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6 MARKUP OF

7 H.R. 3630 (SCHAKOWSKY), THE LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT;

8 H.R. 7624 (DOYLE), THE SPECTRUM INNOVATION ACT OF 2022;

9 H.R. 4275 (LURIA), THE ENSURING PHONE AND INTERNET ACCESS

10 THROUGH LIFELINE AND AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ACT OF

11 2022;

12 H.R. 4990 (CARTER), THE ITS CODIFICATION ACT; AND

13 H.R. 7132 (KUSTER), THE SAFE CONNECTIONS ACT OF 2022

14 WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022

15 House of Representatives,

16 Committee on Energy and Commerce,

17 Washington, D.C.

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20 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 11:04 a.m. in

21 the John D. Dingell Room, Room 2123, Rayburn House Office

22 Building, Hon. Frank Pallone [chairman of the committee]

23 presiding.

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25 Present: Representatives Pallone, Rush, Eshoo, DeGette,

26 Doyle, Schakowsky, Matsui, Castor, Sarbanes, McNerney, Welch,

27 Tonko, Clarke, Schrader, Cardenas, Ruiz, Peters, Dingell,

28 Veasey, Kuster, Kelly, Barragan, McEachin, Blunt Rochester,
29 Soto, O'Halleran, Rice, Craig, Schrier, Trahan, Fletcher;
30 Rodgers, Upton, Burgess, Latta, Guthrie, McKinley, Griffith,
31 Bilirakis, Johnson, Long, Bucshon, Mullin, Hudson, Walberg,
32 Carter, Duncan, Palmer, Dunn, Curtis, Lesko, Pence, Crenshaw,
33 Joyce, and Armstrong.

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35 Staff Present: Jennifer Epperson, Senior Counsel;
36 Elizabeth Ertel, Committee Administrator; Waverly Gordon,
37 Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel; Tiffany Guarascio,
38 Staff Director; Perry Hamilton, Clerk; Zach Kahan, Deputy
39 Director Outreach and Member Service; Una Lee, Chief Health
40 Counsel; Jerry Leverich, Chief Counsel, Communications and
41 Technology; Joe Orlando, Policy Analyst; Greg Pugh, Staff
42 Assistant; Caroline Rinker, Press Assistant; Chloe Rodriguez,
43 Clerk; Samantha Satchell, Professional Staff Member; Andrew
44 Souvall, Director of Communications, Outreach, and Member
45 Services; Johanna Thomas, Counsel; Kate Arey, Minority
46 Content Manager and Digital Assistant; Sarah Burke, Minority
47 Deputy Staff Director; Michael Cameron, Minority Policy
48 Analyst, CPC, Energy, Environment; Nate Hodson, Minority
49 Staff Director; Peter Kielty, Minority General Counsel; Emily
50 King, Minority Member Services Director; Kate O'Connor,
51 Minority Chief Counsel, C&T; Michael Taggart, Minority Policy
52 Director; and Evan Viau, Minority Professional Staff Member,
53 C&T.

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55 *The Chairman. The committee will come to order.

56 We are meeting today to consider five bills and, due to
57 the COVID-19 public health emergency, members can participate
58 in today's markup either in person or remotely, via online
59 video conferencing.

60 For members participating remotely, your microphones
61 will be set on mute for the purpose of eliminating
62 inadvertent background noise. Members participating remotely
63 will need to unmute your microphone each time you wish to
64 speak. And please note that, once you unmute your
65 microphone, anything that is said in Webex will be heard over
66 the loudspeakers in the committee room, and subject to be
67 heard by the livestream and C-SPAN.

68 Additionally, I ask that members participating remotely
69 use the raise hand feature of the software platform when you
70 wish to be recognized. During recorded votes you will need
71 to unmute yourself to respond to the clerk once your name is
72 called. In responding to the clerk, I ask that, instead of
73 just saying aye or no, that you respond with a phrase like
74 "Frank Pallone from New Jersey votes aye.'" This will
75 provide additional time for the voting member to be
76 identified and made visible on the platform.

77 Since members are participating from different locations
78 at today's markup, all recognition of members will be in the
79 order of full committee seniority.

80 During this markup amendments will be sent to members
81 electronically. Members participating in person should not
82 bring paper copies of their amendments to the clerk's desk.
83 If a member participating in person would like a paper copy
84 of an amendment or bill, please alert the staff during the
85 consideration of the amendment or bill. Amendments and
86 motions should be sent to Chloe Rodriguez and Perry Hamilton,
87 and documents for the record to Kylea Rogers at the email
88 addresses we have provided to staff.

89 So I am now going to recognize myself for an opening
90 statement for three minutes, and again I will say that today
91 the committee is marking up five bipartisan bills. We will
92 begin by considering four bills out of our Communications and
93 Technology Subcommittee.

94 First, the Spectrum Innovation Act will help expedite
95 the process for freeing up airwaves in the lower gigahertz
96 band for commercial wireless use. It also establishes a
97 process for the Secretary of Commerce to identify at least
98 200 megahertz in the band for exclusive or shared use, and
99 requires an auction of these airwaves within seven years.

100 An AINS offered by Ranking Member Latta and Chairman
101 Doyle today will add H.R. 7783, the bipartisan Extending
102 America's Spectrum Auction Leadership Act, which provides the
103 FCC with the necessary authority to auction valuable
104 airwaves.

105 The AINS also includes the text of H.R. 5486, the SMART
106 Act. This bill provides the NTIA with the authority and
107 resources it needs to design innovative technologies to help
108 meet our nation's future spectrum demands.

109 This AINS, along with H.R. 4990, the ITS Codification
110 Act -- or I-T-S, I should say -- the ITS Codification Act,
111 which we are also considering today, reaffirms once again
112 that NTIA is the agency that should lead the charge in both
113 overseeing our Federal airwaves and ensuring their efficient
114 use.

115 I am also pleased that the amendment establishes that
116 future auction proceeds not already accounted for must be
117 used to help fund two important public initiatives: the
118 FCC's Rip and Replace program, and the transition in next
119 generation 911 networks. Collectively, these two programs
120 will help keep all Americans safer and more secure.

121 We will also consider H.R. 4275, the Ensuring Phone and
122 Internet Access Through Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity
123 Program Act, which seeks to reduce the barriers that
124 consumers can face when trying to enroll in Federal programs
125 to obtain voice and Internet services.

126 And then H.R. 7132, the Safe Connections Act, which will
127 help protect survivors of domestic violence, human
128 trafficking, and other related crimes by requiring mobile
129 providers to separate a survivor's phone line from an account

130 shared with their abuser.

131 And finally, we will consider H.R. 3630. This is the
132 health bill, the Lymphedema Treatment Act, and this important
133 bill will provide Medicare coverage of compression garments
134 for individuals with lymphedema, a chronic condition commonly
135 caused by cancer treatments that remove or damage lymph
136 nodes. While there is no cure, the use of compression
137 garments can significantly improve outcomes and reduce the
138 risk of infections and costly hospitalization. This bill
139 will ensure that Medicare beneficiaries with Lymphedema have
140 access to the full range of treatments they need.

141 So I look forward to advancing all five of these
142 bipartisan bills today, and now we yield to our Ranking
143 Member Rodgers for her opening remarks.

144 *Mrs. Rodgers. Good morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
145 Today we are considering five bills with bipartisan support.

146 I want to thank my colleagues on this subcommittee for
147 working diligently with us to prepare these bills for markup,
148 and I want to thank my colleagues on several different
149 aspects -- Mr. Doyle and Mr. Latta for their leadership on
150 the Spectrum Innovation Act of 2022. By authorizing the
151 auction of the lower 3 gigahertz band, this bill can direct
152 funding to enhance the security of our communications
153 networks, strengthen our public safety resources, and unleash
154 innovation.

155 I would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Hudson and
156 Ms. Eshoo, who have worked for several years to create a
157 program that upgrades our nation's aging 911 infrastructure
158 to the 21st century. In addition, this legislation provides
159 funding to small communication carriers to secure their
160 networks to protect American security, and extends the FCC's
161 spectrum auction authority by 18 months, which will help them
162 continue their work to make spectrum resources available,
163 specifically the 2.5 gigahertz band.

164 We also include Mr. Guthrie's SMART Spectrum Act. It
165 plays a key role in advancing the future of spectrum
166 management and innovation. And the best part is that it
167 won't cost the taxpayers a cent; we will fund these important
168 congressional priorities through spectrum auction proceeds.

169 In addition, we will be reviewing the Institute for
170 Telecommunications Sciences, ITS Codification Act. I would
171 like to thank my colleague, Mr. Buddy Carter, for his
172 leadership on this bill, which codifies ITS, and directs NTIA
173 to support the development of emergency communication and
174 tracking technologies.

175 Finally, the Lymphedema Treatment Act is on today's
176 agenda, which clarifies the scope of coverage and payment for
177 lymphedema treatment items under the Medicare program. This
178 important legislation is led by Ms. Schakowsky and Mr.
179 Carter. And I look forward to working with them to review

180 opportunities to ensure the bill's new spending is offset
181 before consideration.

182 As we all know, this committee has a rich history of
183 bipartisanship on some of the most important issues that are
184 pressing to our nation. And I just applaud the work that has
185 been done across the board by the members of this committee.
186 I appreciate the leadership of the chairman in bringing these
187 bills forward, and continuing the rich tradition of this
188 committee leading and getting things done.

189 Thank you, I yield back.

190 *The Chairman. I thank the ranking member, and now
191 recognize Ms. Eshoo, chairwoman of the Subcommittee on
192 Health, for three minutes.

193 *Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are marking
194 up five bipartisan bills, which is always very good.

195 First is the Lymphedema Treatment Act, which is
196 sponsored by our colleague, Jan Schakowsky, that has 353
197 cosponsors. Bravo to you, Jan. This is, obviously, one of
198 the most popular bills in the House. Up to 10 million
199 Americans live with debilitating lymphedema. There is no
200 cure for it, but it can be effectively treated.
201 Unfortunately, many insurers, including Medicare, don't cover
202 doctor-prescribed compression supplies for treating the
203 swelling that is caused by the disease. So this bill will
204 change that oversight so that Medicare beneficiaries can get

205 the medically necessary care they need.

206 Our colleague has been working on this bill for over 12
207 years. I think we all know that tenacity really matters
208 around here, and I am so pleased that it is finally moving
209 forward today.

210 I am also glad that today's markup includes legislation
211 I introduced with Congresswoman Kuster, the Safe Connections
212 Act, to ensure that survivors of domestic violence can safely
213 access vital communication tools. The bill tackles digital
214 abuse by ensuring that shared phone plans don't pose an
215 additional barrier for survivors to leave an abusive
216 relationship. And it expands eligibility for free and low-
217 cost connectivity services.

218 Finally, the Spectrum Innovation Act includes an updated
219 version of legislation I introduced to establish a new
220 Federal grant program to help the nationwide adoption of next
221 generation 911. NextGen 911 will bring our nation's 911
222 services into the 21st century, making our emergency
223 communications centers more secure, more resilient,
224 interoperable, and reliable. And all of that will help to
225 save lives.

226 Any time I use the word "interoperable" or
227 "interoperability," I think of the firefighters and the
228 police officers going into the Twin Towers, and there was no
229 interoperability. It is haunting to me to think that, if

230 there were, what would the outcome have been instead.

231 So I look forward to seeing these bills become law, and
232 I yield back.

233 *The Chairman. I thank Chairwoman Eshoo, and now we go
234 to Ranking Member Guthrie for three minutes.

235 *Mr. Guthrie. I don't have an opening statement.

236 *The Chairman. Okay.

237 *Mr. Latta. Mr. Chairman?

238 *The Chairman. Oh, you want -- okay, we will ask Mr.
239 Latta to go next.

240 *Mr. Latta. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding
241 today's markup. We are here to consider four bipartisan
242 bills from the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

243 Today's legislation provides certainty to the
244 government's management of our nation's airwaves. Effective
245 spectrum use allows the government to auction spectrum bands
246 historically benefiting Americans by bringing in billions of
247 dollars to the Treasury, reducing our national deficit, and
248 allowing us to fund important congressional priorities.

