically bolster our vaccine  
1680 delivery system, and enlist more primary care physicians to  
1681 help families catch up on those routine vaccinations.

1682           This bill is a product of conversations and work with my  
1683 Republican colleagues, the CDC, CMS, my State of Washington,  
1684 and more. And I am proud of this bipartisan, common-sense  
1685 bill.

1686           The manager's amendment I am offering today makes  
1687 technical changes, including a study of demographic  
1688 information of the children who participate in the VFC  
1689 program.

1690           We know the Vaccines for Children Program works. Almost  
1691 half of the vaccines given to children come out of VFC. The  
1692 data from this past year shows VFC provider orders, other  
1693 than the flu, are down by more than 11 million doses,  
1694 compared to the previous year, with MMR, MMRV down by more  
1695 than 1.4 million doses.

1696           To strengthen this program right now is critical. And  
1697 as the economy opens, and we send our children back to  
1698 school, we are already seeing summer colds. So let's make  
1699 sure we don't end up with outbreaks of pertussis or measles  
1700 because kids aren't getting caught up on vaccines.

1701           Every eligible child should be able to receive  
1702 vaccinations at no cost. However, under current law,  
1703 families, under-insured families, must go to an FQHC or rural  
1704 health clinic to receive immunizations through the VFC  
1705 program. My bill allows under-insured children to access  
1706 vaccines at any VFC provider, including their own medical  
1707 home. It also expands access to VFC for children enrolled in  
1708 separate CHIP programs. And this is especially important  
1709 with growing enrollment of Medicaid and CHIP.

1710           Also, one of the most important ways to combat vaccine  
1711 hesitancy is thoughtful conversation with a trusted health  
1712 care provider. Pediatricians spend considerable time  
1713 counseling parents, answering questions, and helping them  
1714 make the best decisions for their children. But there is no

1715 compensation for that counseling. This bill includes  
1716 reimbursement for code 90461, specifically referring to  
1717 discussions about multi-component vaccines like DTaP and MMR  
1718 that prevent more than one illness. More counseling means  
1719 more likelihood that children will receive all their  
1720 vaccines.

1721 This bill also, importantly, allows for strategic data  
1722 sharing between the CDC and tribal epidemiology centers.  
1723 This is important, so accurate data ensures we are reaching  
1724 all children.

1725 This bipartisan bill will help children across the  
1726 country, and I urge my colleagues to support the  
1727 Strengthening Vaccines for Children Program Act to keep our  
1728 community safe.

1729 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

1730 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman.

1731 Did you -- who is asking to speak?

1732 Is anyone -- the gentleman is recognized?

1733 \*Mr. Joyce. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word.

1734 \*The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

1735 \*Mr. Joyce. Thank you, Chair Pallone. I speak today in  
1736 strong support of this amendment to H.R. 2347, the  
1737 Strengthening the Vaccines for Children Program Act of 2021.

1738 The COVID-19 pandemic has had multiple negative  
1739 disruptions in the lives of our nation's children. One of

1740 great concern has been in the drop in the rate of routine  
1741 childhood vaccinations. This drop was very prevalent at the  
1742 beginning of the pandemic and, alarmingly, included the DTaP  
1743 and the MMR vaccines, which prevent severe, highly  
1744 communicable diseases.

1745 This bipartisan bill before us today will take important  
1746 steps toward supporting families and ensuring that children  
1747 have access to lifesaving vaccines they so desperately need  
1748 in their very early development.

1749 I thank my colleague, Dr. Schrier, for working with  
1750 Representatives Butterfield, McKinley, and me on introducing  
1751 this bill, and all of their staffs.

1752 I would also like to thank the majority and minority  
1753 committee staff for working with us in improving this bill.

1754 I urge adoption, and I yield the balance of my time.

1755 \*The Chairman. Thank you, Dr. Joyce. We have all these  
1756 doctors, so we have all this expertise when we deal with  
1757 these bills.

1758 Did anyone else want to speak on the -- it is the  
1759 Schrier amendment that we are on. Does anyone else want to  
1760 speak on that?

1761 No? All right, then we are going to go to a vote on the  
1762 Schrier amendment.

1763 All those in favor of the Schrier amendment will signify  
1764 by saying aye.

1765           \*Voice. No worries at all.

1766           \*The Chairman. All those opposed will say no.

1767           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and the  
1768 Schrier amendment is agreed to.

1769           Are there any further amendments to the bill?

1770           I don't believe so. So we will go to a vote on the bill  
1771 itself, as amended.

1772           The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
1773 2347, as amended, to the House.

1774           All those in favor of supporting H.R. 2347, as amended,  
1775 to the House will signify by saying aye.

1776           And all those opposed will say no.

1777           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
1778 2347, as amended, is reported to the House.

1779           The chair now calls up H.R. 3894, the Collecting and  
1780 Analyzing Resources Integral and Necessary for Guidance for  
1781 Social Determinants Act of 2021, also known as the CARING for  
1782 Social Determinants Act of 2021, as forwarded by the  
1783 Subcommittee on Health. And the clerk will report the bill.

1784           \*The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 3894, a bill to  
1785 require the Secretary --

1786           \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1787 first reading the bill will be dispensed with. The bill is  
1788 now considered as read.

1789           And without objection, the bill is considered as read,

1790 and open for amendment at any point.

1791 [The bill follows:]

1792

1793 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1794



1795           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1796 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

1797           \*Mr. Dunn. Mr. Chair?

1798           \*The Chairman. Is that Mr. -- Mr. Dunn is recognized.  
1799 Well, first we have to -- yes, you are going to speak on the  
1800 underlying bill, so you are recognized --

1801           \*Mr. Dunn. I move to strike the last word to speak on  
1802 the underlying bill.

1803           \*The Chairman. The gentleman from Florida is  
1804 recognized.

1805           \*Mr. Dunn. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, I share the  
1806 goal of improving health outcomes of all Americans, and I  
1807 appreciate this bill's effort to generate guidance around  
1808 social determinants of health.

1809           I do have some concerns with the potential implications  
1810 of placing so much emphasis on social determinants of health,  
1811 and the ways in which this data could be misused. I am wary  
1812 of reducing individuals to a formula of social determinants  
1813 that claims to determine whether they are healthy or not. I  
1814 think this approach favors crunching data points, and putting  
1815 patients in boxes based on where they live, how much  
1816 education they have, how much money they make, and other  
1817 factors.

1818           We already gather voluminous data about patients, and  
1819 yet we still struggle to translate that into more value and

1820 improved outcomes for our patients. We know that many  
1821 Americans struggle to get access to quality care,  
1822 particularly in our rural communities. However, there are  
1823 factors specific to individuals that cannot be captured  
1824 within this framework.

1825 I am in favor of meeting people where they are, matching  
1826 unique resources to the needs of the patient, and staying  
1827 flexible in doing so. I think the emphasis on collecting  
1828 data points, and making broad assumptions about patients  
1829 based on that data, distracts from our shift towards truly  
1830 value-based care.

1831 You know, my patients in Florida may seem similar to one  
1832 of Dr. Ruiz's patients in California on paper, when reduced  
1833 to their social determinants. But I guarantee that those two  
1834 individuals have different needs when it comes to improving  
1835 their health outcomes.

1836 As this committee continues to develop legislation  
1837 related to social determinants of health, I would encourage  
1838 all of my colleagues to ensure we are being thoughtful in our  
1839 approach to gathering more patient data, and we continue to  
1840 allow for flexibility to improve health outcomes. And I  
1841 think that will lead to increased value in the health care  
1842 system.

1843 With that I yield back, Mr. Chair.

1844 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Do we have

1845 anyone else who wants to speak on this bill?

1846 Oh, Ms. -- the gentlewoman from Delaware has an  
1847 amendment? Okay.

1848 \*Ms. Blunt Rochester. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment  
1849 at the desk.

1850 \*The Chairman. All right, let's see if the clerk has  
1851 that amendment.

1852 \*The Clerk. I have the amendment.

1853 \*The Chairman. All right. The clerk will report the  
1854 amendment.

1855 \*The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 3894, offered by Ms.  
1856 Blunt Rochester of Delaware. Strike --

1857 \*The Chairman. Without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
1858 reading of the Blunt Rochester amendment will be dispensed  
1859 with.

1860 [The amendment of Ms. Blunt Rochester follows:]

1861

1862 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1863

1864           \*The Chairman. And the gentlewoman from Delaware is  
1865 recognized for five minutes.

1866           \*Ms. Blunt Rochester. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I  
1867 want to thank all of the members of the committee who have  
1868 recognized the importance of the social determinants of  
1869 health. And I especially want to thank my co-lead on this  
1870 bill, Mr. Bilirakis, for working with me on this important  
1871 bipartisan legislation. I also want to thank the committee  
1872 for considering the bill in today's markup.

1873           This amendment makes technical changes to remove the  
1874 findings. We are fortunate that this past January the  
1875 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, issued  
1876 guidance to state health officials designed to drive the  
1877 adoption of strategies that address the social determinants  
1878 of health. The new guidance describes how states can  
1879 leverage existing flexibilities under Federal law to tackle  
1880 adverse health outcomes that can be impacted by social  
1881 determinants of health, and support states with designing  
1882 programs, benefits, and services.

1883           With the release of the social determinants guidance,  
1884 CMS acknowledged that an understanding of the social,  
1885 economic, and environmental factors that affect the health  
1886 outcomes of Medicaid and CHIP populations can be integral  
1887 components of states' efforts to improve population health  
1888 and reduce the cost of caring for our nation's most

1889 vulnerable and high-risk populations.

1890 I just want to clarify, as well, and thank my colleague,  
1891 Mr. Dunn, for expressing his support of the social  
1892 determinants. This bill specifically doesn't focus on the  
1893 data, as much as the guidance to states, because many states  
1894 don't even realize that they currently have flexibility that  
1895 could be helping support families, and making sure that we  
1896 have healthy individuals, as well as communities. H.R. 3894,  
1897 the CARING for Social Determinants Act, will direct CMS to  
1898 clarify and disseminate these strategies regularly, so that  
1899 states can have updated information on delivery approaches,  
1900 benefits, and reimbursement methodologies to improve  
1901 beneficiary outcomes.

