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#### MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Energy and Commerce, Members and Staff  
From: Committee on Energy and Commerce Majority Staff  
Re: Full Committee Markup on March 4, 2025

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Energy and Commerce has scheduled a markup on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. (ET) in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, and subsequent days as necessary, to consider the following legislation:

- **H.R. 1618, Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act (Reps. Latta and Kelly)**
- **H.R. 1455, Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) Codification Act (Reps. Carter (GA) and Petterson)**
- **H.R. \_\_\_\_, NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act (Reps. Obernolte and McClellan)**
- **H.R. \_\_\_\_, Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act (Rep. Houchin)**
- **H.R. \_\_\_\_, Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act of 2025 (Reps. Kean and Dingell)**
- **H.R. 1737, To direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria. (Reps. Plaskett and Fulcher)**
- **H.R. 1709, Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act (Reps. Landsman and Cammack)**
- **H.R. 1679, Global Investment in American Jobs Act (Reps. Evans and Kelly)**
- **H.R. \_\_\_\_, Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic (SECURE) Notarization Act of 2025 (Rep. Bentz)**
- **H.R. \_\_\_\_, Consumer Safety Technology Act (Rep. Soto)**
- **H.R. 1721, Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act (Reps. Miller-Meeks and Schrier)**
- **H.R. \_\_\_\_, Awning Safety Act of 2025 (Reps. Balderson and Castor)**

## **II. EXPLANATION OF LEGISLATION**

### **H.R. 1618, Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act (Reps. Latta and Kelly)**

This legislation would require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to review its rules regarding certain satellite services to determine if changes to their rules would promote precision agriculture. If the FCC determines that there are rule changes that could promote precision agriculture, the FCC must develop recommendations and submit them to Congress within 15 months after enactment.

### **H.R. 1455, Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) Codification Act (Reps. Carter (GA) and Petterson)**

This legislation would codify statutory authority for the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS), the research and engineering laboratory that supports the mission of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to manage radio frequency spectrum. The bill would also direct NTIA, acting through the head of ITS, to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies for use in locating trapped individuals in confined spaces.

### **H.R. \_\_\_\_, NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act (Reps. Obernolte and McClellan)**

This legislation would rename the existing National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Office of Policy Analysis and Development to the “Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity” and codify the existing activities of the Office. In addition to codifying the responsibilities of NTIA in administering the information sharing program established in the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act, the bill would assign the Office additional functions to coordinate and develop policy related to the cybersecurity of communications networks.

### **H.R. \_\_\_\_, Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act (Rep. Houchin)**

This legislation would require the FCC to issue rules within 18 months of enactment to establish an application process for entities seeking to provide wireless emergency alerts and 9-1-1 service to unserved areas. The bill would also require the FCC to establish service rules whereby providers of emergency connectivity service may seek approval to access spectrum held by a licensee, but that use of the spectrum to provide emergency connectivity service may not cause interference to a licensee that holds the license.

### **H.R. \_\_\_\_, Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act of 2025 (Reps. Kean and Dingell)**

The legislation would require NTIA to encourage participation by trusted companies and trusted, relevant stakeholders in standards-setting bodies that set standards for 5G and future generation wireless networks. The bill would also direct NTIA to offer technical assistance to such trusted companies and relevant stakeholders.

**H.R. 1737, To direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria. (Reps. Plaskett and Fulcher)**

This legislation would direct NTIA to submit a report to Congress assessing the value, cost, and feasibility of developing a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria to enhance the national security of the United States.

**H.R. 1709, Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act (Reps. Landsman and Cammack)**

This legislation would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to examine and report on the cybersecurity of mobile service networks and the vulnerability of such networks and mobile devices to cyberattacks and surveillance conducted by adversaries.

**H.R. 1679, Global Investment in American Jobs Act (Reps. Evans and Kelly)**

The legislation would direct the Secretary of Commerce and the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an interagency review and report on ways to increase the U.S.'s competitiveness in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) from responsible private-sector entities based in trusted countries. The review conducted shall include but not be limited to the current economic impact of FDI in the United States, trends in global cross-border investment, Federal Government policies that are closely linked to the ability of the United States to attract and retain FDI, barriers to the U.S. competitiveness to attract FDI, and ongoing U.S. efforts to attract FDI. The bill would also require the Secretary of Commerce and the Comptroller General to report to Congress recommendations for increasing global competitiveness of the United States in attracting FDI.

**H.R. \_\_\_\_, Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic (SECURE) Notarization Act of 2025 (Rep. Bentz)**

This legislation would allow a notary public commissioned under state law to remotely notarize electronic records and perform notarizations for remotely located individuals. This bill provides technical requirements for the notarizations, including the creation and retention of video and audio recordings and the use of communication technologies (i.e., video chat). Additionally, this bill would require U.S. courts and states to recognize notarizations—including remote notarizations of electronic records and notarizations of remotely-located individuals—that occur in or affect interstate commerce and are performed by a notary public commissioned under the laws of other states. This bill would also allow a notary public to remotely notarize electronic records involving an individual located outside of the United States, subject to certain requirements.

**H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, Consumer Safety Technology Act (Rep. Soto)**

This bill would require various agencies to explore the use of emerging technologies in the context of consumer products and safety. First, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) would be required to consult with relevant stakeholders, such as data scientists and product manufacturers, and use artificial intelligence in a pilot program for a least one of the following processes: (1) tracking trends in injuries involving consumer products, (2) identifying consumer product hazards, (3) monitoring the sale of recalled consumer products, or (4) identifying consumer products that do not meet specified importation requirements related to product safety.

Additionally, the Department of Commerce would be required to consult with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other relevant agencies to study the ways blockchain technology could be used to prevent or mitigate fraud. Finally, the FTC would be required to report on its efforts to address unfair or deceptive trade practices related to tokens, meaning a digital representation of information secured by a blockchain or other distributed ledger technology.

**H.R. 1721, Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act (Reps. Miller-Meeks and Schrier)**

This bill would require the Department of Commerce to study and report on products that are in high demand across the critical infrastructure sectors. Critical infrastructure sectors are those whose assets, systems, and networks are vital to national security, the economy, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters. The study must (1) identify the products in high demand across those sectors that are being imported due to manufacturing, material, or supply chain constraints; and (2) analyze the costs, benefits, and feasibility of manufacturing those products in the United States.

**H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, Awning Safety Act of 2025 (Reps. Balderson and Castor)**

This bill would require the CPSC to promulgate a mandatory standard, under Sections 7 and 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2056, 58), with regard to fixed and freestanding motorized retractable awnings within the jurisdiction of the CPSC, related to the risk of injury or death from the awning unexpectedly opening and striking a person.

**III. STAFF CONTACTS**

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