249 The legislation will provide certainty to the auction of
250 the lower 3 gigahertz band, as well as the upcoming auction
251 of the 2.5 gigahertz band by extending the FCC spectrum
252 auction authority for 18 months. The proceeds from these
253 auctions will fund national priorities to secure our
254 communications networks by funding the shortfall in the

255 Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement
256 Program, advancing next generation 911 and using future
257 auction proceeds to fund Mr. Guthrie's SMART Spectrum Act,
258 which requires NTIA to establish and expand its spectrum
259 management tools to promote the United States' wireless
260 leadership.

261 I want to thank my friend, Chairman Doyle, for his
262 partnership in this effort. We will continue to make any
263 necessary changes to this legislation to ensure it is budget
264 neutral when it is considered on the floor.

265 I am also pleased to consider the rest of the
266 legislation in today's market that will be -- among other
267 things, provide Congress with necessary FCC data to inform
268 our nation -- or our decision-making, strengthen the role of
269 NTIA's Institute of Telecommunications Sciences, and provide
270 domestic violence survivors with a means of separating their
271 mobile phone lines from their abuser in the case of shared
272 service plans.

273 Again, I want to thank you, Mr. Chairman and Mr. Doyle,
274 for being willing to -- for willing -- negotiating partners
275 on these topics.

276 I look forward to moving these bills to the floor, and
277 with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

278 *The Chairman. Thank you, Ranking Member Latta.

279 Mr. Doyle has also waived. So do we have other members

280 that seek recognition and make an opening statement?

281 Is that Ms. Clarke? Ms. Clarke is recognized.

282 *Ms. Clarke. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank our
283 ranking member. Thank you for bringing up this slate of
284 bills for discussion today.

285 I would like to express my support for H.R. 3630, the
286 Spectrum Innovation Act of 2022, because it is more important
287 than ever to expand broadband availability across the nation,
288 and greater access to critical mid-band spectrum will enable
289 the deployment of next generation telecommunication networks
290 that can help us to close -- to get closer to closing the
291 digital divide.

292 Further, it is imperative to free up mid-band spectrum
293 in order to facilitate the development of next generation
294 communication technologies, which are -- which will, in turn,
295 create more jobs and opportunities for economic growth.

296 I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield
297 back, Mr. Chairman.

298 *The Chairman. Thank you, Ms. Clarke.

299 Do we have anybody on the Republican side?

300 Any other Democrat that wants to make an opening,
301 virtual or otherwise?

302 All right, then we are going to move to the -- well, let
303 me just say that, pursuant to committee rules, members'
304 written opening statements will also be made part of the

305 record. So if you want to make an opening statement in
306 writing, you know, send it to the email address that we have
307 provided.

308 So now we will start with the first of the
309 Communications Subcommittee bills. At this time we will
310 consider -- or I will call up H.R. 7624, the Spectrum
311 Innovation Act of 2022, and the clerk will report the title
312 of the bill.

313 *The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 7624 --

314 *The Chairman. And Madam Clerk, without objection, the
315 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill
316 is now considered as read.

317 Without objection, the bill is considered as read and
318 open for amendment.

319 [The bill follows:]

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321 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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323 *The Chairman. Are there any members seeking
324 recognition to speak on H.R. 7624?

325 *Mr. Latta. Mr. Chairman?

326 *The Chairman. Mr. Latta is recognized.

327 *Mr. Latta. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an AINS at
328 the desk.

329 *The Chairman. Does anyone have -- want to speak on the
330 bill? Otherwise, we will move to the AINS.

331 All right, Mr. Latta is recognized.

332 *Mr. Latta. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, I
333 want to thank you --

334 *The Chairman. Well, I apologize.

335 *Mr. Latta. Oh, I am sorry. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman.

336 *The Chairman. Mr. Latta, the clerk has to report the
337 amendment.

338 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
339 the committee print for H.R. 7624, offered by Mr. Latta --

340 *The Chairman. All right. So, without objection, the
341 reading of the amendment, or the AINS, will be dispensed
342 with.

343 [The amendment of Mr. Latta follows:]

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345 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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347 *The Chairman. And Mr. Latta is recognized for five
348 minutes.

349 *Mr. Latta. Well, again, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
350 want to thank you, Chairman Doyle, and Mr. Guthrie for
351 working with me over the last month to make further changes
352 to the Spectrum Innovation Act. We must extend the FCC's
353 auction authority, and I appreciate you bringing up this
354 legislation for consideration.

355 The Spectrum of Innovation Act provides clarity and
356 direction to NTIA to repurpose the lower 3 gigahertz
357 spectrum, which was mandated in the Infrastructure
358 Investments and Jobs Act.

359 At the subcommittee markup, I offered an amendment to
360 use future auction proceeds to direct proceeds from this
361 auction to fund the FCC's Secure Networks Reimbursement
362 Program and next generation 911.

363 Congress directed communications providers to remove
364 Huawei, ZTE, and other untrusted equipment from their
365 networks. The initial cost estimate was \$3.4 billion short,
366 and this legislation will fill that gap.

367 Additionally, we included Mr. Hudson and Ms. Eshoo's
368 bipartisan legislation to advance next generation 911, and
369 provide up to \$10 billion of future spectrum auction proceeds
370 to facilitate this nationwide transition.

371 Today my amendment incorporates Mr. Guthrie's SMART

372 Spectrum Act and uses future auction proceeds to offset the
373 cost of establishing an incumbent and informing capability at
374 NTIA. This tool will help bolster NTIA's ability to manage
375 Federal use of spectrum, as well as identify new
376 opportunities to make more spectrum available for commercial
377 use.

378 I would like to thank Mr. Guthrie and Ms. Matsui for
379 their leadership on this issue.

380 The amendment also includes the Extending America's
381 Spectrum Auction Leadership Act of 2022, legislation held by
382 -- led by -- on the committee -- by Mr. Joyce, Mr. Welch, and
383 Mr. Johnson. This bipartisan amendment to extend the FCC's
384 auction authority for 18 months will give the FCC the tools
385 it needs to boost 5G and wireless broadband services in rural
386 areas by making more mid-band spectrum available in the
387 coming year.

388 We must get this legislation swiftly signed into law. I
389 look forward to working with my colleagues to move swiftly to
390 get this legislation signed into law, and I yield back the
391 balance of my --

392 *Mr. Guthrie. Will the gentleman yield?

393 *Mr. Latta. Oh, I am sorry. I yield to my good friend,
394 Mr. Guthrie.

395 *Mr. Guthrie. Thanks. I was going to claim time later,
396 so I will just do it now to save time for everyone. If -- I

397 appreciate the gentleman yielding.

398 And this -- I support this legislation that extends the
399 FCC's authority for 18 months so the FCC can work beyond
400 September. It will ensure more spectrum can be made
401 available for both licensed and unlicensed uses 5G and other
402 wireless technologies continue to play.

403 It also is funding for the unmet needs for the Rip and
404 Replace program, which Congress established to reimburse
405 small providers for their placement of untrusted equipment in
406 their networks, and it is critical to protect us against
407 China.

408 And, as my good friend mentioned, it includes the SMART
409 Spectrum Act, which will require NTIA to establish an
410 incumbent informing capability system to facilitate spectrum
411 sharing between Federal entities, as well as the sharing of
412 spectrum between Federal and non-Federal users. And this
413 would help mitigate harmful interference.

414 I want to thank my good friend and caucus co-chair,
415 Doris Matsui, for working with us; Chair Pallone, you, and
416 your staff; Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers; Chair Doyle; and
417 Ranking Member Latta. I really appreciate the work to
418 include my bill.

419 And I will yield back to the ranking member of the
420 subcommittee.

421 *Mr. Joyce. Would the member yield?

422 *Mr. Latta. I owe you.

423 *Mr. Joyce. I would also like to take this time to
424 offer my support for H.R. 7624, the Spectrum Innovation Act,
425 of which I am a cosponsor.

426 This bill is about ensuring communities throughout
427 America to have fast and reliable broadband. And by
428 reauthorizing the FCC's spectrum auction authority, we are
429 creating new opportunities to allow for American industry to
430 connect, and our constituents who lack basic connectivity
431 (sic). We have all witnessed firsthand how the pandemic has
432 impacted everyday Americans and their need for internet
433 services. We need to create policies that work for people
434 living in rural areas.

435 I would like to thank my colleagues for their work on
436 this bill, and I yield back.

437 *Mr. Latta. I have 36 seconds left. Would anybody else
438 like the balance of my time?

439 I -- hearing none, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

440 *The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Latta.

441 Mr. Doyle?

442 *Mr. Doyle. I move to strike the last word.

443 *The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized for five
444 minutes.

445 *Mr. Doyle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This committee
446 has a long tradition of working together on a bipartisan

447 basis to ensure U.S. leadership and innovation in deploying
448 advanced wireless technologies. And I am proud that my good
449 friend, Representative Latta, and I have continued in this
450 tradition, leading to this bill and amendment being
451 considered today.

452 This bill creates a pathway for the Secretary of
453 Commerce, the head of the agency that manages the Federal use
454 of our airwaves, to identify at least 200 megahertz of
455 important mid-band spectrum for commercial wireless use, and
456 also for the FCC to auction this spectrum within seven years.

457 In our markup at subcommittee, we amended the bill to
458 direct that the proceeds from this auction will help fund
459 critical national security and public safety priorities for
460 this country. Both the Rip and Replace program and the NG911
461 grant program will help keep countless communities across the
462 country safer and more secure.

463 And with this amendment, offered by Representative Latta
464 and me today, we incorporate the good work of Representatives
465 Davids, Joyce, Welch, and Johnson in finding a bipartisan
466 path in H.R. 7783 to extend the FCC's general auction
467 authority, which would have expired at the end of September.
468 The AINS would direct the auction proceeds generated under
469 this extension of authority towards funding these critical
470 public safety programs, too.

471 What is more, we do all of this in a budget-neutral way

472 by investing the new funds we raise in the security of our
473 networks and the safety of the public.

474 The AINS also incorporates and potentially funds H.R.
475 5486, Representative Guthrie and Matsui's SMART Act. As the
476 demands on Federal and shared spectrum increases, we will
477 need to make smarter, more efficient use of these resources,
478 and the SMART Act will help in that effort.

479 Again, I thank my colleagues for all their work to
480 advance these important bills. Together, it is a significant
481 piece of legislation that will not only take the necessary
482 steps to make spectrum available for commercial use, but also
483 fund critical public safety programs.

484 I want to acknowledge and thank FCC Chairman Rosenworcel
485 for her leadership on this issue, also.

486 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I urge all of my --

487 *The Chairman. Mr. Doyle, can I ask you to yield to me?

488 *Mr. Doyle. Yes. I would urge all my colleagues to
489 support this amendment, and I will yield to the chairman.

490 *The Chairman. Thank you. Rather than take up the time
491 of my own, if I could just use your two minutes, I do want to
492 say that I think these are -- collectively, this is an
493 important measure.

494 Last month the subcommittee marked up the legislation to
495 make more mid-band spectrum available for auction, extend the
496 FCC's auction authority, and improve spectrum sharing, among

497 other things. And two of these bills have been incorporated
498 into the AINS before us, and that is the H.R. 7783, the
499 Extending America's Spectrum Auction Leadership Act, and H.R.
500 5486, the SMART Act. And I think that, collectively, these
501 measures will generate billions of dollars in spectrum
502 auction proceeds to fund important and overdue policy
503 priorities in a way that is budget-neutral, as our ranking
504 member of the full committee said.

505 Under the Spectrum Innovation Act, spectrum auction
506 proceeds will provide the FCC with additional funds for the
507 secure and trusted networks reimbursement programs, so that
508 untrusted equipment and services are removed from our
509 networks. The bill would then direct auction proceeds up to
510 \$10 billion to fund the newly authorized Next Generation 911
511 Grant Program to upgrade our country's emergency
512 communications centers. And in my view, the funds generated
513 by this bill for next generation 911 should be considered as
514 an initial downpayment for the program.

515 So again, I want to thank Chairman Doyle, Ranking
516 Members Rodgers and Latta for their work on this bill and the
517 amendments, and also thank our FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel for
518 her advocacy and leadership on this issue, which has helped
519 us get to this point today, and urge my colleagues to support
520 the AINS and the underlying bill.

521 And I yield back to Chairman Doyle.

522 *Mr. Doyle. And I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

523 *The Chairman. Thank you. I now recognize our Ranking
524 Member Rodgers for five minutes.