1902 Again, I am so pleased that we are considering this bill  
1903 today, and I encourage my colleagues to support the amendment  
1904 and the underlying bill.

1905 Thank you, and I yield back.

1906 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman.

1907 So we are on the Blunt Rochester amendment. Mr.  
1908 Bilirakis is recognized.

1909 \*Mr. Bilirakis. Thank you so very much, Mr. Chairman.  
1910 I want to thank my colleague and friend, Representative Lisa  
1911 Blunt Rochester -- what a great member of the committee --  
1912 for offering her technical amendment, and for her efforts in  
1913 sponsoring the CARING for Social Determinants Act, which I am

1914 proud to co-lead with her.

1915           This bill would provide a regularly-updated guidance and  
1916 strategies to states to address social determinants of health  
1917 under the Medicaid and CHIP programs. Many states have  
1918 already been addressing the social determinants of health  
1919 through innovative delivery models, learning through  
1920 increased data which can help lead to reduced risk of  
1921 disease, long term.

1922           I am hopeful that we can also look at these payments and  
1923 delivery models in the Medicare Advantage program, and that  
1924 the majority will engage with us on this particular bill, the  
1925 Addressing Social Determinants in Medicare Advantage Act, as  
1926 well.

1927           So nonetheless, I want to thank again the chairman and  
1928 the ranking member for moving this bill forward to the full  
1929 committee. And I want to thank again my colleague,  
1930 Representative Blunt Rochester, for her leadership. And I  
1931 urge my colleagues to support the CARING for Social  
1932 Determinants Act and, of course, the amendment first.

1933           Thank you very much, and I yield back.

1934           \*The Chairman. And I thank the gentleman. Does anyone  
1935 else want to speak on the amendment?

1936           All right, hearing none, we will proceed to vote on the  
1937 Blunt Rochester amendment.

1938           All those in favor of the Blunt Rochester amendment will

1939 signify by saying aye.

1940 All those opposed will say no.

1941 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, the Blunt  
1942 Rochester amendment is agreed to.

1943 Are there any further amendments to the bill?

1944 All right, seeing none, the question now occurs on  
1945 favorably reporting H.R. 3894, as amended, to the House.

1946 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 3894, as amended,  
1947 to the House will signify by saying aye.

1948 And all those opposed will say no.

1949 In the opinion of -- well, it is a voice vote, so -- in  
1950 the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R. 3894, as  
1951 amended, is reported to the House.

1952 The chair now calls up H.R. 4406, the Supporting  
1953 Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act, and the clerk will  
1954 report that bill.

1955 \*The Clerk. H.R. 4406, to amend titles 11 and 14 --

1956 \*The Chairman. And, Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
1957 first reading of the bill would be dispensed with. The bill  
1958 is now considered as read.

1959 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
1960 and open for amendment.

1961

1962

1963

1964 [The bill follows:]

1965

1966 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

1967



1968           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
1969 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

1970           Ms. Eshoo, as chairwoman, is recognized.

1971           \*Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I seek  
1972 recognition to strike the last word, and speak on the  
1973 underlying bill.

1974           \*The Chairman. Colleagues, for too long the territories  
1975 have struggled with inadequate Federal funding for their  
1976 Medicaid programs, because Federal law caps their funding.

1977           The territories also receive a fixed Federal Medicaid  
1978 match that is lower than the rate they would receive if they  
1979 were states. And due to these restrictions, the territories  
1980 routinely run out of Medicaid funds.

1981           This is the case for American citizens living in a  
1982 territory: they are treated differently than your  
1983 constituents and mine, and it is consistently a real rub.  
1984 Let's put it that way.

1985           I am pleased that we are able to negotiate a bipartisan  
1986 agreement to extend the current Federal Medicaid funding  
1987 levels for most of the territories for eight years, and five  
1988 years for Puerto Rico. This longer-term fix will give the  
1989 territories the certainty they need to invest in their health  
1990 care system.

1991           I want to be clear about the territories' Medicaid  
1992 program. They need a permanent fix. We know the current

1993 unfair caps and formulas will return as soon as our funding  
1994 extension expires, and we already know what the permanent  
1995 solution should be. Territories should be treated the same  
1996 as states, without an arbitrary cap on their Medicaid  
1997 funding.

1998 I support this bill. I am glad we have found a  
1999 bipartisan, longer-term fix to the Medicaid cliff for the  
2000 territories, especially given the looming deadline. I look  
2001 forward to passing this bill out of this committee, and it  
2002 becoming law as soon as possible.

2003 But I do want to associate myself with the whole issue  
2004 of needing a permanent fix. And we will work with colleagues  
2005 on both sides of the aisle to achieve that down the road.

2006 And with that, I yield back.

2007 \*The Chairman. I thank the chairwoman. Does anyone on  
2008 the Republican side --

2009 \*Ms. Eshoo. Puerto Rico is five -- I mean three years  
2010 now.

2011 \*The Chairman. Mr. Bilirakis is recognized for five  
2012 minutes.

2013 \*Mr. Bilirakis. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I  
2014 appreciate it. I move to strike the last word.

2015 \*The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

2016 \*Mr. Bilirakis. I would like to thank you, Mr.  
2017 Chairman, as well as our distinguished Republican leader,

2018 Cathy McMorris Rodgers, for your leadership on this bill that  
2019 averts the pending fiscal cliff for Medicaid funding for  
2020 Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories. I am proud to be a co-  
2021 lead on this effort with my colleague and good friend,  
2022 Representative Darren Soto. This was a team effort, and this  
2023 is a great example of how we can get things done. So I want  
2024 to thank Representative Soto for his leadership in sponsoring  
2025 this legislation, and offering this -- he is going to offer a  
2026 technical amendment, as well.

2027         The Supporting Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act  
2028 extends the Medicaid annual funding cap rates for the next  
2029 five years for Puerto Rico, and eight years for the other  
2030 territories. I want to emphasize that this bill strikes a  
2031 balance, a careful negotiation between the sides to ensure we  
2032 are protecting our most vulnerable patients and providing  
2033 long-term certainty in these programs, while maintaining  
2034 accountability measures and safeguards, as well.

2035         These accountability measures include asset verification  
2036 for beneficiaries, additional funding for incentivizing,  
2037 again, higher payments for doctors to remain in Puerto Rico  
2038 -- very important -- rather than fleeing to the states --  
2039 obviously, they are all U.S. citizens -- and providing a  
2040 competitive bidding process and procurements to protect  
2041 against potential corruption.

2042         While I know we are still working through potential

2043 offsets, and I know we will have additional work to do when  
2044 it comes to the Puerto Rico -- Puerto Rico's Medicaid  
2045 program, H.R. 4406 is a true -- it really is a truly  
2046 bipartisan compromise. And that is how you govern, folks.  
2047 It puts us in the right direction.

2048         So I hope that my colleagues will support our friends  
2049 and citizens in the territories, and please support this  
2050 legislation. We appreciate it very much.

2051         Again, I want to thank my colleague, Mr. Soto, but the  
2052 leadership team and the staff did an outstanding job in  
2053 getting this done.

2054         So with that I will yield back.

2055         \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Mr. Soto, are  
2056 you going to speak on the underlying bill, or you want to go  
2057 to the amendment?

2058         \*Mr. Soto. Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak on the  
2059 underlying bill --

2060         \*The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

2061         \*Mr. Soto. Members, Americans in our U.S. territories  
2062 need our help. They pay payroll taxes like Medicaid,  
2063 Medicare, and Social Security. Yet our territories don't  
2064 receive equal funding in Medicaid, as states do. This has  
2065 led to an erosion of their health care infrastructure:  
2066 hospitals in decline; doctors and nurses leaving for better,  
2067 well-funded health care systems. Add in hurricanes and other

2068 natural disasters, and the state of health care in our  
2069 territories is in a deterioration.

2070         We were able to come together two years ago -- almost  
2071 two years ago -- to pass a Medicaid equality extension.  
2072 Today, supporting Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act is an  
2073 important bipartisan step to improve U.S. territory health  
2074 care systems, improve care for vulnerable Americans there,  
2075 and, importantly, to save lives.

2076         The bill would extend funding and Federal medical  
2077 assistance percentages for five years for Puerto Rico, and  
2078 for eight years for all other U.S. territories. Keep in  
2079 mind, Puerto Rico is much bigger, population-wise, than the  
2080 other territories. And the five-year mark was a product of  
2081 bipartisan negotiations.

2082         We extend the caps, the cap amounts for all of our  
2083 territories, and there is critical verification and  
2084 accountability measures that we negotiated with our  
2085 colleagues across the aisle for asset verification to  
2086 maintain 70 percent Medicare payment floor for Medicaid  
2087 providers, to report on progress towards reporting Medicaid  
2088 quality measures, and reforms of contracts require contracts  
2089 above a certain threshold to be competitively bid, along with  
2090 full implementation of asset verification of Medicaid  
2091 beneficiaries by the end of fiscal year 2024.

2092         Most importantly, passing this bill will avoid the

2093 Medicaid cliff in September that would cause drastic  
2094 rollbacks among all of our U.S. territories and their health  
2095 care systems. And in Puerto Rico, new programs are expiring,  
2096 temporary increases in the reimbursement rates to physicians,  
2097 hospitals, and other providers, and new coverage of the drug  
2098 treating hepatitis C.

2099 I cannot stress enough this is the product of bipartisan  
2100 negotiations. And why is that important? Because it greatly  
2101 increases the chances that this will pass the Senate and  
2102 become law. We can't afford for inaction, with this Medicaid  
2103 cliff looming.

2104 I want to thank my fellow Floridian and colleague, Gus  
2105 Bilirakis, Representative Gonzalez-Colon, as well; Stacey  
2106 Plaskett; Radewagen; San Nicolas, Sablan, all of our  
2107 representatives from the territories, as well as Chairman  
2108 Pallone and Chairwoman Eshoo, Ranking Member McMorris  
2109 Rodgers, and Ranking Member Guthrie, all of us, for coming  
2110 together for the longest extension for Medicaid equality in  
2111 our history. And this can help us create the track record to  
2112 get to where we want to go, the ultimate goal meaning a  
2113 permanent fix, a permanent equality for our territories for  
2114 the Medicaid programs.