525 *Mrs. Rodgers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and to all the
526 members, but especially the leadership. Mr. Latta and Mr.
527 Doyle, I want to say thank you. I applaud the work that has
528 been done on this bipartisan amendment moving forward H.R.
529 7624, the Spectrum Innovation Act.

530 This amendment builds on the bipartisan work from the
531 subcommittee mark (sic) by advancing longstanding committee
532 priorities, while putting money back into the Treasury from
533 future spectrum auction proceeds.

534 There are several communications priorities included in
535 this legislation, from protecting national security and
536 public safety to encouraging more efficient use of our
537 airwaves. This is how we win the future, by coming together
538 to solve our nation's challenges in this committee room,
539 under regular order, with input from members up and down the
540 dais.

541 I am pleased to see Mr. Guthrie's SMART Spectrum Act has
542 been included in this amendment. At the subcommittee markup
543 I urged inclusion of this language, which would provide NTIA
544 another tool to efficiently manage Federal spectrum by
545 establishing an incumbent informing capability to help make
546 more spectrum available for commercial use. As the demand

547 for wireless technology grows, we must continue to look for
548 innovative ways to make spectrum available to keep up with
549 technology.

550 I am also pleased to see the bipartisan 18-month
551 extension of FCC authority auction -- auction authority
552 included. This legislation is critical for allowing the FCC
553 to continue its work advancing 5G and wireless deployment.
554 Without this legislation, the FCC's current auction authority
555 will expire on September 30, 2022. This is currently the
556 only proposal in Congress to extend the authority, and I want
557 to thank my colleagues for working collaboratively to move
558 this forward.

559 I understand there is some budget discussions still
560 occurring, and I look forward to continuing to work with my
561 colleagues to ensure this legislation is budget-neutral when
562 it comes to the floor.

563 Again, thank you, Mr. Chairman, for working on this
564 legislation with us, and I yield back.

565 I will yield to Mr. Johnson. Sorry about that, Mr.
566 Johnson.

567 *Mr. Johnson. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

568 Mr. Chairman, I express my strong support for H.R. 7624,
569 the Spectrum Innovation Act. Not only would this bipartisan
570 legislation make additional mid-band spectrum available for
571 commercial use, but the amendment in the nature of a

572 substitute also includes legislation that I am proud to
573 co-lead, H.R. 7783, the Extending America's Spectrum Auction
574 Leadership Act. This bill would prevent the FCC's auction
575 authority from expiring in September by extending it for
576 another 18 months.

577 It is critical that Congress act to ensure the
578 Commission maintains its authority to auction spectrum
579 bandwidth. As we know, spectrum auctions are an important
580 revenue generator, and have been used to fund other
581 telecommunications priorities.

582 It is also vitally important that the FCC moves forward
583 with the planned auction of the 2.5 gigahertz band, which is
584 set to take place later this month. This spectrum auction
585 will enable providers access to prime spectrum for 5G,
586 particularly important for rural areas like where I
587 represent.

588 I encourage my colleagues to support the AINS amendment
589 to H.R. 7624, and I too yield back the balance of my time.

590 *The Chairman. Does the gentlewoman yield?

591 *Mrs. Rodgers. I yield back.

592 *The Chairman. You yield back?

593 *Mrs. Rodgers. Yes.

594 *The Chairman. Thank you. Next we will recognize
595 Chairwoman Eshoo for five minutes.

596 *Ms. Eshoo. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike

597 the last word.

598 Obviously, I am pleased -- and I stated this in an
599 opening statement -- I am pleased that today's markup will
600 finally make progress on the much-needed legislation to bring
601 our nation's 911 services into the 21st century.

602 The Spectrum Innovation Act includes legislation that I
603 introduced in the last Congress to establish a new Federal
604 grant program to help fund the nationwide adoption of NextGen
605 911. This grant program will provide \$10 billion in proceeds
606 from the mid-band spectrum auction to fund the nationwide
607 adoption of NextGen 911 or -- shorthand now will be NG911.
608 This is a lifeline for Americans in their greatest hours of
609 need.

610 In an emergency, few things are more important than
611 these three numbers. I know many of us, as parents, taught
612 our children at a very young age, if something bad has
613 happened, you need to know this number that you can dial and
614 get help from, and it can often be the difference between
615 life and death.

616 The NG911 technology will allow our 911 emergency
617 communication centers to receive real-time location
618 information. That means text messages, pictures, and video
619 from individuals at the scene of an emergency, and share that
620 information with first responders. So this means, if someone
621 were to break into your home and you are trying to hide from

622 the intruder, you don't need to call 911 to talk to an
623 operator and potentially alert the intruder to where you are
624 in the house. Instead, you can simply text 911 to get help
625 while you continue to hide in silence.

626 This also means sending pictures or livestreaming video
627 from the scene of a car accident or, God forbid, a home fire
628 to help first responders better respond to an emergency. It
629 means harnessing the power of the 21st century and its
630 technology to respond to 21st century emergencies.

631 This is also going to make our emergency communications
632 centers more secure, more resilient, interoperable, and
633 reliable.

634 I co-founded the NG 9-1-1 Caucus with Congressman John
635 Shimkus and, at that time, Senators Conrad Burns and Hillary
636 Clinton in 2003. That was after -- in the aftermath of the
637 911 attacks. And we did this to support first responders and
638 the public safety community by modernizing our emergency
639 networks and supporting the recommendations of the 911
640 Commission to ensure that first responders would have
641 interoperable communications -- 2003. Now it is 2022.

642 So 18 years after founding that caucus, I think that --
643 and I think you would all agree that we had fallen short of
644 our goal. Most 911 call centers are still using the same
645 legacy technology that was in place when the first 911 call
646 was made over 50 years ago. We all know this is

647 unacceptable.

648 The good news is we are doing something about it today.
649 The provisions in the Spectrum Innovation Act represent a new
650 version of the NG911 legislation I introduced in the last
651 Congress, and it has been fine-tuned over the last two years
652 to reach a compromise with our Republican colleagues and
653 stakeholders in the first responder community.

654 So while I am pleased that this agreement allows for up
655 to 10 billion -- with a B -- to be used for NG911, it is
656 important to note that, according to cost estimates, the true
657 cost of nationwide NG911 adoption is closer to 15 billion.
658 But \$10 billion is more than a hell of a start.

659 So I want to thank Congressman Richard Hudson, who is
660 the co-chair with me of NG 9-1-1 Caucus, and his wonderful
661 staff for working with us on this legislation. I want to
662 thank all of my colleagues for the support that I know you
663 are going to give to this [inaudible] make such a difference
664 across our country and in all of the communities through your
665 communication centers.

666 So I urge [inaudible] to vote for this, and I yield
667 back.

668 *The Chairman. Thank you, Chairwoman Eshoo.

669 I believe -- is there anyone on the Republican side?
670 The gentleman is recognized.

671 *Mr. Dunn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike

672 the last word.

673 *The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

674 *Mr. Dunn. I appreciate the committee's work on this
675 legislation before us.

676 Making spectrum resources available is crucial to
677 expanding wireless connectivity across the United States.
678 And the reality is that consumers and businesses alike rely
679 on mobile connectivity for school, work, entertainment, and
680 public safety. Making more spectrum available to both
681 satellite systems and wireless carriers in rural areas helps
682 meet these needs.

683 After Hurricane Michael made landfall in my district in
684 2018, we faced a large rebuilding phase. And with our new 5G
685 infrastructure, and additional mid-band spectrum assets
686 deployed to meet our consumer demands, the Florida Panhandle
687 became one of the first regions to realize the benefit of
688 this new service. However, the work is not complete. As the
689 congressman of Florida's rural second district, I look
690 forward to working with my colleagues to improve and expand
691 these networks for consumers across America.

692 Finally, as an important matter of national security,
693 funding the Secure and Trusted Networks Reimbursement
694 Program, also known as Rip and Replace, is critical to
695 getting Huawei and ZTE equipment out of our communications
696 networks. This is something that I have discussed at length

697 in my role as -- on the China Task Force, and it should be a
698 priority for this committee.

699 And I thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and I yield
700 back.

701 *The Chairman. I thank the gentleman from Florida, and
702 we share a lot of those same concerns in New Jersey with the
703 hurricanes.

704 I believe Ms. Matsui is now recognized for five minutes.

705 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I move
706 to strike the last word.

707 *The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

708 *Ms. Matsui. I join Chairman Doyle in introducing the
709 Spectrum Innovation Act to ensure that we are making
710 available as much spectrum as possible for commercial use,
711 while also recognizing the needs of our Federal users.

712 The amendment before us today lays out a balanced
713 approach for freeing up much needed mid-band spectrum in the
714 lower 3 gigahertz band, and asserting a clear commitment to
715 winning the race for 5G and beyond. And by establishing the
716 Public Safety and Secure Networks Fund, this amendment
717 provides a framework for funding some of our most pressing
718 communications needs.

719 As an original cosponsor of the Rip and Replace
720 legislation, I am glad that we are making good on the
721 bipartisan congressional goal of replacing vulnerable network

722 equipment through the United States. In April I led a letter
723 with Congressman Guthrie that was signed by 20 Members
724 calling for this funding to address a significant shortfall
725 in the program. Congress voted to replace all -- not most --
726 of this equipment, and the chairman's amendment will ensure
727 that that goal is realized.

728 Importantly, this amendment also sets up a pathway to
729 fund the SMART Act Congressman Guthrie and I have been
730 working on together. By supporting the development of an
731 incumbent informing capability, we provide NTIA with another
732 tool to manage the Federal spectrum footprint, while creating
733 new opportunities to make spectrum available for commercial
734 use. By coordinating between Federal agencies and with
735 private partners, the government can be more efficient with
736 the spectrum it has, and create the framework we need to give
737 more commercial users valuable access to this limited
738 resource.

739 And finally, I am glad to see we are taking another step
740 forward to extending the FCC's auction authority. This
741 authority has never lapsed, and this amendment is another
742 demonstration of the bipartisan will to keep that record
743 unbroken.

744 I urge my colleagues to support this AINS, and yield
745 back the balance of my time. Thank you.

746 *The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Unless someone

747 wants to speak, I would like to try to finish this bill
748 before we recess, because they called the votes on the floor.
749 So let's proceed to the -- is that all right for everyone?

750 We will proceed to the vote on the AINS, which I believe
751 is going to be a voice vote. If there is no further debate,
752 we will proceed to a vote on the amendment.

753 All those in favor of the AINS will signify by saying
754 aye.

755 All those opposed will say no.

756 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The AINS
757 is agreed to.

758 There are no further amendments, so we are going to go
759 to a vote on -- I think you wanted a recorded vote on this
760 one --

761 *Mrs. Rodgers. Yes.

762 *The Chairman. -- right? So we will go to a recorded
763 vote on final passage of H.R. 7624.

764 Those in favor of reporting H.R. 7624, as amended, to
765 the House will say aye; those opposed will say no; and the
766 clerk shall call the roll.

767 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush?

768 *Mr. Rush. Rush votes aye.

769 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush votes aye.

770 Ms. Eshoo?

771 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.

772 *The Clerk. Ms. Eshoo votes aye.
773 Ms. DeGette?
774 [No response.]
775 *The Clerk. Mr. Doyle?
776 *Mr. Doyle. Yes.
777 *The Clerk. Mr. Doyle votes aye.
778 Ms. Schakowsky?
779 [No response.]
780 *The Clerk. Mr. Butterfield?
781 *Ms. Schakowsky. Schakowsky of Illinois -- can you see
782 me -- votes aye.
783 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
784 Mr. Butterfield?
785 [No response.]
786 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui?
787 *Ms. Matsui. Matsui votes aye.
788 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
789 Ms. Castor?
790 [No response.]
791 *The Clerk. Mr. Sarbanes?
792 *Mr. Sarbanes. Sarbanes votes aye.
793 *The Clerk. Mr. Sarbanes votes aye.
794 Mr. McNerney?
795 *Mr. McNerney. McNerney votes aye.
796 *The Clerk. Mr. McNerney votes aye.

797 Mr. Welch?

798 [No response.]

799 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko?

800 *Mr. Tonko. Tonko of New York votes aye.

801 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.

802 Ms. Clarke?

803 *Ms. Clarke. [Inaudible.]

804 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.

805 Mr. Schrader?

806 *Mr. Schrader. Schrader votes aye.

807 *The Clerk. Mr. Schrader votes aye.

808 Mr. Cardenas?

809 *Mr. Cardenas. Cardenas, representing California, votes

810 aye.

811 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas votes aye.

812 Mr. Ruiz?

813 *Mr. Ruiz. Ruiz votes aye.

814 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.

815 Mr. Peters?

816 *Mr. Peters. Peters votes aye.

817 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.

818 Mrs. Dingell?

819 *Mrs. Dingell. [Inaudible.]

820 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.

821 Mr. Veasey?

822 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
823 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.
824 Ms. Kuster?
825 *Ms. Kuster. Kuster votes aye.
826 *The Clerk. Ms. Kuster votes aye.
827 Ms. Kelly?
828 [No response.]
829 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan?
830 *Ms. Barragan. Barragan votes aye.
831 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
832 Mr. McEachin?
833 *Mr. McEachin. McEachin votes aye.
834 *The Clerk. Mr. McEachin votes aye.
835 Ms. Blunt Rochester?
836 *Ms. Blunt Rochester. Blunt Rochester of Delaware votes
837 aye.
838 *The Clerk. Ms. Blunt Rochester votes aye.
839 Mr. Soto?
840 [No response.]
841 *The Clerk. Mr. O'Halleran?
842 *Mr. O'Halleran. O'Halleran votes aye.
843 *The Clerk. Mr. O'Halleran votes aye.
844 Miss Rice?
845 *Miss Rice. Rice of New York votes aye.
846 *The Clerk. Miss Rice votes aye.

847 Ms. Craig?
848 *Ms. Craig. Craig votes aye.
849 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig votes aye.
850 Ms. Schrier?
851 *Ms. Schrier. Schrier votes aye.
852 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
853 Mrs. Trahan?
854 *Mrs. Trahan. Trahan votes aye.
855 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
856 Mrs. Fletcher?
857 [No response.]
858 *The Clerk. Mrs. Rodgers?
859 *Mrs. Rodgers. Aye.
860 *The Clerk. Mrs. Rodgers votes aye.
861 Mr. Upton?
862 *Mr. Upton. Upton, aye.
863 *The Clerk. Mr. Upton votes aye.
864 Mr. Burgess?
865 *Mr. Burgess. Aye.
866 *The Clerk. Mr. Burgess votes aye.
867 Mr. Scalise?
868 [No response.]
869 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?
870 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
871 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

872 Mr. Guthrie?
873 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
874 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
875 Mr. McKinley?
876 *Mr. McKinley. [Inaudible.]
877 *The Clerk. Mr. McKinley votes aye.
878 Mr. Kinzinger?
879 [No response.]
880 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith?
881 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
882 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.
883 Mr. Bilirakis?
884 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
885 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.
886 Mr. Johnson?
887 *Mr. Johnson. Aye.
888 *The Clerk. Mr. Johnson votes aye.
889 Mr. Long?
890 *Mr. Long. Aye.
891 *The Clerk. Mr. Long votes aye.
892 Mr. Bucshon?
893 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
894 *The Clerk. Mr. Bucshon votes aye.
895 Mr. Mullin?
896 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.

897 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
898 Mr. Hudson?
899 *Mr. Hudson. [Inaudible.]
900 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.
901 Mr. Walberg?
902 *Mr. Walberg. [Inaudible.]
903 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg votes aye.
904 Mr. Carter?
905 *Mr. Carter. Carter from Georgia votes aye.
906 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.
907 Mr. Duncan?
908 *Mr. Duncan. [Inaudible.]
909 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan votes aye.
910 Mr. Palmer?
911 *Mr. Palmer. [Inaudible.]
912 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
913 Mr. Dunn?
914 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
915 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn votes aye.
916 Mr. Curtis?
917 [No response.]
918 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko?
919 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
920 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko votes aye.
921 Mr. Pence?

922 *Mr. Pence. [Inaudible.]
923 *The Clerk. Mr. Pence votes aye.
924 Mr. Crenshaw?
925 [No response.]
926 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
927 *Mr. Joyce. [Inaudible.]
928 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
929 Mr. Armstrong?
930 *Mr. Armstrong. [Inaudible.]
931 *The Clerk. Mr. Armstrong votes aye.
932 Chairman Pallone?
933 *The Chairman. Pallone of New Jersey votes aye.
934 *The Clerk. Chairman Pallone votes aye.
935 *Ms. DeGette. Ms. DeGette?
936 *Mr. Curtis. Mr. Chairman?
937 *Ms. DeGette. Mr. Chairman?
938 *The Chairman. Yes, anyone who is not recorded?
939 *Mr. Curtis. Mr. Chairman --
940 *The Chairman. Yes?
941 *Ms. DeGette. Mr. Chairman?
942 *Mr. Curtis. How is Curtis recorded?
943 *The Clerk. Mr. Curtis is not recorded.
944 *Mr. Curtis. Curtis votes aye.
945 *The Clerk. Mr. Curtis votes aye.
946 *Ms. DeGette. Mr. Chairman?

947 *The Chairman. Ms. DeGette?

948 *Ms. DeGette. DeGette votes aye.

949 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.

950 *The Chairman. Mr. Welch?

951 *Mr. Welch. Welch votes aye.

952 *The Clerk. Mr. Welch votes aye.

953 *Mr. Soto. Madam Clerk, Soto votes aye.

954 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.

955 *Mrs. Fletcher. Mr. Chairman, this is Lizzie Fletcher.

956 *The Chairman. Yes.

957 *Mrs. Fletcher. How am I recorded?

958 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher is not recorded.

959 *Mrs. Fletcher. Fletcher votes aye.

960 *The Clerk. Ms. Fletcher votes aye.

961 *The Chairman. Anyone else who is not recorded and

962 wants to be?

963 Okay. If not, the clerk will report the tally.

964 *The Clerk. On that vote the yeas were 52 and the nays

965 were 0.

966 *The Chairman. The vote is 52 ayes to 0 noes. And
967 therefore, H.R. 7624, as amended, is reported to the full
968 House.

969 And we will now stand in recess for -- until the --
970 until after this last series of votes. And then please come
971 back. The committee is in recess.

972 [Recess.]

973 *The Chairman. We are going to start our second bill.
974 The chair calls up H.R. 4275, the Ensuring Phone and Internet
975 Access Through Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Program
976 Act of 2022, as forwarded by the Subcommittee on
977 Communications and Technology, and the clerk will report the
978 bill.

979 *The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 4275, a bill to
980 provide for certain reports --

981 *The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the
982 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill
983 is now considered as read.

984 Without objection, the bill is considered as read and
985 open for amendment at any point.

986 [The bill follows:]

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988 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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990 *The Chairman. Is any member seeking recognition to
991 speak on H.R. 4275?

992 Is that person here? I don't want to skip over him.
993 Who would -- no member wanted to speak on that one?

994 Okay, so then we will go to a -- if there are any
995 members seeking recognition to offer an amendment.

996 No amendments? All right. So then we are going to go
997 to a vote. Make it easy. Voice vote?

998 *Mrs. Rodgers. I think it is recorded.

999 *The Chairman. Oh, a recorded vote? Okay, so that will
1000 make it so everybody has to come back. A recorded vote is
1001 ordered. Oh, those are amendments. Okay. A recorded vote
1002 is ordered.

1003 Those in favor of reporting H.R. 4275, as amended, to
1004 the House will say aye; those opposed will say no; and the
1005 clerk shall call the roll.

1006 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush?

1007 [No response.]

1008 *The Clerk. Ms. Eshoo?

1009 *Ms. Eshoo. Eshoo votes aye.

1010 *The Clerk. Ms. Eshoo votes aye.

1011 Ms. DeGette?

1012 [No response.]

1013 *The Clerk. Mr. Doyle?

1014 [No response.]

1015
1016 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky?
1017 *Ms. Schakowsky. Votes aye.
1018 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
1019 Mr. Butterfield?
1020 [No response.]
1021 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui?
1022 *Ms. Matsui. Matsui votes aye.
1023 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
1024 Ms. Castor?
1025 [No response.]
1026 *The Clerk. Mr. Sarbanes?
1027 [No response.]
1028 *The Clerk. Mr. McNerney?
1029 *Mr. McNerney. McNerney votes aye.
1030 *The Clerk. Mr. McNerney votes aye.
1031 Mr. Welch?
1032 [No response.]
1033 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko?
1034 *Mr. Tonko. Tonko of New York votes aye.
1035 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
1036 Ms. Clarke?
1037 [No response.]
1038 *The Clerk. Mr. Schrader?
1039 *Mr. Schrader. [Inaudible.]

1040 *The Clerk. Mr. Schrader votes aye.
1041 Mr. Cardenas?
1042 *Mr. Cardenas. Cardenas, representing California, votes
1043 aye.
1044 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas votes aye.
1045 Mr. Ruiz?
1046 [No response.]
1047 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters?
1048 [No response.]
1049 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell?
1050 *Mrs. Dingell. Votes aye.
1051 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
1052 Mr. Veasey?
1053 [No response.]
1054 *The Clerk. Ms. Kuster?
1055 *Ms. Kuster. Kuster votes aye.
1056 *The Clerk. Ms. Kuster votes aye.
1057 Ms. Kelly?
1058 [No response.]
1059 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan?
1060 *Ms. Barragan. Barragan votes aye.
1061 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
1062 Mr. McEachin?
1063 *Mr. McEachin. McEachin votes aye.
1064 *The Clerk. Mr. Eachin votes aye.

1065 Ms. Blunt Rochester?
1066 *Ms. Blunt Rochester. Blunt Rochester votes aye.
1067 *The Clerk. Ms. Blunt Rochester votes aye.
1068 Mr. Soto?
1069 [No response.]
1070 *The Clerk. Mr. O'Halleran?
1071 [No response.]
1072 *The Clerk. Miss Rice?
1073 *Miss Rice. Rice from New York votes aye.
1074 *The Clerk. Miss Rice votes aye.
1075 Ms. Craig?
1076 [No response.]
1077 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier?
1078 *Ms. Schrier. Schrier votes aye.
1079 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
1080 Mrs. Trahan?
1081 *Mrs. Trahan. Trahan votes aye.
1082 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
1083 Mrs. Fletcher?
1084 *Mrs. Fletcher. Fletcher votes aye.
1085 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
1086 Mrs. Rodgers?
1087 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
1088 *The Clerk. Mrs. Rodgers votes aye.
1089 Mr. Upton?

1090 [No response.]

1091

1092 *The Clerk. Mr. Burgess?

1093 [No response.]

1094 *The Clerk. Mr. Scalise?

1095 [No response.]

1096 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

1097 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1098 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

1099 Mr. Guthrie?

1100 [No response.]

1101 *The Clerk. Mr. McKinley?

1102 *Mr. McKinley. Aye.

1103 *The Clerk. Mr. McKinley votes aye.

1104 Mr. Kinzinger?

1105 [No response.]

1106 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith?

1107 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

1108 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

1109 Mr. Bilirakis?

1110 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.

1111 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

1112 Mr. Johnson?

1113 *Mr. Johnson. Aye.

1114 *The Clerk. Mr. Johnson votes aye.

1115 Mr. Long?
1116 *Mr. Long. Aye.
1117 *The Clerk. Mr. Long votes aye.
1118 Mr. Bucshon?
1119 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
1120 *The Clerk. Mr. Bucshon votes aye.
1121 Mr. Mullin?
1122 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
1123 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
1124 Mr. Hudson?
1125 [No response.]
1126 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg?
1127 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1128 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg votes aye.
1129 Mr. Carter?
1130 [No response.]
1131 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan?
1132 [No response.]
1133 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer?
1134 *Mr. Palmer. [Inaudible.]
1135 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
1136 Mr. Dunn?
1137 [No response.]
1138 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn?
1139 *Mr. Dunn. Votes aye.