2115 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back, and I can  
2116 introduce the amendment at your leisure.

2117 \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Soto. And this is a very

2118 important bill, as you say, and I really appreciate the  
2119 bipartisan support that we have been getting to put this  
2120 together.

2121 Is there anyone else who wants to speak on the  
2122 underlying bill?

2123 If not, we will go to the Soto amendment. The gentleman  
2124 -- well, first we have to report the amendment.

2125 Madam Clerk, you have the amendment?

2126 \*The Clerk. Yes, sir.

2127 \*The Chairman. The clerk will report the Soto  
2128 amendment.

2129 \*The Clerk. Amendment to H.R. 4406, offered by Mr. Soto  
2130 of Florida.

2131 \*The Chairman. Without objection, the reading of the  
2132 Soto amendment will be dispensed with.

2133 [The amendment of Mr. Soto follows:]

2134

2135 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2136

2137           \*The Chairman. And the gentleman from Florida is again  
2138 recognized for five minutes.

2139           \*Mr. Soto. Mr. Chairman, this amendment will make  
2140 technical changes to reflect CMS technical assistance. And  
2141 that is the amendment.

2142           \*The Chairman. Does anyone else seek to -- want to  
2143 speak on the amendment?

2144           Okay. If not, we will go to a vote on the Soto  
2145 amendment.

2146           All those in favor of the Soto amendment will signify by  
2147 saying aye.

2148           Okay, sorry.

2149           All those opposed will say no.

2150           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and the  
2151 Soto amendment is agreed to.

2152           Are there any further amendments to the underlying bill?

2153           Seeing none, we will go to the question, which now  
2154 occurs on favorably reporting H.R. 4406, as amended, to the  
2155 House.

2156           All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4406, as amended,  
2157 to the House will signify by saying aye.

2158           \*Voice. Emergency --

2159           \*The Chairman. And all those opposed will say no.

2160           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
2161 4406, as amended, is reported to the House.



2162           Now, we -- that completes all of the health bills, which  
2163 is pretty amazing, that we did that and it is not yet noon.  
2164 But we are going to recess.

2165           But what I would like to do is just call up the first  
2166 bill in the next package that comes from the Communications  
2167 and Electronics -- and Technology Subcommittee. And then,  
2168 after we call that up, we will recess until the last vote.

2169           So the chair calls up H.R. 2685, the Understanding  
2170 Cybersecurity Act -- of Mobile Networks Act, and the clerk  
2171 will report the bill.

2172           \*The Clerk. H.R. 2685, a bill to direct the Assistant  
2173 Secretary of Commerce --

2174           \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
2175 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
2176 is now considered as read.

2177           And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
2178 and open for amendment.

2179           [The bill follows:]

2180

2181           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2182

2183           \*The Chairman. But we will now stand in recess, again,  
2184 until after the last vote on PFAS, which I think is the last  
2185 vote of the day, right?

2186           So I figure we will be back around 2:30 or so, but after  
2187 the last vote.

2188           And I now call the committee in recess. Thank you all.

2189           [Recess.]

2190           \*The Chairman. All right, I call the committee back to  
2191 order.

2192           And when we left off, we had -- the clerk had the  
2193 reading of H.R. 2685, the Understanding Cybersecurity of  
2194 Mobile Networks Act.

2195           And that -- so now, if there is any member seeking  
2196 recognition to speak on that underlying bill --

2197           \*Voice. Ms. Eshoo.

2198           \*The Chairman. Ms. Eshoo is recognized.

2199           \*Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike  
2200 the last word.

2201           Last Congress we passed legislation directing the FCC,  
2202 the Federal Communications Commission, to ban  
2203 telecommunications carriers using Federal funds to purchase  
2204 equipment made by Huawei, ZTE, and other entities that pose a  
2205 national security threat to our networks. This left a gap,  
2206 because companies can still purchase equipment that poses  
2207 national security threats using private funds. This is an

2208 issue that I have been on for the last 11 years.

2209 So Congressman Steve Scalise and I introduced the Secure  
2210 Equipment -- the Equipment Act to close this gap. Our bill  
2211 prohibits the FCC from approving any equipment from Huawei,  
2212 ZTE, and other national security threats, and this includes  
2213 privately-purchased equipment. As I said, I have been on  
2214 this issue for nearly 11 years at this point, having first  
2215 written to the FCC about the national security threat posed  
2216 by Huawei and ZTE, going back to November 2nd, 2010.

2217 So I am very pleased by the progress our committee has  
2218 made on this issue in the last Congress, and I urge all of my  
2219 colleagues to support the Secure Equipment Act to build on  
2220 that progress in this Congress and in this -- on this day.

2221 With that, I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

2222 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Is there  
2223 anyone else who wants to speak on this bill?

2224 Oh, this is the cybersecurity bill, H.R. 2685.

2225 All right, are there any amendments? Do we have an --  
2226 Ms. Eshoo has an amendment.

2227 \*Ms. Eshoo. We do, I do.

2228 \*The Chairman. All right, let's find it.

2229 Madam Clerk, do we have it?

2230 \*Ms. Eshoo. Wait a minute.

2231 \*The Chairman. It is an ANS?

2232 \*Ms. Eshoo. It is. I have an amendment in the nature

2233 of substitute at the desk. It is labeled H2685ANS.

2234 \*The Chairman. Okay, the clerk will report the  
2235 amendment.

2236 \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
2237 H.R. 2685, offered by Ms. Eshoo of California. Strike all  
2238 after --

2239 \*The Chairman. Without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
2240 reading of the amendment will be dispensed with.

2241 [The amendment of Ms. Eshoo follows:]

2242

2243 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2244

2245           \*The Chairman. And the gentlewoman from California is  
2246 recognized for five minutes.

2247           \*Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am proud to  
2248 have sponsored the underlying bill, the Understanding  
2249 Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act, which requires the NTIA  
2250 to conduct a comprehensive study on the cybersecurity  
2251 vulnerabilities of our 2G, 3G, and 4G networks.

2252           Members who are not part of the telecom subcommittee  
2253 might be wondering why we are focusing on these older  
2254 networks, when all you read about or hear about when you turn  
2255 your TV on is 5G. Well, here is why. Nearly all of our  
2256 calls, texts, and mobile communications traverse through 2G,  
2257 3G, and 4G networks. We are moving toward a 5G world, but  
2258 for the foreseeable future, these older networks will handle  
2259 most of our wireless communications.

2260           There have been many one-off reports from agencies,  
2261 universities, companies, think tanks, but we need a  
2262 comprehensive study on what vulnerabilities exist, and what  
2263 has been addressed, so that policymakers have the whole  
2264 picture. And that is exactly what my bill does.

2265           My amendment in the nature of a substitute simply makes  
2266 technical changes to the bill. And I thank Congressman  
2267 Kinzinger for working on this with me. He has been a  
2268 terrific partner.

2269           So I urge my colleagues to vote for the ANS, and for the

2270 underlying bill, and I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

2271 \*The Chairman. I thank Ms. Eshoo. Does anyone else  
2272 want to speak on the ANS?

2273 All right. Hearing none, we will proceed.

2274 [Pause.]

2275 \*The Chairman. Well, if there -- oh, this is not for  
2276 the ANS? Oh, okay. Oh, we go, okay. Oh, so we will proceed  
2277 to vote on the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

2278 All those in favor of the amendment in the nature of a  
2279 substitute to H.R. 2685 will signify by saying aye.

2280 [Laughter.]

2281 \*Ms. Eshoo. It is like another Greek chorus chanting on  
2282 the side of the stage, isn't it? So odd, I know.

2283 \*The Chairman. All those opposed will say no.

2284 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. And as a  
2285 result, the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R.  
2286 2685 is agreed to.

2287 So the question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
2288 2685, as amended, to the full House.

2289 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 2685, as amended,  
2290 to the House will signify by saying aye.

2291 \*Ms. Eshoo. It is a delayed response, I think.

2292 [Laughter.]

2293 \*The Chairman. It is getting worse. Now there is,  
2294 like, piano music.

2295 All those opposed will say no.

2296 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
2297 2685, as amended, is reported to the House.

2298 The chair now calls up H.R. 3919, the Secure Equipment  
2299 Act of 2021, and the clerk will report the bill.

2300 \*The Clerk. H.R. 3919, to ensure that the Federal  
2301 Communications Commission --

2302 \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
2303 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
2304 is now considered as read.

2305 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
2306 and open for amendment.

2307 [The bill follows:]

2308

2309 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2310

2311           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
2312 recognition to speak on this bill?

2313           \*Mr. Scalise. Mr. Chairman?

2314           \*The Chairman. Mr. Scalise is -- the whip is  
2315 recognized.

2316           \*Mr. Scalise. Oh, no --

2317           \*The Chairman. Yes, five minutes.

2318           \*Mr. Scalise. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate  
2319 you bringing the bill forward. I do have an amendment at the  
2320 desk labeled H3919-ANS.

2321           \*The Chairman. No one else wanted to speak on the  
2322 underlying bill.

2323           \*Ms. Eshoo. Well, I did.

2324           \*The Chairman. You do?

2325           \*Ms. Eshoo. When I -- well, I already did, and I  
2326 shouldn't have. So I think that my -- do you want me to say  
2327 the same thing again, or --

2328           \*The Chairman. No.

2329           \*Ms. Eshoo. It is not necessary?

2330           \*The Chairman. Oh, you did. Okay.

2331           \*Ms. Eshoo. I did, yes.

2332           \*The Chairman. All right, we are fine. So we --

2333           \*Ms. Eshoo. You mean you didn't notice?

2334           [Laughter.]

2335           \*The Chairman. I didn't, no, I apologize.



2336 \*Ms. Eshoo. You really know how to hurt a lady.

2337 \*The Chairman. It was riveting.

2338 [Laughter.]

2339 \*The Chairman. So we are going to go to the amendment,  
2340 then. Mr. Scalise has an amendment. Does the clerk have the  
2341 Scalise amendment?

2342 \*The Clerk. Yes, I do.

2343 \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk?

2344 \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
2345 H.R. 3919, offered by Mr. Scalise of Louisiana. Strike --

2346 \*The Chairman. The clerk -- without objection, Madam  
2347 Clerk, the reading the amendment will be dispensed with.

2348 [The amendment of Mr. Scalise follows:]

2349

2350 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2351

2352           \*The Chairman. And the gentleman from Louisiana, the  
2353 whip, is recognized for five minutes.

2354           \*Mr. Scalise. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I  
2355 will talk about the specifics of the bill in a moment. But  
2356 the amendment makes technical changes to the bill to reflect  
2357 some actions that have been recently taken by the FCC in  
2358 relation to the way that the bill was initially addressing  
2359 FCC on this issue.

2360           And so they did a notice of proposed rulemaking in the  
2361 matter of protecting against national security threats to the  
2362 communications supply chain through the equipment  
2363 authorization program, which was adopted on June 17th of  
2364 2021. And so that is what the amendment in the nature of a  
2365 substitute is addressing.

2366           So to talk about that, it really establishes that the  
2367 FCC cannot retroactively review or revoke equipment licenses  
2368 from companies that are listed on the FCC's covered list,  
2369 which we will talk about in a moment.

2370           But I first do want to thank, of course, the chairman  
2371 and ranking member for bringing this up. But I especially  
2372 want to thank Ms. Eshoo, because this is an issue we have  
2373 worked on. She has been working on this for a long time, but  
2374 we came together to work on this concern because, years ago,  
2375 Congress came together and asked the FCC to put together a  
2376 list of concerned companies that could be national security

2377 threats. The FCC has moved forward and done that. In fact,  
2378 this is a list of the companies, the five companies that are  
2379 listed by the FCC as security threats.

2380 And so, now that that has been done, we just want to  
2381 make sure that they have the explicit authority to take  
2382 action based on this. And we have recognized on this  
2383 committee for a long time that there are threats coming from  
2384 China, and especially the way that the Chinese Communist  
2385 Party -- their laws deal with data that Americans are running  
2386 through different networks, and these companies specifically  
2387 have equipment, whether it is antennas or other devices, that  
2388 are collecting Americans' data.

2389 H.R. 3919, the Secure Equipment Act, stops China from  
2390 infiltrating our networks by prohibiting the FCC from issuing  
2391 equipment licenses to Chinese telecommunications equipment  
2392 companies that are identified as a national security threat.  
2393 So they have already had to meet that distinction by the FCC  
2394 as a national security threat.

2395 The committee worked in a bipartisan manner to help  
2396 address the threat of China by passing the Critical, Secure,  
2397 and Trusted Communications Network Act of 2019. So that is  
2398 the authority that we are operating under. But one of the  
2399 requirements of that law from 2019 instructed the FCC to  
2400 publish a list of telecommunications equipment deemed to be  
2401 national security threats. So earlier this year, that is

2402 when the FCC came out with that list.

2403           So all of the companies on this list are Chinese  
2404 companies with ties to the Chinese Communist Party, either  
2405 partly or wholly owned by the Chinese Government. And of  
2406 course, since all of these companies are incorporated in or  
2407 have a presence in China, they are subject to China's  
2408 national security laws. Because of that, if the Chinese  
2409 Government demanded to get the data that is running through  
2410 their networks, they have to turn it over, which poses a  
2411 major threat to all American companies who are utilizing this  
2412 equipment. That is why the FCC took their action.

2413           But as the U.S. continues to push forward with 5G, and  
2414 Americans increase their reliance on the Internet and other  
2415 devices, we must prevent these malign companies from having  
2416 any presence in our networks. This makes sure that the FCC  
2417 has the explicit ability to take the actions to remove these  
2418 licenses. That is what the bill does, what -- the amendment  
2419 in the nature of a substitute.

2420           Again, I thank Congresswoman Eshoo for her leadership  
2421 and support, and would yield back.

2422           \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Does anyone else  
2423 want to comment on the ANS?

2424           All right, then we will go to a -- we have no other  
2425 amendments, correct?

2426           Okay, we will go to a vote.

2427           \*Mr. Pence. Mr. Chairman, I would like to strike the  
2428 last word.

2429           \*The Chairman. Who is -- oh, Mr. Pence is recognized.

2430           \*Mr. Pence. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise in support  
2431 of H.R. 3919, introduced by my colleagues, Congressman  
2432 Scalise and Congresswoman Eshoo.

2433           I am pleased to support this legislation to help prevent  
2434 our networks from being infiltrated by companies that are  
2435 backed by the Chinese Communist Party. China's record of  
2436 reckless behavior in cyberspace has been clear: stealing IP,  
2437 collecting data on U.S. citizens, and infecting our networks  
2438 with malware. This legislation is an important step to  
2439 preventing China from gaining footholds in our networks that  
2440 would allow this illicit activity to continue.

2441           Companies listed by the FTC and others act like a Trojan  
2442 horse, using manipulated prices to gain positions in key  
2443 sections of our network. From there, CCP officials can  
2444 navigate freely across our network, and amass the personal  
2445 data of Hoosiers and all Americans.

2446           In places like rural southeast Indiana, artificially  
2447 cheap equipment were attractive for small carriers that serve  
2448 smaller communities and have lower profit margins. That is  
2449 why it is important for Congress to have passed its Secure  
2450 and Trusted Communications Network Act into law, bipartisan  
2451 legislation that provided funding for companies to replace

2452 listed companies' equipment. H.R. 3919 goes one step  
2453 further, and targets companies that the FCC has deemed to be  
2454 a national security threat, and banning their ability to  
2455 operate in American markets.

2456 As we work in Congress to advance broadband build-out in  
2457 underserved areas of the country, national security  
2458 considerations for all Americans is paramount.

2459 I thank the sponsors for their work on this legislation,  
2460 and I urge my colleagues to support the bill. I yield back.

2461 \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Pence. Does anyone else  
2462 want to speak on the ANS or the underlying bill?

2463 If there is no further discussion, we will proceed to a  
2464 vote on the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

2465 All those in favor of the amendment in the nature of a  
2466 substitute to H.R. 3919 will signify by saying aye.

2467 All those opposed will say no.

2468 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and,  
2469 therefore, the amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
2470 H.R. 3919 is agreed to.

2471 And we now -- question now occurs on favorably reporting  
2472 H.R. 3919, as amended, to the full House.

2473 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 3919, as amended,  
2474 to the House will signify by saying aye.

2475 And all those opposed will say no.

2476 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.

2477 3919, as amended, is reported to the House.

2478 The chair now calls up H.R. 4028, the Information and  
2479 Communication Technology Strategy Act, and the clerk will  
2480 report the bill.

2481 \*The Clerk. H.R. 4028, a bill to require the Secretary  
2482 of Commerce --

2483 \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
2484 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
2485 is now considered as read.

2486 And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
2487 and open for amendment.

2488 [The bill follows:]

2489

2490 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2491

2492           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
2493 recognition to speak on the underlying bill?

2494           \*Mr. McNerney. Mr. Chairman?

2495           \*The Chairman. Mr. McNerney is recognized for five  
2496 minutes.

2497           \*Mr. McNerney. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
2498 word on H.R. --

2499           \*The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

2500           Whoever is -- you have got to mute yourself, those who  
2501 are on virtually. All right.

2502           \*Mr. McNerney. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
2503 word on H.R. 4028, the Information Communications Technology  
2504 Strategy Act. I am proud to co-lead H.R. 4028.

2505           The bill would direct the Secretary of Commerce to  
2506 submit a report to Congress that analyzes the state of  
2507 economic competitiveness of trusted vendors in the  
2508 information and communication technology supply chain,  
2509 identify which components or technologies are critical or  
2510 vulnerable, and identify which components of the technologies  
2511 U.S. networks depend upon.

2512           It would also require the Commerce Secretary to submit a  
2513 whole-of-government strategy to ensure the competitiveness of  
2514 trusted vendors in the United States.

2515           I think this bill is critically important to ensure that  
2516 we are thinking about the future of our supply chain



2517 security, and do what we can to aid a robust marketplace for  
2518 communications equipment.

2519 I want to thank my colleagues, Representative Long,  
2520 Representative Spanberger, and Mr. Carter for their work on  
2521 this bill.

2522 I yield back.

2523 \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. McNerney. I know Mr.  
2524 Long has an ANS.

2525 Did you want to speak on the underlying bill, or just go  
2526 to the ANS?

2527 \*Mr. Long. Yes, I would like to speak on it.

2528 \*The Chairman. The underlying bill?

2529 \*Mr. Long. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the  
2530 desk.

2531 \*The Chairman. All right, if no one else wants to speak  
2532 on the underlying bill, we will go to the ANS.

2533 \*Mr. Long. Oh, I am sorry, I thought --

2534 \*The Chairman. No, no, that is all right. I was hoping  
2535 nobody would.

2536 So the clerk will report the Long amendment in the  
2537 nature of a substitute.

2538 \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
2539 H.R. 4028, offered by Mr. Long of Missouri. Strike all after  
2540 the enacting clause --

2541 \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the

2542 reading of the amendment will be dispensed with.

2543 [The amendment of Mr. Long follows:]

2544

2545 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2546

2547           \*The Chairman. And Mr. Long is recognized for five  
2548 minutes.

2549           \*Mr. Long. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This amendment  
2550 offers a few targeted changes to improve the effectiveness of  
2551 the whole-of-government strategy this bill requires. In  
2552 addition to some technical edits, this clarifies NTIA's role  
2553 in leading the ICT report and whole-of-government strategy to  
2554 ensure economic competitiveness of critical communications  
2555 technologies.

2556           NTIA is the agency with the expertise in communications  
2557 issues within the executive branch, and is best positioned to  
2558 work with other agencies across the Federal Government to  
2559 coordinate these efforts.

2560           This amendment also makes sure that NTIA specifically  
2561 looks at ways to strengthen American producers of information  
2562 and communications technology. While trusted suppliers are  
2563 an important part of our supply chain, we must also be aware  
2564 of what domestic presence we have for trusted equipment.  
2565 With all the supply chain disruptions we have seen in this  
2566 past year, it is important to know how our domestic  
2567 production of this crucial equipment can be strengthened in  
2568 the future.