1140 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn votes aye.
1141 Mr. Curtis?
1142 *Mr. Curtis. [Inaudible.]
1143 *The Clerk. Mr. Curtis votes aye.
1144 Mrs. Lesko?
1145 *Mrs. Lesko. Lesko votes aye.
1146 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko votes aye.
1147 Mr. Pence?
1148 *Mr. Pence. Aye.
1149 *The Clerk. Mr. Pence votes aye.
1150 Mr. Crenshaw?
1151 *Mr. Crenshaw. Crenshaw votes aye.
1152 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw, can you please repeat your
1153 vote? I couldn't see you on camera.
1154 *Mr. Crenshaw. Oh. Crenshaw votes aye.
1155 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw votes aye.
1156 Mr. Joyce?
1157 *Mr. Joyce. [Inaudible.]
1158 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
1159 Mr. Armstrong?
1160 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
1161 *The Clerk. Mr. Armstrong votes aye.
1162 Chairman Pallone?
1163 *The Chairman. Pallone from New Jersey votes aye.
1164 *The Clerk. Chairman Pallone votes aye.

1165 *Mr. Doyle. Mr. Chairman, how am I recorded?
1166 *The Chairman. How is the gentleman recorded?
1167 *Mr. Doyle. Mr. Doyle, I am sorry.
1168 *The Clerk. I am sorry. You are not recorded.
1169 *Mr. Doyle. Doyle votes yes.
1170 *The Clerk. Mr. Doyle --
1171 *Mr. Sarbanes. Mr. Chairman?
1172 *The Clerk. -- votes aye.
1173 *Mr. Sarbanes. Mr. Chairman, how is Sarbanes recorded?
1174 *The Clerk. Mr. Sarbanes is not recorded.
1175 *Mr. Sarbanes. Sarbanes votes aye.
1176 *Mr. Ruiz. Mr. Chairman, how is Ruiz recorded?
1177 *The Chairman. Mr. Duncan, I think, had his hand up.
1178 *The Clerk. Mr. Sarbanes, I couldn't hear your vote.
1179 Can you please repeat it?
1180 *Mr. Sarbanes. Sarbanes votes aye.
1181 *Mr. Rush. Mr. Chairman?
1182 *The Clerk. Mr. Sarbanes votes aye.
1183 *Mr. Rush. Mr. Chairman?
1184 *The Chairman. Mr. Ruiz?
1185 *Mr. Duncan. Mr. Duncan?
1186 *Mr. Rush. Mr. Chairman?
1187 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan is not recorded.
1188 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1189 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan votes aye.

1190 *The Chairman. Mr. Ruiz?

1191 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz is not recorded.

1192 *Mr. Ruiz. Ruiz votes aye.

1193 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.

1194 *Mr. Rush. Chairman, how --

1195 *The Chairman. Mr. Hudson?

1196 *Mr. Rush. -- am I recorded? This is Mr. Rush.

1197 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson is not recorded, and Mr. Rush is

1198 not recorded.

1199 *Mr. Hudson. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

1200 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson --

1201 *Mr. Peters. Mr. Chair?

1202 *The Clerk. -- votes aye.

1203 *The Chairman. Mr. Rush?

1204 *Mr. Rush. Rush votes aye.

1205 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush --

1206 *Ms. Kelly. Mr. Chairman, how am I recorded?

1207 *The Clerk. -- votes aye.

1208 *The Chairman. All right, everybody, just relax a

1209 little here. We have a lot of --

1210 *Ms. Kelly. Oh, okay.

1211 *The Chairman. All right. Mr. Rush, you have?

1212 *Mr. Rush. Aye.

1213 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush votes aye.

1214 *The Chairman. Next? Who is next?

1215 *Ms. Kelly. Robin Kelly.
1216 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly is not recorded.
1217 *The Chairman. Ms. Kelly?
1218 *Ms. Kelly. Kelly votes aye.
1219 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
1220 *Mr. Peters. Peters?
1221 *The Chairman. Ms. Castor?
1222 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor is --
1223 *Ms. Castor. Ms. Castor of Florida votes aye.
1224 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
1225 *The Chairman. Mr. Peters?
1226 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters is not recorded.
1227 *Mr. Peters. Peters votes --
1228 *The Chairman. Mr. Peters?
1229 *Mr. Peters. -- aye.
1230 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
1231 *The Chairman. Mr. Soto?
1232 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto is not recorded.
1233 *Mr. Soto. Soto votes aye.
1234 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
1235 *The Chairman. Ms. DeGette?
1236 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette is --
1237 *Ms. DeGette. DeGette votes aye.
1238 *The Clerk. -- not recorded.
1239 *Ms. DeGette. Oh, DeGette votes aye.

1240 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.

1241 *Ms. Craig. Ms. Craig.

1242 *The Chairman. Craig?

1243 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig is not recorded.

1244 *Ms. Craig. Ms. Craig votes aye.

1245 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig votes aye.

1246 *The Chairman. Anyone else who is not recorded and

1247 wants to be recorded?

1248 Should we wait, or are we ready?

1249 *Mrs. Rodgers. Guthrie is on his way?

1250 Could you -- could I ask for those that aren't recorded?

1251 *The Clerk. On the minority side?

1252 *Mrs. Rodgers. Yes, please.

1253 *The Clerk. Mr. Upton is not recorded; Mr. Burgess; Mr.

1254 Scalise; Mr. Guthrie; Mr. Kinzinger; and Mr. Carter.

1255 *The Chairman. And we can wait a couple minutes. Let's

1256 just wait a couple minutes, because there are quite a few.

1257 *Mr. Guthrie. Mr. Chairman, how am I recorded?

1258 Guthrie.

1259 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie is not recorded.

1260 *Voice. They didn't say I wasn't recorded.

1261 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.

1262 *The Chairman. Anyone else? I think we are okay.

1263 *Mr. Mullin. Am I recorded? This is Markwayne Mullin.

1264 *The Chairman. Mr. Mullin?

1265 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin is recorded as aye.

1266 *Mr. Mullin. Thank you.

1267 *The Chairman. Anyone else?

1268 All right. Madam Clerk, could you report the tally?

1269 *The Clerk. On that vote, Mr. Chairman, the ayes were
1270 48 and the nays were 0.

1271 *The Chairman. So the vote is 48 ayes to 0 noes, and
1272 H.R. 4275 is reported -- is it amended -- as amended. H.R.
1273 4275, as amended, is reported to the House.

1274 All right. We will go to the next bill. The chair
1275 calls up H.R. 4990, the Institute for Telecommunications
1276 Sciences Codification Act, or the ITS Codification Act, as
1277 forwarded by the Subcommittee on Communications and
1278 Technology, and the clerk will report the bill.

1279 *The Clerk. Committee print for H.R. 4990 to codify the
1280 Institute for --

1281 *The Chairman. And Madam Clerk, without objection, the
1282 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill
1283 is now considered as read.

1284 And without objection, the bill is considered as read
1285 and open for amendment.

1286 [The bill follows:]

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1288 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1290 *The Chairman. Are there any members seeking
1291 recognition to speak on H.R. 4990?

1292 All right, it doesn't look like anybody wants to speak.

1293 *Mrs. Rodgers. Mr. Carter.

1294 *The Chairman. Mr. Carter?

1295 *Mr. Carter. Mr. Chairman?

1296 *The Chairman. Yes, Mr. Carter. You are recognized.

1297 *Mr. Carter. Mr. Chairman? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
1298 rise to strike the last word.

1299 [Laughter.]

1300 *The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized for five
1301 minutes.

1302 *Mr. Carter. Okay. This is 4990, isn't it?

1303 *The Chairman. Yes.

1304 *Mr. Carter. Thank you, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
1305 thank you and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers for calling up
1306 my legislation, H.R. 4990, The ITS Codification Act.

1307 I would like to again thank Mr. O'Halleran for offering
1308 his amendment in the nature of a substitute during our
1309 subcommittee markup a few weeks ago, which makes only minor
1310 technical corrections to the underlying legislation.

1311 This bill, which has bipartisan support, is the research
1312 and engineering -- will work to provide the needed statutory
1313 authority for the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences.
1314 As we know, ITS is research and engineering laboratory that

1315 supports the National Telecommunications and Information
1316 Administration's mission to manage radio frequency spectrum.

1317 With the enactment of this legislation, ITS will also be
1318 required to further develop emergency communication and
1319 tracking technologies in our country. Through this action,
1320 NITA (sic) will make progress in locating and rescuing
1321 individuals who are trapped in confined spaces who are not
1322 otherwise able to carry out conventional radio communication.

1323 As a health care professional, I know how every moment
1324 counts when it comes to getting a person out of these
1325 situations and returning them to their family. Therefore,
1326 the ITS Codification Act is a bill to help the American
1327 people. By codifying the Institute for Telecommunication
1328 Sciences, we will open the door for advancement in wireless
1329 technology.

1330 I would ask all of my colleagues to fully support this
1331 legislation, and I yield back the remainder of my time.

1332 *The Chairman. I thank the gentleman. Does anyone else
1333 want to speak on this bill?

1334 Okay. Does anyone want to offer an amendment?

1335 It doesn't appear to be the case. A recorded vote?

1336 *Mrs. Rodgers. Yes, please.

1337 *The Chairman. All right, we will have a recorded vote
1338 on the bill. A recorded vote is ordered.

1339 Those in favor of reporting H.R. 4990, as amended, to

1340 the House will say aye; those opposed will say no; and the
1341 clerk shall call the roll.

1342 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush?

1343 *Mr. Rush. Rush votes aye.

1344 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush votes aye.

1345 Ms. Eshoo?

1346 *Ms. Eshoo. Eshoo votes aye.

1347 *The Clerk. Ms. Eshoo votes aye.

1348 Ms. DeGette?

1349 *Ms. DeGette. DeGette votes aye.

1350 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.

1351 Mr. Doyle?

1352 *Mr. Doyle. Doyle votes yes.

1353 *The Clerk. Mr. Doyle votes aye.

1354 Ms. Schakowsky?

1355 *Ms. Schakowsky. Votes aye.

1356 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.

1357 Mr. Butterfield?

1358 [No response.]

1359 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui?

1360 *Ms. Matsui. Matsui votes aye.

1361 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.

1362 Ms. Castor?

1363 *Ms. Castor. Ms. Castor of Florida votes aye.

1364 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.

1365 Mr. Sarbanes?
1366 [No response.]
1367 *The Clerk. Mr. McNerney?
1368 *Mr. McNerney. McNerney votes aye.
1369 *The Clerk. Mr. McNerney votes aye.
1370 Mr. Welch?
1371 [No response.]
1372 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko?
1373 *Mr. Tonko. Tonko of New York votes aye.
1374 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
1375 Ms. Clarke?
1376 *Ms. Clarke. Clarke from New York votes aye.
1377 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
1378 Mr. Schrader?
1379 *Mr. Schrader. Schrader votes aye.
1380 *The Clerk. Mr. Schrader votes aye.
1381 Mr. Cardenas?
1382 [No response.]
1383 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz?
1384 *Mr. Ruiz. Ruiz votes aye.
1385 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.
1386 Mr. Peters?
1387 *Mr. Peters. Peters votes aye.
1388 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
1389 Mrs. Dingell?

1390 *Mrs. Dingell. Dingell votes aye.
1391 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
1392 Mr. Veasey?
1393 *Mr. Veasey. Veasey, aye.
1394 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.
1395 Ms. Kuster?
1396 *Ms. Kuster. Kuster votes aye.
1397 *The Clerk. Ms. Kuster votes aye.
1398 Ms. Kelly?
1399 *Ms. Kelly. Kelly votes aye.
1400 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
1401 Ms. Barragan?
1402 *Ms. Barragan. Barragan votes aye.
1403 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
1404 Mr. McEachin?
1405 *Mr. McEachin. McEachin votes aye.
1406 *The Clerk. Mr. McEachin votes aye.
1407 Ms. Blunt Rochester?
1408 *Ms. Blunt Rochester. Blunt Rochester votes aye.
1409 *The Clerk. Ms. Blunt Rochester votes aye.
1410 Mr. Soto?
1411 *Mr. Soto. Soto votes aye.
1412 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
1413 Mr. O'Halleran?
1414 [No response.]

1415

1416 *The Clerk. Miss Rice?

1417 *Miss Rice. Rice of New York votes aye.

1418 *The Clerk. Miss Rice votes aye.

1419 Ms. Craig?

1420 *Ms. Craig. Ms. Craig of Minnesota votes aye.

1421 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig votes aye.

1422 Ms. Schrier?

1423 [No response.]

1424 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan?

1425 *Mrs. Trahan. Trahan votes aye.

1426 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.