2569           I thank all my friends across the aisle for helping get  
2570 this to the finish line, and I yield back.

2571           \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Does anyone else

2572 want to speak on the amendment in the nature of a substitute?

2573 All right, hearing none, we will go to -- oh, and there  
2574 are no other amendments, correct?

2575 Okay, so we will move forward with the ANS. Let's see.  
2576 We will proceed to vote on the Long amendment in the nature  
2577 of a substitute.

2578 All those in favor of the amendment in the nature of a  
2579 substitute to H.R. -- I am sorry, to H.R. 4028 will signify  
2580 by saying aye.

2581 And all those opposed will say no.

2582 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. And as a  
2583 result, the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R.  
2584 4028 is agreed to.

2585 The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
2586 4028, as amended, to the full House.

2587 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4028, as amended,  
2588 to the House will signify by saying aye.

2589 Is that a banjo?

2590 All those opposed will say no.

2591 Okay, in the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and  
2592 H.R. 4028, as amended, is reported to the House.

2593 The chair calls up H.R. 4032, the Open RAN Outreach Act.  
2594 The clerk will report the bill.

2595 \*The Clerk. H.R. 4032, to provide outreach and  
2596 technical assistance to small --

2597           \*The Chairman. And without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
2598 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
2599 is now considered as read.

2600           Without objection, the bill is considered as read, and  
2601 open for amendment.

2602           [The bill follows:]

2603

2604           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2605

2606           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
2607 recognition to speak on the bill?

2608           \*Voice. Mr. O'Halleran?

2609           \*The Chairman. Oh, Mr. O'Halleran. He is on the  
2610 screen, okay. Mr. O'Halleran is recognized for five minutes.

2611           [Pause.]

2612           \*The Chairman. You have to unmute yourself, Tom.

2613           \*Mr. O'Halleran. That was too quick. Thank you, Mr.  
2614 Chairman, I appreciate --

2615           \*The Chairman. You are recognized.

2616           \*Mr. O'Halleran. -- today to move these important  
2617 bills.

2618           Securing America's network technology is an important  
2619 national security priority. We heard yesterday during the  
2620 oversight hearing about the damage that hackers can do when  
2621 they gain access to our systems. Weaknesses can be  
2622 exploited, with dangerous consequences for our nation's  
2623 infrastructure.

2624           One way to help to protect this -- against this is --  
2625 bad actors -- is to secure our networks with open network  
2626 technology.

2627           The bipartisan Open RAN Outreach Act would direct NTIA  
2628 to provide outreach and assistance to small network  
2629 providers. This assistance can help them find components  
2630 from trusted vendors, helping to secure the entire network.

2631 This is especially useful in rural areas, where network  
2632 expansion is sorely needed. As we invest in building our  
2633 rural networks, we must build them right the first time. We  
2634 can expand access without sacrificing security.

2635 I want to thank the chairman for calling up this bill.  
2636 I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for  
2637 their support. And I yield back.

2638 \*The Chairman. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. O'Halleran.

2639 So we are -- does anyone else want to speak on the  
2640 underlying bill? Otherwise, we do have an ANS, right, from  
2641 Mr. McNerney?

2642 Anyone else on the underlying bill?

2643 Mr. McNerney has an amendment in the nature of a  
2644 substitute. Does the clerk have that?

2645 \*The Clerk. Yes, I do.

2646 \*The Chairman. The clerk will report the ANS.

2647 \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
2648 H.R. 4032, offered by Mr. McNerney of California. Strike --

2649 \*The Chairman. Without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
2650 reading of the ANS will be dispensed with.

2651 [The amendment of Mr. McNerney follows:]

2652

2653 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2654

2655           \*The Chairman. And Mr. McNerney is recognized for five  
2656 minutes.

2657           \*Mr. McNerney. Well, I thank the chairman.

2658           I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 4032, the Open RAN  
2659 Outreach Act. The Federal Government has an opportunity here  
2660 to develop and implement a modern supply chain framework  
2661 built on a foundation of coordination, agility, and trust.

2662           The bill will direct the NTIA administrator to provide  
2663 outreach and technical assistance to small communications  
2664 network providers regarding open RANs. These efforts will be  
2665 a boon to small communication networks, providers that want  
2666 to do the right thing by rejecting non-trusted suppliers, but  
2667 don't know how to do as much as they would like to -- about  
2668 how to build -- rebuild networks, or build them in a future-  
2669 proof way for the first time. This type of technical  
2670 assistance will be invaluable to smaller providers.

2671           This amendment, which has the support of Republican and  
2672 Democratic cosponsors, will ensure that the information  
2673 provided as a part of this outreach is balanced, and that it  
2674 will also be available to providers who want to participate  
2675 in the Wireless Innovation Grant Program authorized in the  
2676 fiscal year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

2677           I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to  
2678 support this amendment, and I yield back.

2679           \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. McNerney. Is there



2680 anyone else that wants to speak on the ANS?

2681 \*Mr. Latta. Mr. Chairman, I have got an amendment to  
2682 the gentleman's ANS.

2683 \*The Chairman. An amendment to the ANS? Can we --  
2684 everyone is all right if we proceed to that?

2685 \*Mr. Latta. Well, thank you --

2686 \*The Chairman. All right.

2687 \*Mr. Latta. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman.

2688 \*The Chairman. Do we have it at the desk?

2689 \*Mr. Latta. This is Mr. Hudson's amendment.

2690 \*The Clerk. Yes, I have it.

2691 \*Mr. Latta. Thank you.

2692 Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and also thank --

2693 \*The Chairman. No, she has to report it.

2694 \*Mr. Latta. I am sorry.

2695 \*The Chairman. That is all right.

2696 Clerk, do you have it?

2697 \*The Clerk. Yes. Amendment to the amendment in the  
2698 nature of a substitute to H.R. 4032, offered by Mr. Hudson of  
2699 North Carolina.

2700 \*The Chairman. Without objection, the reading of the --  
2701 will be dispensed with.

2702

2703

2704

2705 [The amendment of Mr. Hudson follows:]

2706

2707 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2708

2709           \*The Chairman. And the gentleman from Ohio is  
2710 recognized on the amendment.

2711           \*Mr. Latta. Well, again, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And  
2712 again, I thank my good friend from California.

2713           Listen, this is a very short amendment. This is a  
2714 bipartisan amendment that is technical in nature, and  
2715 clarifies the intent of the bill. The amendment simply  
2716 confirms that the bill aims to insure small and rural  
2717 providers fully understand the opportunities that Open RAN  
2718 compatible technology could provide, as well as any  
2719 challenges associated with implementing it.

2720           And with that, Mr. Chairman, I urge my --

2721           \*Mr. Guthrie. Will the gentleman yield?

2722           \*Mr. Latta. Yes, I will. I will yield to my friend.

2723           \*Mr. Guthrie. Thank you to my -- to the Republican  
2724 leader of the subcommittee, I appreciate it.

2725           The Open RAN Outreach Act can help strengthen our supply  
2726 chain and build our own efforts to ensure untrusted equipment  
2727 is kept out of American telecommunication networks.

2728           Promoting a more competitive market of trusted  
2729 alternative vendors to provide 5G equipment remains an  
2730 important component in the strategy to protect U.S. networks.  
2731 Open RAN technology can help diversify the telecommunications  
2732 technology as an open network. Infrastructure can have  
2733 multiple components from multiple manufacturers.

2734           We need to ensure our small and rural providers are  
2735 protected from the influences of the Chinese Communist Party,  
2736 Huawei, and other bad actors. The Open RAN Outreach Act  
2737 requires NTIA to provide small and rural providers  
2738 information on the opportunities and challenges of  
2739 implementing open RAN compatible technology, and support to  
2740 deploy open RAN technologies, if providers would like to  
2741 implement this technology.

2742           I want to thank my -- Representatives Allred,  
2743 Representative Hudson, and Representative O'Halleran for  
2744 working with me on this legislation, and I encourage my  
2745 colleagues to support the underlying amendment that was  
2746 before us, and supporting the bill.

2747           And I yield back to my friend, Mr. Latta.

2748           \*Mr. Latta. Well, thank you very much. And Mr.  
2749 Chairman, I yield back, and urge everyone to support the  
2750 amendment to the amendment. Thank you very much.

2751           \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Latta.

2752           So does anyone want to speak on the Latta amendment?

2753           All right. If not, we are going to proceed to the Latta  
2754 amendment.

2755           All those in favor of the Latta amendment to the ANS  
2756 will signify by saying aye.

2757           And all those opposed will say no.

2758           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, the

2759 amendment is agreed to.

2760 And I don't think there are any further amendments to  
2761 the ANS, are there?

2762 No? Okay. So then we are going to go to the ANS.

2763 All those in favor of the amendment in the nature of a  
2764 substitute to H.R. 4032, as amended, will signify by saying  
2765 aye.

2766 All those opposed will say no.

2767 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. And  
2768 therefore, the amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
2769 H.R. 4032, as amended, is agreed to.

2770 And the question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
2771 4032, as amended, to the full House.

2772 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4032, as amended,  
2773 to the House will signify by saying aye.

2774 And all those opposed will say no.

2775 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. And as a  
2776 result, H.R. 4032, as amended, is reported to the House.

2777 The chair now calls up H.R. 4045, the Future Uses of  
2778 Technology Upholding Reliable and Enhanced Networks Act, also  
2779 known as the FUTURE Networks Act. And the clerk will report  
2780 the bill.

2781 \*The Clerk. H.R. 4045, a bill to direct the Federal  
2782 Communications Commission to --

2783 \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the

2784 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
2785 is now considered as read.

2786 And without objection, the bill is considered as read  
2787 and open for amendment.

2788 [The bill follows:]

2789

2790 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2791

2792           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
2793 recognition to speak on the bill, H.R. 4045?

2794           \*Ms. Kelly. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment.

2795           \*Voice. That is Kelly.

2796           \*The Chairman. All right, we will move to the Kelly  
2797 amendment. Does the clerk have the Kelly amendment?

2798           \*The Clerk. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

2799           \*The Chairman. The clerk will report the amendment.

2800           \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
2801 H.R. 4045, offered by Ms. Kelly of Illinois. Strike all --

2802           \*The Chairman. And without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
2803 reading of the Kelly amendment will be dispensed with.

2804           [The amendment of Ms. Kelly follows:]

2805

2806           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2807

2808           \*The Chairman. And the gentlewoman from Illinois, the  
2809 vice chair, is recognized for five minutes.

2810           \*Ms. Kelly. Thank you, Chairman Pallone. I support  
2811 H.R. 4045, the FUTURE Networks Act, introduced by Chairman  
2812 Doyle, with Representatives Johnson and McBath, because  
2813 Congress has a role to play in supporting American leadership  
2814 in network and supply chain security, and in fostering an  
2815 environment of innovation and competition.

2816           The pandemic has brought more of our lives online, from  
2817 work and education to casual social interaction. It has  
2818 shown a light on our telecommunications networks' resiliency  
2819 and security as the demand accelerates. As our need for  
2820 connectivity continues to grow, we must facilitate U.S.  
2821 leadership in the technologies and infrastructure that  
2822 deliver it.

2823           The future of networks -- Federal Communications  
2824 Commission to create a 6G task force. The task force would  
2825 include voices across trusted companies, public -- and  
2826 government representatives at the state, local, Federal, and  
2827 tribal level. The task force would be responsible for  
2828 reporting the status of 6G standards, the supply chain and  
2829 cybersecurity of 6G.

2830           These issues are critical to the foundation of our  
2831 nation's telecommunication networks. The task force's  
2832 diverse perspectives will also create the coordination



2833 necessary to accelerate the deployment of next generation  
2834 wireless technologies. Speed and early planning of 6G  
2835 deployment will significantly influence the future innovation  
2836 and competitiveness of American industry. This is a critical  
2837 part of how we will stay ahead of the world and at the  
2838 forefront of technological innovation.

2839         The ANS I am offering -- only small technical edits, and  
2840 has the support of the Democratic and Republican cosponsors  
2841 of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment,  
2842 and I yield back.

2843         \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Does anyone  
2844 else want to speak on the Kelly amendment in the nature of a  
2845 substitute?

2846         All right, then we will proceed to a vote on the ANS.

2847         All those in favor of the amendment in the nature of a  
2848 substitute will signify by saying aye.

2849         All those opposed will say no.

2850         In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. The  
2851 amendment in the nature of a substitute is agreed to.

2852         I take it there is --

2853         \*Mr. Latta. Mr. Chairman?

2854         \*Voice. Mr. Latta.

2855         [Pause.]

2856         \*Voice. Mr. Latta.

2857         \*The Chairman. Oh, you want to speak?

2858           \*Mr. Latta. I move to strike the last word.

2859           \*The Chairman. Yes, you are recognized.

2860           \*Mr. Latta. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman,  
2861 again, thank you very much.

2862           I would like to start by thanking the gentleman from  
2863 Pennsylvania, the chair of the Communications and Technology  
2864 Subcommittee, Mr. Doyle, for working with us to improve this  
2865 bill, and find the appropriate public and private roles when  
2866 it comes to 6G. This committee, and particularly the  
2867 Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, has been  
2868 leading on wireless policy for decades, and we will continue  
2869 to work on that in work here today.

2870           As the U.S. continues to lead in 5G deployment, it is  
2871 important to be forward-looking and anticipate any barriers  
2872 to deploying 6G technology that may exist, so that we can  
2873 quickly address them. I am pleased that this bill requires a  
2874 6G task force to study any potential infrastructure siting  
2875 barriers that may inhibit the deployment and adoption of 6G  
2876 services.

2877           At the legislative hearing our panel of experts noted  
2878 that 6G is expected to further intensify our networks,  
2879 requiring many more radios to be deployed. As this work  
2880 moves forward, I hope we can work to enact the boosting  
2881 broadband connectivity agenda, which will remove many of the  
2882 barriers that exist.

2883           This legislation will serve as a blueprint so we can  
2884 tailor our regulations appropriately to quickly upgrade and  
2885 deploy new equipment. America must maintain its leadership  
2886 in wireless innovation and security.

2887           Again, I want to thank the chair for his participation  
2888 and partnership on these important issues, and look forward  
2889 to supporting this measure. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I  
2890 yield back the balance of my time.

2891           \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Latta.

2892           Now, I am told we did adopt the ANS, correct, Madam  
2893 Clerk? We adopted the ANS?

2894           So now we can go to final passage, and to the House. So  
2895 the question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R. 405  
2896 (sic), as amended, to the full House.

2897           All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4045, as amended,  
2898 to the House will signify by saying aye

2899           And all those opposed will say no.

2900           And in the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and  
2901 so, therefore, H.R. 4045, as amended, is reported to the  
2902 House.

2903           The chair now calls up H.R. 4046, the NTIA Policy and  
2904 Cybersecurity Coordination Act. And the clerk will report  
2905 that bill.

2906           \*The Clerk. H.R. 4046, to amend the National --

2907           \*The Chairman. And Madam Clerk, without objection, the

2908 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
2909 is now considered as read.

2910 Without objection, the bill is considered as read, and  
2911 open for amendment at any point.

2912 [The bill follows:]

2913

2914 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2915

2916           \*The Chairman. Does anyone just want to seek -- want to  
2917 speak on the underlying bill, H.R. 4046?

2918           Okay, does anyone want to amend the bill?

2919           \*Mr. Duncan. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the  
2920 desk.

2921           \*The Chairman. Mr. Duncan?

2922           The clerk will report the Duncan amendment.

2923           \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
2924 H.R. 4046, offered by Mr. Duncan of South Carolina.

2925           \*The Chairman. Without objection, the reading of the  
2926 Duncan amendment will be dispensed with.

2927           [The amendment of Mr. Duncan follows:]

2928

2929           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

2930

2931           \*The Chairman. And the gentleman is recognized for five  
2932 minutes.

2933           \*Mr. Duncan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to  
2934 see H.R. 4046, my NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination  
2935 Act, on today's markup.

2936           This bipartisan amendment would add to the duties of the  
2937 Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity an additional  
2938 function of soliciting and considering feedback from small  
2939 and rural communications service providers in carrying out  
2940 its other functions.

2941           As Congress recognized in establishing the  
2942 Communications Supply Chain Risk Information Program, small  
2943 and rural communications providers need additional help  
2944 keeping up with the Federal policy developments that larger  
2945 providers can accomplish with an army of lawyers. This  
2946 amendment will ensure that, as Congress and NTIA continue  
2947 working to secure our networks, small and rural providers  
2948 will not be left behind.

2949           So again, I want to thank the chairman for working with  
2950 me on this improvement to the bill, and for considering this  
2951 bill in today's markup.

2952           And with that I yield back.

2953           \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Does anyone else  
2954 want to speak on this bill?

2955           The ranking member is recognized for five minutes.

2956           \*Mrs. Rodgers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to  
2957 strike the last word.

2958           I would like to thank my colleague, Mr. Duncan, for  
2959 introducing this bill, and building on the Energy and  
2960 Commerce Committee's bipartisan work on supply chain security  
2961 legislation.

2962           As the recent cyber attacks on our critical  
2963 infrastructure have made clear, we need to ensure the Federal  
2964 Government is doing all it can to support private industry.  
2965 This partnership is crucial.

2966           Small broadband providers previously came to us  
2967 regarding their challenges accessing information about  
2968 untrusted vendors. We listened, and we acted. NTIA now has  
2969 a communication supply chain risk partnership program as a  
2970 result of this committee's work. This information-sharing  
2971 program is just one of the many tools available to help  
2972 strengthen our partnership with the private sector.

2973           The Office of Policy Analysis and Development at NTIA  
2974 also performs a number of important missions, including  
2975 managing the C-SCRIP program.

2976           With the recent ransomware attacks, the need to cement  
2977 our partnership and elevate this work is more crucial than  
2978 ever. The bill before us will codify and rename this office  
2979 to reflect the important role NTIA performs in conjunction  
2980 with communication providers.

2981 I thank my colleagues across the aisle for working with  
2982 us on this bill, and for recognizing the importance of  
2983 bipartisan cooperation on cybersecurity matters within our  
2984 committee's jurisdiction.

2985 I yield back.

2986 \*The Chairman. I thank Mrs. Rodgers.

2987 So we were on the Duncan amendment in the nature of a  
2988 substitute. Does anyone else want to speak on that, or on  
2989 the underlying bill?

2990 All right, then we are going to move to -- move the ANS.

2991 All those in favor of the amendment in the nature of a  
2992 substitute to H.R. 4046 will signify by saying aye.

2993 All those opposed will say no.

2994 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and the  
2995 amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 4046 is  
2996 agreed to.

2997 And the question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
2998 4046, as amended, to the full House.

2999 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4046, as amended,  
3000 to the House will signify by saying aye.

3001 All those opposed will say no.

3002 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and H.R.  
3003 4046 is reported -- I mean, sorry, as amended, H.R. 4046, as  
3004 amended, is reported to the House.

3005 The chair now calls up H.R. 4055, the American



3006 Cybersecurity Literacy Act, and the clerk will report that  
3007 bill.

3008           \*The Clerk. H.R. 4055, a bill to establish a  
3009 cybersecurity literacy campaign, and for other purposes.

3010           \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
3011 first reading of the bill would be dispensed with. The bill  
3012 is now considered as read.

3013           And without objection, the bill is considered as read,  
3014 and open for amendment.

3015           [The bill follows:]

3016

3017           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

3018

3019           \*The Chairman. Are there any members seeking  
3020 recognition to speak on H.R. 4055?

3021           \*Mr. Kinzinger. Mr. Chairman?

3022           \*The Chairman. Mr. Kinzinger is recognized for five  
3023 minutes.

3024           \*Mr. Kinzinger. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3025           Over the past few months we have seen rampant cyber  
3026 attacks across the nation, and have disrupted business,  
3027 increased consumer cost, and threatened our national  
3028 security. The attacks on SolarWinds, Colonial Pipelines, and  
3029 JBS USA have highlighted that even large companies are not  
3030 immune to these attacks. As industry continues to ramp up  
3031 their protections, the public is also at risk and should be  
3032 prepared, as well.