1427 Mrs. Fletcher?

1428 *Mrs. Fletcher. Fletcher votes aye.

1429 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.

1430 Mrs. Rodgers?

1431 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]

1432 *The Clerk. Mrs. Rodgers votes aye.

1433 Mr. Upton?

1434 [No response.]

1435 *The Clerk. Mr. Burgess?

1436 [No response.]

1437 *The Clerk. Mr. Scalise?

1438 [No response.]

1439 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

1440 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
1441 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.
1442 Mr. Guthrie?
1443 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.
1444 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
1445 Mr. McKinley?
1446 *Mr. McKinley. Aye.
1447 *The Clerk. Mr. McKinley votes aye.
1448 Mr. Kinzinger?
1449 [No response.]
1450 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith?
1451 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
1452 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.
1453 Mr. Bilirakis?
1454 [No response.]
1455 *The Clerk. Mr. Johnson?
1456 *Mr. Johnson. Aye.
1457 *The Clerk. Mr. Johnson votes aye.
1458 Mr. Long?
1459 *Mr. Long. Aye.
1460 *The Clerk. Mr. Long votes aye.
1461 Mr. Bucshon?
1462 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
1463 *The Clerk. Mr. Bucshon votes aye.
1464 Mr. Mullin?

1465 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
1466 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
1467 Mr. Hudson?
1468 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
1469 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.
1470 Mr. Walberg?
1471 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1472 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg votes aye.
1473 Mr. Carter?
1474 *Mr. Carter. Carter from Georgia votes aye.
1475 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.
1476 Mr. Duncan?
1477 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1478 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan votes aye.
1479 Mr. Palmer?
1480 *Mr. Palmer. Palmer votes aye.
1481 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
1482 Mr. Dunn?
1483 *Mr. Dunn. Dunn votes aye.
1484 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn votes aye.
1485 Mr. Curtis?
1486 [No response.]
1487 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko?
1488 *Mrs. Lesko. Lesko votes aye.
1489 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko votes aye.

1490 Mr. Pence?

1491 *Mr. Pence. Pence votes aye.

1492 *The Clerk. Mr. Pence votes aye.

1493 Mr. Crenshaw?

1494 *Mr. Crenshaw. Crenshaw votes aye.

1495 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw votes aye.

1496 Mr. Joyce?

1497 *Mr. Joyce. Joyce votes aye.

1498 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.

1499 Mr. Armstrong?

1500 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.

1501 *The Clerk. Mr. Armstrong votes aye.

1502 Chairman Pallone?

1503 *The Chairman. Pallone from New Jersey votes aye.

1504 *The Clerk. Chairman Pallone votes aye.

1505 *Mr. Cardenas. Cardenas from California --

1506 *The Chairman. Any members --

1507 *Mr. Cardenas. -- votes aye.

1508 *The Chairman. -- who haven't been recorded?

1509 *Mr. Cardenas. Cardenas from California votes --

1510 *The Chairman. Cardenas?

1511 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas votes aye.

1512 *Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch of Vermont votes aye.

1513 *Ms. Schrier. Schrier votes aye.

1514 *The Clerk. Mr. Welch votes aye.

1515 Ms. Schrier votes aye.

1516 *The Chairman. Anyone else who wishes to be recorded?

1517 Mr. Burgess?

1518 *Mr. Burgess. Aye.

1519 *The Clerk. Mr. Burgess votes aye.

1520 *The Chairman. Mr. Bilirakis?

1521 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.

1522 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

1523 *The Chairman. Any other member who is not recorded and
1524 wishes to be recorded?

1525 All right. Madam Clerk will report the tally.

1526 *The Clerk. On that vote the yeas were 51 and the nays
1527 were 0.

1528 *The Chairman. Fifty-one?

1529 *The Clerk. Mm-hmm.

1530 *The Chairman. The vote is 51 ayes to 0 noes. And as a
1531 result, H.R. 4990, as amended, is reported to the full House.

1532 The next bill we have is H.R. 7132. The chair calls up
1533 H.R. 7132, the Safe Connections Act of 2022, as forwarded by
1534 the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, and the
1535 clerk will report the bill.

1536 *The Clerk. Committee print to H.R. 7132, a bill to
1537 preserve safe access --

1538 *The Chairman. Madam Clerk --

1539 *The Clerk. -- to communications --

1540 *The Chairman. -- without objection, the first reading
1541 of the bill would be dispensed with. The bill is now
1542 considered as read.

1543 And without objection, the bill is considered as read
1544 and open for amendment at any point.

1545 [The bill follows:]

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1547 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1549 *The Chairman. Are there any members seeking
1550 recognition to speak on H.R. 7132?

1551 Yes, who is that? Oh, Ms. Kuster is recognized.

1552 *Ms. Kuster. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike
1553 the last word.

1554 *The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized for five
1555 minutes.

1556 *Ms. Kuster. I am so pleased to see this committee take
1557 up my bicameral, bipartisan legislation, the Safe Connections
1558 Act. An almost identical bill has already passed the Senate
1559 earlier this Congress, and I am hopeful that we can get this
1560 across the finish line and to the President's desk before the
1561 year is out.

1562 As the founder and co-chair of the Bipartisan Task Force
1563 to End Sexual Violence, I have met with countless survivors
1564 of domestic and sexual abuse. For those who haven't
1565 experienced this kind of abuse, it can be easy to overlook
1566 just how difficult it is to escape these relationships.
1567 There is no single perfect solution to help survivors break
1568 free from the control of their abusers. But our task force
1569 has advanced a number of proposals over the years to help
1570 make the process easier. The Safe Connections Act is one of
1571 those bills.

1572 We have seen how abusers can leverage a shared or family
1573 phone plan to monitor, stalk, and control their victims.

1574 Survivors can also struggle to afford a phone plan of their
1575 own when they leave an abusive relationship in which they
1576 shared the plan. As survivors work to find safety and
1577 reestablish their finances after leaving their abusers,
1578 having a reliable cell phone is simply essential. The Safe
1579 Connections Act seeks to eliminate these challenges in
1580 several ways.

1581 First, the bill allows survivors to go to their phone
1582 carrier and separate themselves and their dependents from the
1583 shared plan without any fees or penalties. All they need is
1584 an affidavit from a medical or social worker, or a copy of a
1585 police report.

1586 Second, it directs the Federal Communications Commission
1587 to examine how they can better help survivors without
1588 financial means smoothly enroll in the Lifeline program for
1589 six months, providing reliable phone service at a reduced
1590 price, while they regain their financial stability.

1591 And lastly, but very importantly, it directs the FCC to
1592 make rules to ensure that calls or texts to domestic violence
1593 hotlines don't appear on the call logs of shared phone plans.
1594 If an abuser discovers these calls are being made, the
1595 survivor may be in grave danger.

1596 This holistic approach for mitigating challenges around
1597 shared phone plans will save lives. I was heartened to see
1598 the Communications and Technology Subcommittee advance the

1599 bill unanimously, and I hope the full committee will do
1600 likewise.

1601 I am deeply grateful to the survivor advocacy
1602 organizations and the carrier companies who worked together
1603 with us to find a workable strategy to address this problem.

1604 I want to give a shout out to Representative Eshoo and
1605 Representative Walberg for co-leading this bipartisan bill in
1606 the House, and to Senator Schatz for his leadership in the
1607 Senate.

1608 And my deepest thanks to the chairman, the ranking
1609 member, and their staffs, as well as Chairman Doyle and his
1610 staff, for working with us to include this critical bill in
1611 today's markup.

1612 I look forward to advancing it to the full House today.
1613 And with that, I yield back.

1614 *The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Kuster.

1615 I saw Mr. Walberg's hand is up. He is recognized for
1616 five minutes.

1617 *Mr. Walberg. Mr. Chairman, I would like to strike the
1618 last word.

1619 *The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

1620 *Mr. Walberg. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very
1621 pleased that the full committee is considering H.R. 7132, the
1622 Safe Connections Act. It is a bipartisan, bicameral
1623 legislation piece that is critical for survivors of domestic

1624 violence to gain independence and separate their cell phone
1625 lines from any plan shared with their abuser. I am very
1626 proud to join my colleagues, Representative Eshoo and Kuster,
1627 on this legislation.

1628 Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence,
1629 stalking, and human trafficking face many challenges when
1630 establishing independence from an abuser. This bill will
1631 eliminate one of those challenges, and ensure that survivors
1632 are able to stay connected without having to deal with
1633 financial penalties or arduous paperwork.

1634 The Safe Connections Act boasts support from the
1635 wireless industry and survivors groups alike, and I would
1636 like to thank our colleagues in the Senate, Senators Fischer
1637 and Schatz, for their many months of work to get this
1638 compromise. It strikes the right balance between ensuring
1639 easier separation processes for survivors, while not causing
1640 undue burdens for businesses.

1641 Gaining independence from an abuser is difficult enough.
1642 A cell phone contract should not be another impediment to
1643 getting to safety. I encourage all of my colleagues to
1644 support the bill.

1645 And, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

1646 *The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Walberg.

1647 I believe Ms. Eshoo's hand was up. No? Maybe not.

1648 *Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike

1649 the last word.

1650 I want to thank --

1651 *The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

1652 *Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank
1653 Annie Kuster, Congresswoman Kuster, for her leadership on
1654 this important bill. And I am really proud to have partnered
1655 with her and Congressman Walberg on it.

1656 At our hearing in the Communication and Technology
1657 Subcommittee last month, I talked about the dangers of shared
1658 plans for survivors of domestic abuse, and how this
1659 legislation ensures that survivors can easily separate from
1660 their plans and still stay connected to their loved ones.
1661 The legislation passed 29 to 0 through the subcommittee, and
1662 I think the unanimous passage of this legislation really
1663 demonstrates the tremendous work that can be done, that we
1664 can do together to advance what are really nuanced solutions
1665 to modern-day problems.

1666 The Safe Connections Act is going to address the
1667 unintended harms of shared phone plans. You know, you hear
1668 the ads on TV for shared phone plans. I don't think very
1669 many of us would have the first thought come into our minds
1670 when we hear those advertisements about those that survive an
1671 abusive relationship and get strung up in these shared phone
1672 plans. So this is important, and I don't think I need to
1673 urge colleagues to vote for it. I think the legislation

1674 speaks for itself.

1675 But bravo to you, Annie, and to Mr. Walberg, and I am
1676 proud to be a part of this.

1677 And I yield back.

1678 *The Chairman. Thank you, Ms. Eshoo.

1679 Anybody on the Republican side?

1680 All right, then we will go to Ms. Schakowsky.

1681 *Ms. Schakowsky. Thank you. Just briefly, let me thank
1682 the cosponsors, Representative Kuster and Walberg, and all of
1683 those who have supported it in the past.

1684 I just want to add a little bit of urgency to the issue
1685 that we are dealing with, because just yesterday a report
1686 measuring gender-based violence in my hometown of the City of
1687 Chicago found that the number of domestic-violence-related
1688 incidents have increased by 64 percent just last year. And,
1689 of course, as has been pointed out, the separation from the
1690 victim and the perpetrator has been the real problem.

1691 And so finally, this bill will cut off, often, a
1692 overlooked but absolutely devastating tool, the phone that
1693 perpetrators use and abuse to continue to manipulate, and
1694 terrorize, and stalk, and harm their -- the victims.

1695 So I am very happy to support this bill, and very happy
1696 that it has the support it does, and I yield back.

1697 *The Chairman. Thank you.

1698 Mrs. Lesko is recognized for five minutes.

1699 *Mrs. Lesko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike
1700 the last word.

1701 *The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

1702 *Mrs. Lesko. I will be very brief. As a survivor of
1703 domestic violence from a previous marriage, I support this
1704 legislation and I thank the sponsors for sponsoring it.

1705 *The Chairman. Thank you.

1706 Mrs. Dingell?

1707 *Mrs. Dingell. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
1708 word.

1709 *The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized for five
1710 minutes.

1711 *Mrs. Dingell. As a co-chair of the bipartisan working
1712 group to end domestic violence, with my fellow -- my
1713 Republican colleague, Mrs. Lesko, I -- we both are encouraged
1714 by our work today to curb domestic abuse and protect victims
1715 of domestic violence. Unfortunately, both of us know that
1716 fear of trying to use a phone, and having the phone not work.