3033           This critical bipartisan legislation would require the  
3034 National Telecommunications and Information Administration to  
3035 establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign to increase  
3036 knowledge and awareness of cybersecurity risks among the  
3037 American public, including best practices for preventing  
3038 cyber attacks.

3039           I am proud to move this legislation forward in a  
3040 bipartisan way with my colleagues on this committee, and I  
3041 look forward to continuing this effort to help thwart future  
3042 cyber attacks on all Americans. I urge my colleagues to  
3043 support the technical amendments, which will be offered in a

3044 moment, as well as the underlying legislation.

3045 And with that, I yield back.

3046 \*The Chairman. Mr. Kinzinger, I think we can move to  
3047 the ANS now, if you like. Let's see if the clerk has it.

3048 \*The Clerk. I have it, Mr. Chairman.

3049 \*The Chairman. The clerk will report the amendment in  
3050 the nature of a substitute.

3051 \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
3052 H.R. 4055, offered by Mr. Kinzinger of Illinois. Strike  
3053 all --

3054 \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
3055 reading of the amendment will be dispensed with.

3056 [The amendment of Mr. Kinzinger follows:]

3057

3058 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

3059

3060           \*The Chairman. And Mr. Kinzinger is recognized again,  
3061 if he seeks.

3062           \*Mr. Kinzinger. Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Just --  
3063 this amendment in the nature of a substitute would make  
3064 technical edits to clarify the bill's focus on educating  
3065 Americans on security best practices, and not the technical  
3066 components of an IT system.

3067           While I am speaking, my friend and co-author of this  
3068 bill, Ms. Eshoo -- I appreciate her help on this -- will be  
3069 offering, I believe, a second-degree amendment that will make  
3070 some additional clarifications. I thank her for her work on  
3071 this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support both,  
3072 and yield back.

3073           \*The Chairman. Thank you. Now, I think we can move to  
3074 the amendment to the ANS by Ms. Eshoo is -- well, I guess we  
3075 have to report it.

3076           The clerk has the Eshoo amendment to the ANS?

3077           \*The Clerk. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

3078           \*The Chairman. The clerk will report the amendment.

3079           \*The Clerk. Amendment to the amendment in the nature of  
3080 a substitute to H.R. 4055, offered by Ms. Eshoo of  
3081 California. Page 1 --

3082           \*The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
3083 reading of the Eshoo amendment will be dispensed with.

3084

3085 [The amendment of Ms. Eshoo follows:]

3086

3087 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

3088

3089           \*The Chairman. And Ms. Eshoo is recognized for five  
3090 minutes.

3091           \*Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an  
3092 amendment at the desk titled Eshoo-048, correct?

3093           \*The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized on her  
3094 amendment.

3095           \*Ms. Eshoo. Thank you. Mr. Chairman and colleagues,  
3096 cyber attacks and data breaches are increasingly common, and  
3097 they are costing private companies and consumers billions of  
3098 dollars, and exposing the private information of countless  
3099 Americans. The press and the media are full of these  
3100 reports.

3101           As attackers become more sophisticated, Americans have  
3102 to have the tools to identify risks and protect themselves  
3103 from the attacks. That is why I am proud to co-lead the  
3104 American Cybersecurity Literacy Act with my colleagues on  
3105 both sides of the aisle, which requires the NTIA, an agency  
3106 within the Department of Commerce, to conduct a public  
3107 education campaign to improve cyber literacy among the  
3108 American people.

3109           This amendment, my amendment, makes several technical  
3110 and minor edits to the bill to ensure the language is as  
3111 effective as possible.

3112           I want to highlight one change contained in the  
3113 amendment. It ensures that the cyber literacy campaign

3114 required by the bill also encourages Americans to install  
3115 cybersecurity patches associated with the software and apps  
3116 they use. Installing patches is one of the most effective  
3117 tools consumers can take to protect themselves. When  
3118 companies offer updates to their software and apps, they  
3119 often include code that patches recently identified  
3120 vulnerabilities. Cyber attacks are often conducted by  
3121 exploding known vulnerabilities, and consumers can avoid  
3122 their systems being exploited by installing patches as soon  
3123 as they are available.

3124 I thank Congressman Kinzinger for partnering with me,  
3125 Chairman Pallone, and the ranking member of the full  
3126 committee, McMorris Rodgers, for working with us on this  
3127 amendment, and I yield back.

3128 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Does anyone  
3129 else want to speak on the Eshoo amendment, or the ANS, or the  
3130 underlying bill?

3131 \*Mr. Veasey. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

3132 \*The Chairman. Oh, Mr. Veasey? Mr. -- the gentleman  
3133 from Texas is recognized.

3134 \*Mr. Veasey. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to  
3135 strike the last word.

3136 \*The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized for five  
3137 minutes.

3138 \*Mr. Veasey. I am proud to have partnered with

3139 Congressman Kinzinger on this bipartisan deal, the American  
3140 Cybersecurity Literacy Act, which will help the public become  
3141 more aware of these cybersecurity issues, and give them  
3142 guidance on how to best protect themselves, because I do  
3143 think that that is an area that is really lacking.

3144         This bill is going to provide resources to educate  
3145 constituents on how to do everything from properly identify  
3146 secure websites to really and truly understanding the risks  
3147 that all of us take when we use public Wi-Fi. It is very  
3148 important, when we provide education, that we meet people  
3149 where they are, and that means creating programs with a  
3150 cultural competency and multiple language options to ensure  
3151 people of all backgrounds can benefit from these educational  
3152 campaigns.

3153         I am very pleased to see that the updated version of  
3154 this bill includes language to help with just that, because  
3155 it will really help us broaden our efforts to reach as many  
3156 people as possible to help protect us in the long run,  
3157 because this is going to be a problem that is going to be  
3158 around indefinitely.

3159         And as we continue to find ways to inform Americans  
3160 about this issue, I want to make sure that we don't put the  
3161 onus solely on the individual to protect themselves from  
3162 cybersecurity threats, so I am happy to see the full suite of  
3163 bills coming out of this committee today that will help keep



3164 all of us safer on every front.

3165 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back. I thank you.

3166 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman from Texas. Does  
3167 anyone else want to speak on any of this?

3168 All right, so if there is no further debate, we will  
3169 proceed to a vote on the Eshoo amendment to the ANS.

3170 All those in favor of the Eshoo amendment will signify  
3171 by saying aye.

3172 And all those opposed will say no.

3173 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. The  
3174 amendment, Eshoo amendment, is agreed to.

3175 Are there any further amendments to the ANS?

3176 All right. If not, we are going to go to a vote on the  
3177 ANS. We will proceed to that vote.

3178 All those in favor of the amendment in the nature of a  
3179 substitute to H.R. 4055 will signify by saying aye.

3180 Oh, I am sorry. The ANS was amended, so I have to say  
3181 that again.

3182 All those in favor of the amendment in the nature of a  
3183 substitute to H.R. 4055, as amended, will signify by saying  
3184 aye.

3185 And all those opposed will say no.

3186 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, which  
3187 means that the amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
3188 H.R. 4055, as amended, is agreed to.

3189           And the question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
3190 4055, as amended, to the full House.

3191           All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4055, as amended,  
3192 to the House will signify by saying aye.

3193           All those -- okay, so --

3194           \*Voice. Hi.

3195           \*The Chairman. Are we okay?

3196           All right, all those opposed will say no.

3197           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. And  
3198 therefore, the bill, H.R. 4055, as amended, is reported to  
3199 the House.

3200           This is the last bill. The chair calls up H.R. 4067,  
3201 the Communications Security Advisory Act of 2021. And the  
3202 clerk will report the bill.

3203           \*The Clerk. H.R. 4067, to direct the Federal  
3204 Communications --

3205           \*The Chairman. And Madam Clerk, without objection, the  
3206 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill  
3207 is now considered as read.

3208           Without objection, the bill is considered as read, and  
3209 open for amendment.

3210           [The bill follows:]

3211

3212 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

3213

3214           \*The Chairman. Does any member seek recognition to  
3215 speak on H.R. 4067?

3216           \*Mr. Schrader. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment  
3217 at the desk.

3218           \*The Chairman. Do you want to speak on the underlying  
3219 bill?

3220           \*Mrs. Rodgers. Yes.

3221           \*The Chairman. The ranking member is recognized to  
3222 speak on the underlying bill.

3223           \*Mrs. Rodgers. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
3224 word.

3225           \*The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

3226           \*Mrs. Rodgers. Before we close the debate on this bill,  
3227 I would like to express some disappointment that we could not  
3228 bring H.R. 4029, Mr. Johnson's TEAM TELECOM Act, before the  
3229 committee today. The bill was discussed at our subcommittee  
3230 legislative hearing three weeks ago, with other -- with the  
3231 other eight CNT bills. We were able to address most of the  
3232 concerns in a bipartisan manner, and we were disappointed  
3233 that we were unable to reach an agreement and iron out the  
3234 concerns raised by Mr. Johnson's bill.

3235           Several of the -- of today's bills codify offices,  
3236 advisory committees, or other organizational matters to  
3237 improve oversight and stability for important national  
3238 security issues within our committee's jurisdiction. Mr.

3239 Johnson's bill is no different; it formalizes an important  
3240 existing function, improves government transparency and  
3241 accountability, and advances our committee's priorities for  
3242 secure networks.

3243         So as we move forward, I hope that we can get a  
3244 commitment. We would just like to shine the light on this  
3245 bill today, and hope that we can reach an agreement by the  
3246 end of this Congress.

3247         And I will yield the remainder of my time to my  
3248 colleague from Ohio, Mr. Johnson.

3249         \*Mr. Johnson. Well, I thank the gentlewoman for  
3250 yielding.

3251         Mr. Chairman, I echo Leader Rodgers's disappointment  
3252 that the legislation I introduced, H.R. 4029, the TEAM  
3253 TELECOM Act, was not included in today's markup. This is  
3254 legislation we hoped would be bipartisan, and my team has  
3255 been trying to engage with our Democrat E&C colleagues on it  
3256 for over a year. If the majority has concerns with the  
3257 legislation, I would hope they would engage in discussions,  
3258 so we can address them.