1717 We have more to do, but this legislation makes common-
1718 sense changes that will have a profound impact on these
1719 individuals and their safety. The Safe Connections Act of
1720 2022 will ensure that survivors have the essential
1721 communication tools they need by providing them an avenue to
1722 separate their wireless service plan from their abuser, and
1723 not to be tracked.

1724 Shared plans can often be exploited to stalk or control
1725 victims of abuse, and there are so many stories we have heard
1726 and can share. These individuals must have the independence
1727 necessary to heal physically, mentally, and emotionally,
1728 while remaining connected to vital support systems and
1729 programs, and being able to call when they need help. This
1730 legislation is one step in accomplishing this goal.

1731 I want to thank my colleagues on this committee, the --
1732 my -- the sponsor of this bill, everybody on this committee
1733 on both sides for working to protect the safety and stability
1734 of survivors, and for getting this work done. And like
1735 others, I am grateful I know that most of the members of this
1736 committee, if not all, will support this legislation.

1737 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

1738 *The Chairman. Thank you.

1739 Any member on either side want to speak further on this
1740 bill?

1741 All right. I don't believe we have any amendments. A
1742 recorded vote?

1743 *Mrs. Rodgers. Yes, please.

1744 *The Chairman. Okay. We will go to a recorded vote on
1745 final passage. A recorded vote is ordered.

1746 Those in favor of reporting H.R. 7132, as amended, to
1747 the House will say aye; those opposed will say no; and the
1748 clerk shall call the roll.

1749 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush?
1750 *Mr. Rush. Rush votes aye.
1751 *The Clerk. Mr. Rush votes aye.
1752 Ms. Eshoo?
1753 *Ms. Eshoo. Eshoo votes aye.
1754 *The Clerk. Ms. Eshoo votes aye.
1755 Ms. DeGette?
1756 *Ms. DeGette. DeGette votes aye.
1757 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
1758 Mr. Doyle?
1759 *Mr. Doyle. Yes.
1760 *The Clerk. Mr. Doyle votes aye.
1761 Ms. Schakowsky?
1762 *Ms. Schakowsky. Schakowsky votes aye.
1763 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
1764 Mr. Butterfield?
1765 [No response.]
1766 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui?
1767 *Ms. Matsui. Matsui votes aye.
1768 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
1769 Ms. Castor?
1770 *Ms. Castor. Ms. Castor of Florida votes aye.
1771 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
1772 Mr. Sarbanes?
1773 [No response.]

1774

1775 *The Clerk. Mr. McNerney?

1776 *Mr. McNerney. [Inaudible.]

1777 *The Clerk. Mr. McNerney votes aye.

1778 Mr. Welch?

1779 *Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch votes aye.

1780 *The Clerk. Mr. Welch votes aye.

1781 Mr. Tonko?

1782 *Mr. Tonko. Tonko of New York votes aye.

1783 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.

1784 Ms. Clarke?

1785 *Ms. Clarke. [Inaudible.]

1786 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.

1787 Mr. Schrader?

1788 *Mr. Schrader. Schrader votes aye.

1789 *The Clerk. Mr. Schrader votes aye.

1790 Mr. Cardenas?

1791 [No response.]

1792 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas?

1793 *Mr. Cardenas. Cardenas, representing California, votes

1794 aye.

1795 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas votes aye.

1796 Mr. Ruiz?

1797 *Mr. Ruiz. Ruiz votes aye.

1798 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.

1799 Mr. Peters?

1800 *Mr. Peters. Peters votes [inaudible].

1801 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.

1802 Mrs. Dingell?

1803 *Voice. The paper --

1804 *Mrs. Dingell. [Inaudible.]

1805 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.

1806 Mr. Veasey?

1807 *Mr. Veasey. Veasey, aye.

1808 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.

1809 Ms. Kuster?

1810 *Ms. Kuster. Kuster votes aye.

1811 *The Clerk. Ms. Kuster votes aye.

1812 Ms. Kelly?

1813 *Ms. Kelly. Kelly votes aye.

1814 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.

1815 Ms. Barragan?

1816 *Ms. Barragan. Barragan votes aye.

1817 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.

1818 Mr. McEachin?

1819 *Mr. McEachin. McEachin votes aye.

1820 *The Clerk. Mr. McEachin votes aye.

1821 Ms. Blunt Rochester?

1822 *Ms. Blunt Rochester. Blunt Rochester votes aye.

1823 *The Clerk. Ms. Blunt Rochester votes aye.

1824 Mr. Soto?
1825 [No response.]
1826 *The Clerk. Mr. O'Halleran?
1827 [No response.]
1828 *The Clerk. Miss Rice?
1829 *Miss Rice. Rice of New York votes aye.
1830 *The Clerk. Miss Rice votes aye.
1831 Ms. Craig?
1832 [No response.]
1833 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig?
1834 [No response.]
1835 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier?
1836 *Ms. Schrier. Schrier votes aye.
1837 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
1838 Mrs. Trahan?
1839 *Mrs. Trahan. Trahan votes aye.
1840 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
1841 Mrs. Fletcher?
1842 [No response.]
1843 *The Clerk. Mrs. Rodgers?
1844 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
1845 *The Clerk. Mrs. Rodgers votes aye.
1846 Mr. Upton?
1847 *Mr. Upton. Upton votes aye.
1848 *The Clerk. Mr. Upton votes aye.

1849 Mr. Burgess?

1850 *Mr. Burgess. [Inaudible.]

1851 *The Clerk. Mr. Burgess votes aye.

1852 Mr. Scalise?

1853 [No response.]

1854 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

1855 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1856 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

1857 Mr. Guthrie?

1858 *Mr. Guthrie. Aye.

1859 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.

1860 Mr. McKinley?

1861 *Mr. McKinley. [Inaudible.]

1862 *The Clerk. Mr. McKinley votes aye.

1863 Mr. Kinzinger?

1864 [No response.]

1865 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith?

1866 *Mr. Griffith. [Inaudible.]

1867 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

1868 Mr. Bilirakis?

1869 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1870 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

1871 Mr. Johnson?

1872 *Mr. Johnson. Aye.

1873 *The Clerk. Mr. Johnson votes aye.

1874 Mr. Long?
1875 *Mr. Long. Aye.
1876 *The Clerk. Mr. Long votes aye.
1877 Mr. Bucshon?
1878 *Mr. Bucshon. Aye.
1879 *The Clerk. Mr. Bucshon votes aye.
1880 Mr. Mullin?
1881 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
1882 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
1883 Mr. Hudson?
1884 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
1885 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.
1886 Mr. Walberg?
1887 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1888 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg votes aye.
1889 Mr. Carter?
1890 *Mr. Carter. Carter from Georgia votes aye.
1891 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.
1892 Mr. Duncan?
1893 *Mr. Duncan. Aye.
1894 *The Clerk. Mr. Duncan votes aye.
1895 Mr. Palmer?
1896 *Mr. Palmer. [Inaudible.]
1897 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
1898 Mr. Dunn?

1899 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1900 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn votes aye.
1901 Mr. Curtis?
1902 *Mr. Curtis. Curtis votes aye.
1903 *The Clerk. Mr. Curtis votes aye.
1904 Mrs. Lesko?
1905 *Mrs. Lesko. Aye.
1906 *The Clerk. Mrs. Lesko votes aye.
1907 Mr. Pence?
1908 *Mr. Pence. [Inaudible.]
1909 *The Clerk. Mr. Pence votes aye.
1910 Mr. Crenshaw?
1911 [No response.]
1912 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
1913 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
1914 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
1915 Mr. Armstrong?
1916 *Mr. Armstrong. Yes.
1917 *The Clerk. Mr. Armstrong votes aye.
1918 Chairman Pallone?
1919 *The Chairman. Pallone of New Jersey votes aye.
1920 *The Clerk. Chairman Pallone votes aye.
1921 *Mrs. Fletcher. Mr. Chairman, this is Lizzie Fletcher.
1922 How am I recorded?
1923 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher is not recorded.

1924 *Mrs. Fletcher. Fletcher votes aye.
1925 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
1926 *Mr. Soto. Mr. Chairman, this is Mr. Soto. How am I
1927 recorded?
1928 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto is not recorded.
1929 *Mr. Soto. Soto votes aye.
1930 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
1931 *Ms. Craig. This is Ms. Craig. How am I recorded?
1932 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig is not recorded.
1933 *Ms. Craig. Ms. Craig from Minnesota votes aye.
1934 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig votes aye.
1935 *The Chairman. Any other members who are not recorded
1936 and wish to be?
1937 Is Mr. Ruiz recorded?
1938 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz is recorded as aye.
1939 *The Chairman. All right. Anyone else?
1940 If not, we will --
1941 *Mr. Crenshaw. I wish to be recorded.
1942 *The Chairman. Mr. Crenshaw?
1943 *Mr. Crenshaw. Yes, I wish to be recorded. I vote aye.
1944 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw votes aye.
1945 *The Chairman. Anyone else?
1946 All right. If not, the clerk will report the tally.
1947 *The Clerk. On that vote, Mr. Chairman, the yeas were
1948 53 and the nays were 0.

1949 *The Chairman. Okay, so the vote is 53 ayes to 0 noes,
1950 and therefore, H.R. 7132, as amended, is reported to the full
1951 House.

1952 And we have -- I think we just have one more bill. The
1953 chair calls up H.R. 3630, the Lymphedema Treatment Act, and
1954 the clerk report the title of the bill.

1955 *The Clerk. H.R. 3630, to amend title 18 of the Social
1956 Security --

1957 *The Chairman. Madam Clerk, without objection, the
1958 first reading of the bill will be dispensed with. The bill
1959 is now considered as read.

1960 And without objection, the bill is considered as read
1961 and open for amendment.

1962 [The bill follows:]

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1964 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1966 *The Chairman. Are there any members seeking
1967 recognition to speak on H.R. 3630?

1968 Ms. Schakowsky --

1969 *Ms. Schrier. Mr. Chairman?

1970 *The Chairman. -- you are recognized for five minutes.

1971 *Ms. Schakowsky. Thank you. I move to strike the last
1972 word.

1973 *The Chairman. You are recognized.

1974 *Ms. Schakowsky. So I am really, really grateful to see
1975 the bipartisan support for the Lymphedema Treatment Act that
1976 we are going to move today. I want to thank all of the
1977 advocates, the stakeholders, and all of the members on both
1978 sides of the aisle who have stepped up to do this.

1979 This bill will make a long-overdue technical correction
1980 to the Medicare statute, and it will finally eliminate the
1981 gap in Medicare coverage for people living with lymphedema,
1982 and to ensure coverage by doctors for the compression
1983 garments that they need.

1984 Lymphedema is a very, very painful condition that people
1985 have. And many people don't know that two-thirds of
1986 lymphedema cases are cancer-related. Many of you have seen
1987 people who have cancer, who have a swollen arm, and that can
1988 be very, very painful, can be a real problem for them. And
1989 so this legislation actually makes a huge difference.

1990 You know, I have seen lymphedema patients, and

1991 constituents, and friends, and so I know how painful, but
1992 also how costly the treatment is. On top of struggling with
1993 cancer, there is no cure for lymphedema. So medical
1994 compression is the thing that people really need to get the
1995 kind of relief. And unfortunately, Medicare has been unable
1996 to cover these supplements, the compressions, compression
1997 things that they put on their arms, because they don't fit
1998 into any existing benefit category.

1999 So the Lymphedema Treatment Act will actually finally
2000 answer that call and make a big difference.

2001 You should also know that studies have estimated that
2002 Medicare would save about \$1.5 billion over 10 years because
2003 of the decreased hospitalization and other prevention
2004 complications that cost real money.

2005 So -- but more importantly, cancer survivors and others,
2006 lymphedema sufferers, would be able to finally get the relief
2007 that they need. Millions of Americans suffer. It is
2008 estimated 3.5 million Americans suffer from lymphedema.

2009 So I want to thank the chairman and the ranking member
2010 for their support of this bill, and urge my colleagues to
2011 pass the Lymphedema Treatment Act out of out of committee and
2012 to the floor of the House.

2013 And with that --

2014 *The Chairman. Would the gentlewoman yield to me
2015 briefly? Would the gentlewoman yield?

2016 *Ms. Schakowsky. Of course.