3259         As you know, the intent of the TEAM TELECOM Act is to  
3260 improve transparency, and formalize the existing executive  
3261 branch process for performing national security reviews of  
3262 requests, especially foreign requests to the FCC for  
3263 authorization to provide telecommunication services here in

3264 America.

3265 H.R. 4029 would build on NTIA's interagency policy  
3266 coordination role, while preserving the subject matter  
3267 expertise of appropriate national security and intelligence  
3268 agencies.

3269 As we continue to see foreign adversaries such as Russia  
3270 and China try to undermine America's telecommunications  
3271 market, we must provide the FCC all the tools it needs to  
3272 keep our telecom industry safe from manipulation, especially  
3273 foreign manipulation. Passing this legislation would be a  
3274 concrete step towards making a more -- taking a more  
3275 significant, more forceful stand against our foreign  
3276 adversaries.

3277 Mr. Chairman, I sincerely believe that you and your  
3278 colleagues also wish to keep our communications industry  
3279 secure. So moving forward, I am hopeful that my friends  
3280 across the aisle will be more willing to work with us, and  
3281 will consider cosponsoring this important legislation. Let's  
3282 allow the TEAM TELECOM Act to pass through committee, and add  
3283 another line of protection for the American telecommunication  
3284 industry.

3285 And I thank you for the time, and I yield back.

3286 \*The Chairman. Do you want to yield to me, or --

3287 \*Mrs. Rodgers. Sure, I will yield to the chairman.

3288 \*The Chairman. I just -

3289           \*Mrs. Rodgers. Yes.

3290           \*The Chairman. Let me say, Mr. Johnson, and also to the  
3291 ranking member, I mean, we certainly would be happy to -- and  
3292 I commit to working with you to address your proposal, Mr.  
3293 Johnson.

3294           I mean, I think you know that the problem we have had is  
3295 that the National Security Council, under Presidents Trump  
3296 and Biden, have raised concerns about it. But that doesn't  
3297 mean that we can't work with you to try to address your  
3298 proposal. We will certainly do that in the next few months.

3299           \*Mrs. Rodgers. Thank you.

3300           \*The Chairman. The gentlewoman yields back?

3301           \*Mrs. Rodgers. I yield back.

3302           \*The Chairman. All right. And then I know Mr. Schrader  
3303 wants to move to the ANS.

3304           Okay, does the clerk have the amendment in the nature of  
3305 a substitute?

3306           \*The Clerk. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

3307           \*The Chairman. Would you report the amendment?

3308           \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
3309 H.R. 4067, offered by Mr. Schrader of Oregon. Strike -

3310           \*The Chairman. And without objection, Madam Clerk, the  
3311 reading of the amendment will be dispensed with.

3312

3313

3314 [The amendment of Mr. Schrader follows:]

3315

3316 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

3317

3318           \*The Chairman. And the gentleman from Oregon is  
3319 recognized for five minutes.

3320           \*Mr. Schrader. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. And  
3321 I thank the committee for its consideration of the  
3322 Communications Security Advisory Act of 2021. And I want to  
3323 thank my colleagues, Ms. Slotkin and Mr. Walberg, for their  
3324 work on this legislation.

3325           The Communication Security, Reliability, and  
3326 Interoperability Council, or CSRIC, advises the FCC on, among  
3327 other things, security of our communications that we talked  
3328 about, maintaining communication services, and emergency  
3329 alerting during natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and  
3330 other threats to our communications system.

3331           Currently, it is totally up to the FCC chair's  
3332 discretion to re-charter CSRIC or not. The advisory body has  
3333 proven so effective and so important that we want to make  
3334 sure that it continues well into the future. That is why my  
3335 colleagues and I have proposed the Communications Security  
3336 Advisory Act of 2021.

3337           Our bill makes no changes to CSRIC's functions, except  
3338 to permanently re-charter it, so it can continue its work  
3339 without uncertainty or interruption.

3340           My amendment in the nature of a substitute is very  
3341 simple. It just removes an unnecessary and duplicative  
3342 requirement that the FCC forwards CSRIC's biannual report to



3343 Congress. These reports are already publicly available  
3344 online, so there is no need for the additional bureaucracy  
3345 and FCC to forward this to us.

3346 More importantly, my amendment in the nature of a  
3347 substitute removes any incentive to politicize CSRIC's work  
3348 -- its reputation for fulsome discussions, robust  
3349 discussions, and recommendations. We don't want to invite  
3350 unintended consequences that would compromise the  
3351 independence and objectivity of their work.

3352 Once again, I thank the committee for its consideration  
3353 of our bill and the amendment in the nature of a substitute.  
3354 I ask for the committee's favorable consideration.

3355 I yield back the balance of my time.

3356 \*The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Schrader.

3357 Does anyone else want to speak on the Schrader ANS?

3358 Yes, the gentleman from Michigan is recognized.

3359 \*Mr. Walberg. Mr. Chairman?

3360 \*The Chairman. Mr. Walberg is recognized.

3361 \*Mr. Walberg. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am proud to  
3362 have joined Representatives Schrader and Slotkin in  
3363 introducing H.R. 4067, the Communications Security Advisory  
3364 Act of 2021.

3365 Our bill codifies an important existing FCC advisory  
3366 council, the Communication Security Reliability and  
3367 Interoperability Council, better known as CSRIC. This

3368 lesser-known but critical part of our government makes  
3369 recommendations to the FCC on how we can best ensure the  
3370 security, reliability, and resiliency of our nation's  
3371 communications systems.

3372         Every 2 years since 2009, when it was created, CSRIC has  
3373 been re-chartered to address new security issues, as assigned  
3374 by the FCC's chairman. Its members consist of industry,  
3375 government, and other experts across the telecommunications  
3376 ecosystem, and their recommendations focus on a wide range of  
3377 public safety and homeland security-related matters,  
3378 everything from deploying next generation 911 systems, to  
3379 emergency alerting and broadcast resiliency during major  
3380 storms and disasters, to addressing threats from foreign  
3381 adversaries like the Russian cyber criminal gangs behind the  
3382 Colonial Pipeline and JBS attacks.

3383         Under the leadership of former FCC Chairman Pai, CSRIC  
3384 VI developed recommendations on how companies can best design  
3385 and deploy 5G networks, while mitigating risks to network  
3386 reliability and security posed by the proliferation of  
3387 Internet of Things devices and vulnerable supply chains.

3388         Last month, at a legislative hearing, we heard from the  
3389 FCC's first chief counsel for cybersecurity, who said CSRIC  
3390 is one of the crown jewels of our government, and that there  
3391 will be tremendous long-term value in backing it up,  
3392 statutorily, while retaining its flexibility to tackle the

3393 new challenges of the day.

3394 Another head of security and former participant of CSRIC  
3395 spoke to how other countries around the world look to this  
3396 body to implement best communications and security practices.  
3397 He said -- and I agree with him -- that CSRIC is one of the  
3398 unique platforms which enables the U.S. to lead the rest of  
3399 the world in 5G, 6G, and beyond.

3400 As the world becomes increasingly digital, and our  
3401 communications systems advance toward open source software  
3402 platforms, cyber attacks and threats are only going to  
3403 increase. We have to be prepared, as a nation, to meet this  
3404 moment, and CSRIC helps us do that.

3405 I thank the chairman for bringing this bill before us  
3406 today, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

3407 I yield back.

3408 \*The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Does anyone else  
3409 want to speak on either the Schrader ANS or the underlying  
3410 bill?

3411 Hearing none, we will go to the -- to a vote on the ANS.

3412 All those in favor of the Schrader amendment in the  
3413 nature of a substitute to H.R. 4067 will signify by saying  
3414 aye.

3415 All those opposed will say no.

3416 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and so the  
3417 amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 4067 is

3418 agreed to.

3419           The question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.  
3420 4067, as amended, to the full House.

3421           All those in favor of reporting H.R. 4067, as amended,  
3422 to the House will signify by saying aye.

3423           All those opposed will say no.

3424           In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it, and so  
3425 H.R. 4067, as amended, is reported to the House.

3426           Now, before we adjourn, let's see what we have here.

3427           Without objection, the staff is authorized to make  
3428 technical and conforming changes to the bills consistent with  
3429 the actions taken by the committee today.

3430           And I ask unanimous consent to enter the following  
3431 documents into the record: a letter from the Adult Vaccine  
3432 Access Coalition; a letter from the American Dental  
3433 Association; a letter from the Association of Schools and  
3434 Programs of Public Health; a letter from the Florida  
3435 Association of Community Health Centers; a letter from the  
3436 March of Dimes; a letter from the National Hispanic Medical  
3437 Association; a letter from the Oncology Nursing Society; a  
3438 letter from Society of Gynecological Oncology; a letter from  
3439 the executive president of the Puerto Rico Hospital  
3440 Association; and a letter from the executive director of the  
3441 Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration.

3442           Without objection, so ordered.

3443 [The information follows:]

3444

3445 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

3446

3447           \*The Chairman. Let me just thank everyone. It is  
3448 really great to be able to have, as I know the ranking member  
3449 has mentioned, a markup where we are doing bills that have a  
3450 consensus that we have worked out, and hopefully we will  
3451 continue to do that.

3452           I don't know if you wanted to add anything, Mrs.  
3453 Rodgers.

3454           \*Mrs. Rodgers. Well, to the chairman and to everyone  
3455 today, it is heartening, yes, to be able to come together.  
3456 Having worked through a lot of bills, it is a lot of work.  
3457 And I think probably we also need to give some kudos to our  
3458 staff, and their commitment, the long hours that they put in,  
3459 working through all of these bills to get it to a place where  
3460 we could pass them on a bipartisan basis today. And I look  
3461 forward to more success. Thank you.

3462           \*The Chairman. Absolutely. And thank you also to the  
3463 staff, and the clerk, and everyone who put this together for  
3464 us.

3465           And so, without further ado, the committee stands  
3466 adjourned.

3467           [Whereupon, at 4:38 p.m., the subcommittee was  
3468 adjourned.]