2017 *The Chairman. I just wanted to thank Chairwoman
2018 Schakowsky for her longstanding advocacy on this issue. I
2019 know this isn't just a senior issue, but I know she has been
2020 a long-time advocate for senior issues.

2021 And over 350 members, bipartisan, signed on in support
2022 of this bill.

2023 As she mentioned, there are definitely, you know, some
2024 gaps in coverage, particularly with regard to garments, and
2025 we do need legislative authority to cover these items.

2026 So this bill is going to ensure that patients with
2027 lymphedema have access to the full range of treatments that
2028 they need, and I urge its passage, and I yield back to the
2029 gentlewoman.

2030 *Ms. Schakowsky. And I yield back.

2031 And I do have an amendment at the desk.

2032 *The Chairman. Okay, thank you.

2033 *Ms. Schrier. Mr. Chairman?

2034 *The Chairman. Do we have others?

2035 *Ms. Schrier. Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is Kim.

2036 *The Chairman. Is there anybody on the Republican side?
2037 Mr. Guthrie, and then we will go to Dr. Schrier. Mr.
2038 Guthrie is recognized for five minutes.

2039 *Mr. Guthrie. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will be brief.

2040 And, gosh, I remember meeting with a sufferer of this,

2041 and it has touched all of us. And that is -- you know,
2042 grassroots people coming to Washington to make a difference
2043 in their lives is what we should respond to and react to.
2044 And we are today, and I appreciate that, and am committed to
2045 moving this bill forward today.

2046 But I just want to note, as we do close the gap, which -
2047 - there is a gap there that needs to be closed. It also --
2048 it does create a new mandatory category and mandatory
2049 spending. And for a couple of things -- one, new mandatory
2050 Federal spending contributes to our deficit if it is not offset.
2051 The other thing is it could -- Medicare beneficiaries may
2052 have to absorb the cost if it is not offset. And just -- our
2053 Medicare program is already facing some insolvency issues, so
2054 -- if this isn't offset.

2055 So I 100 percent support. I have seen the instances of
2056 this, as well. I think we all are and have been moved by the
2057 people who have come to see us.

2058 So, Mr. Chair, I just wanted to ask if you will commit
2059 with working with me, because I want to move this forward
2060 today, but I just want to ensure we are committed before this
2061 comes to the floor for a full vote that we will work to make
2062 sure this is offset spending.

2063 *The Chairman. If the gentleman will yield to me --

2064 *Mr. Guthrie. I will yield.

2065 *The Chairman. I assure him that we will do that, as we

2066 always do, before we go to the floor.

2067 *Mr. Guthrie. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate that.

2068 *The Chairman. Does the gentleman --

2069 *Mr. Guthrie. I yield back --

2070 *The Chairman. -- yield?

2071 *Mr. Guthrie. -- unless anybody needs my time, I --

2072 *Mr. Joyce. Would the gentleman yield?

2073 *Mr. Guthrie. I will yield.

2074 *The Chairman. Who seeks --

2075 *Mr. Guthrie. Who is seeking --

2076 *The Chairman. Oh --

2077 *Mr. Guthrie. Oh, Dr. Joyce.

2078 *The Chairman. Dr. Joyce.

2079 *Mr. Guthrie. I yield to Dr. Joyce.

2080 *Mr. Joyce. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

2081 I do want to offer my support for H.R. 3630, the
2082 Lymphedema Treatment Act, which -- I am one of the multiple
2083 cosponsors.

2084 This bill is about closing a loophole that is
2085 restricting access to full care for the nearly three million
2086 Medicare beneficiaries suffering from lymphedema. Not having
2087 the necessary treatments covered by Medicare is something
2088 that impacts a patient's quality of life, and I am glad to
2089 see that we are taking the necessary steps to rectify this
2090 incredibly important issue to these individuals.

2091 As a physician who has treated patients with lymphedema,
2092 working with occupational therapists, physical therapists,
2093 other physicians, I can attest firsthand to the necessity of
2094 the treatments that will be covered in this bill going
2095 forward, and urge support for this legislation.

2096 I, too, understand that we will have more work to do on
2097 a budgetary offset, and look forward to seeing this bill on
2098 the House floor shortly.

2099 Thank you, and I yield back.

2100 *Mr. Guthrie. Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

2101 *The Chairman. The gentleman yields back. I believe we
2102 have Dr. Schrier next, who would like to speak on the bill.

2103 *Ms. Schrier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to
2104 strike the last word.

2105 I just want to take a moment to --

2106 *The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

2107 *Ms. Schrier. Thank you. I just want to take a moment
2108 to recognize and remember one of the driving forces behind
2109 the Lymphedema Treatment Act: a Washingtonian, Elaine
2110 Eigeman. And we would not be here today passing this bill
2111 without the tenacity of Elaine.

2112 She lived with lymphedema for 20 years as a result of
2113 breast cancer treatment in 1999. And after her diagnosis she
2114 chose to make a difference for other lymphedema patients.
2115 She built a whole community of patient advocates in

2116 Washington State and across the country as the board chair of
2117 the National Lymphedema Advocacy Group. Until her final
2118 days, Elaine advocated for the Lymphedema Treatment Act,
2119 educating me, a brand-new Member of Congress at the time,
2120 about the bill.

2121 So today, as we pass this bipartisan bill out of
2122 committee, let's remember Elaine and all the work of all the
2123 advocates, particularly those who have shared their stories
2124 with me [inaudible] and Barbara, who have worked so hard to
2125 make this happen. Thank you, and I yield back.

2126 *The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Anyone else on
2127 the Republican side?

2128 *Mrs. Rodgers. Buddy Carter, he is virtual.

2129 *The Chairman. Mr. Carter? We are going to still --
2130 all right, here he comes.

2131 *Mrs. Rodgers. There he is.

2132 *The Chairman. Mr. Carter, don't run. We don't want to
2133 lose you.

2134 [Laughter.]

2135 *The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized.

2136 *Mr. Carter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike
2137 the last word.

2138 *The Chairman. The gentleman is recognized for five
2139 minutes.

2140 *Mr. Carter. Mr. Chairman, today we are taking a

2141 critical step to provide lifesaving care to millions of
2142 Americans. I am the lead Republican on this bill to help
2143 lymphedema patients get the prescription compression garments
2144 they need to stay healthy.

2145 There is no cure for lymphedema, and no pharmaceutical
2146 treatment. Prescription medical compression garments are the
2147 long-established standard of care for treating lymphedema.
2148 But Medicare is currently unable to provide coverage for
2149 these vital supplies, due to a lack of benefit category.
2150 There are an estimated five million Americans with
2151 lymphedema, and the majority of whom are cancer survivors.

2152 As a health care professional and co-chair of Cancer
2153 Survivors Caucus, I came to Washington to make a difference
2154 and help those who are suffering. This bill takes a critical
2155 step to ensuring our most vulnerable patients have access to
2156 the care they need.

2157 The Lymphedema Treatment Act is one of the most
2158 bipartisan bills in Congress by a large margin, as has been
2159 noted. It has over 350 cosponsors in the House, and over 70
2160 cosponsors in the Senate. This is an example of something we
2161 can accomplish together in a bipartisan manner, and I want to
2162 thank Representative Schakowsky for her work on this, and for
2163 allowing me to participate, as well.

2164 I look forward to working with this committee on
2165 offsetting the spending in this legislation, as was pointed

2166 out by Representative Guthrie. And I thank him for that.

2167 Thank you again, Chairman Pallone and Leader Rodgers,
2168 for including the Lymphedema Treatment Act in today's markup.
2169 Thank you, and I yield back.

2170 *The Chairman. Thank you. Ms. Kuster is recognized for
2171 five minutes.

2172 *Ms. Kuster. I move to strike the last word.

2173 *The Chairman. The gentlewoman is recognized.

2174 *Ms. Kuster. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am proud to
2175 cosponsor H.R. 3630, the Lymphedema Treatment Act, the
2176 important legislation that will finally allow Medicare to
2177 cover compression garments to treat lymphedema, helping
2178 patients manage the swelling and pain associated with this
2179 chronic condition.

2180 I heard from constituents like Patty from Weare, New
2181 Hampshire, who has lymphedema as a result of a previous
2182 cancer diagnosis, about the importance of these treatments.
2183 Patty has struggled with lymphedema for years, resulting in
2184 the amputation of several toes on her left foot. She relies
2185 on active treatment, such as physical therapy and compression
2186 supplies, which are both covered by her current insurance.
2187 While today her treatment is covered, Patty turns 65 next
2188 year, and she worries about how she will treat her lymphedema
2189 as a Medicare beneficiary.

2190 I also heard from Linda of Salem, New Hampshire, who has

2191 lived with lymphedema since her childhood. At 73 years old,
2192 she explained how more expensive treatments like
2193 hospitalization, visiting nurses, antibiotics for infection,
2194 sequential pumping machines -- and the list goes on and on --
2195 are all covered by Medicare. And yet compression, the
2196 cornerstone of all lymphedema management, has not been
2197 covered. She asked that I share her story to make a
2198 difference to the millions of Americans living with
2199 lymphedema.

2200 The Lymphedema Treatment Act will empower patients like
2201 Patty and Linda to access necessary medical care, and I urge
2202 my colleagues to support the bill.

2203 I thank Chairman Pallone for advancing this legislation,
2204 and I yield back.

2205 *The Chairman. I thank the gentlewoman. Does anyone
2206 else want to speak?

2207 I know we have an amendment. Ms. Schakowsky, we will
2208 move to your amendment.

2209 *Ms. Schakowsky. Yes.

2210 *The Chairman. Ms. Schakowsky is offering an amendment
2211 in the nature of a substitute. The clerk will report the
2212 amendment.

2213 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
2214 H.R. 3630, offered by Ms. Schakowsky --

2215 *The Chairman. And without objection, the reading of

2216 the amendment will be dispensed with.

2217 [The amendment of Ms. Schakowsky follows:]

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2219 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2221 *The Chairman. And the gentlewoman from Illinois is
2222 recognized for five minutes.

2223 *Ms. Schakowsky. Thank you. I wanted first to put into
2224 the record a letter from the -- this is from the U.S. -- the
2225 United -- the U.S. Cancer -- the American Cancer Society and
2226 the Cancer Action Network. That is one letter that I would
2227 like in the record.

2228 I want to just say something about what --

2229 *The Chairman. Without objection, so ordered.

2230 [The information follows:]

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2232 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2234 *Ms. Schakowsky. Thank you. Just a couple of things
2235 about the amendment.

2236 It finally does what we need to do. It changes the date
2237 of effectiveness to 2024, and inserts payment language that
2238 is so necessary that we have talked about. So essentially,
2239 this is really a technical addition that is going to make all
2240 the difference in the world to so many people, millions of
2241 Americans.

2242 And with that, I yield back.

2243 *The Chairman. Does anyone else wish to speak on the
2244 AINS?

2245 All right. And we have no other amendments, right?

2246 Okay, then we will go to a voice vote on the AINS.

2247 Okay.

2248 All those in favor of the Schakowsky -- okay, all those
2249 in favor of the amendment in the nature of a substitute to
2250 H.R. 3630, as introduced by the gentlewoman from Illinois,
2251 will signify by saying aye.

2252 All those opposed will say no.

2253 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. And so
2254 now we will go to a recorded vote on -- no? On final. We
2255 are going to have a voice vote on final.

2256 So the question now occurs on favorably reporting H.R.
2257 3630, as amended, to the House.

2258 All those in favor of reporting H.R. 3630, as amended,

2259 will signify by saying aye.

2260 All those opposed will say no.

2261 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it, and H.R.

2262 3630, as amended, is reported to the full House.

2263 I believe that concludes, but we have some letters, so I

2264 will ask unanimous consent to enter the following documents

2265 into the record: a letter from the Electronic Frontier

2266 Foundation; and a letter from the Oncology Nursing Society on

2267 H.R. 3630.

2268 Without objection. So ordered.

2269 [The information follows:]

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2271 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2273 *The Chairman. All right. Thank you all for another
2274 bipartisan markup. I thank the ranking member and all the
2275 members on both sides.

2276 Without objection, the staff is authorized to make
2277 technical and conforming changes to the committee prints
2278 consistent with the actions taken by the committee today.

2279 Is there any further business?

2280 If not, the committee stands adjourned.

2281 [Whereupon, at 1:42 p.m., the subcommittee was
2282 adjourned.]