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6 MARKUP OF H.R. 1618, PRECISION AGRICULTURE SATELLITE  
7 CONNECTIVITY ACT; H.R. 1455, INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
8 SCIENCES [ITS] CODIFICATION ACT; H.R. 1766, NTIA POLICY AND  
9 CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION ACT; H.R. 1765, PROMOTING UNITED  
10 STATES WIRELESS LEADERSHIP ACT OF 2025; H.R. 1737, TO DIRECT  
11 THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO SUBMIT TO CONGRESS A REPORT  
12 CONTAINING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE VALUE, COST, AND FEASIBILITY  
13 OF A TRANS-ATLANTIC SUBMARINE FIBER OPTIC CABLE CONNECTING  
14 THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN  
15 ISLANDS, GHANA, AND NIGERIA; H.R. 1709, UNDERSTANDING  
16 CYBERSECURITY OF MOBILE NETWORKS ACT; H.R. 1679, GLOBAL  
17 INVESTMENT IN AMERICAN JOBS ACT; H.R. 1770, CONSUMER SAFETY  
18 TECHNOLOGY ACT; H.R. 1721, CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE  
19 MANUFACTURING FEASIBILITY ACT; AND H.R. 1767, AWNING SAFETY  
20 ACT OF 2025

21 TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

22 House of Representatives,

23 Committee on Energy and Commerce,

24 Washington, D.C.

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28           The Committee met, pursuant to call, at 2:15 p.m., in  
29 Room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Brett Guthrie  
30 [Chairman of the Committee] presiding.

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32           Present: Representatives Guthrie, Latta, Griffith,  
33 Bilirakis, Hudson, Carter (GA), Palmer, Dunn, Crenshaw,  
34 Joyce, Weber, Allen, Balderson, Fulcher, Pfluger,  
35 Harshbarger, Miller-Meeks, Cammack, Obernolte, James, Bentz,  
36 Houchin, Fry, Lee, Langworthy, Kean, Rulli, Evans, Goldman,  
37 Fedorchak; Pallone, DeGette, Schakowsky, Matsui, Castor,  
38 Tonko, Clarke, Ruiz, Dingell, Veasey, Kelly, Barragan, Soto,  
39 Schrier, Fletcher, Ocasio-Cortez, Auchincloss, Carter (LA),  
40 Mendez, Landsman, and McClellan.

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42           Staff Present: Ansley Boylan, Director of Operations;  
43 Jessica Donlon, General Counsel; Emily Hale, Staff Assistant;  
44 Natalie Hellman, Professional Staff Member; Calvin Huggins,  
45 Clerk; Megan Jackson, Staff Director; Noah Jackson, Clerk;  
46 Daniel Kelly, Press Secretary; Sophie Khanahmadi, Deputy  
47 Staff Director; Alex Khlopin, Clerk; John Lin, Senior  
48 Counsel; Joel Miller, Chief Counsel; Elaina Murphy,  
49 Professional Staff Member; Kate Harper, Chief Counsel;  
50 Brannon Rains, Professional Staff Member; Evangelos Razis,  
51 Professional Staff Member; Chris Sarley, Member

52 Services/Stakeholder Director; Emma Schultheis, Clerk; Kaley  
53 Stidham, Press Assistant; Matt Van Hyfte, Communications  
54 Director; Hannah Anton, Minority Policy Analyst; Keegan  
55 Cardman, Minority Staff Assistant; Waverly Gordon, Minority  
56 Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel; Tiffany Guarascio,  
57 Minority Staff Director; Perry Hamilton, Minority Member  
58 Services and Outreach Manager; Lisa Hone, Minority Chief  
59 Counsel CMT; Dan Miller, Minority Professional Staff Member;  
60 Emma Roehrig, Minority Staff Assistant; Phoebe Rouge,  
61 Minority FTC Detailee; Michael Scurato, Minority FCC  
62 Detailee; Andrew Souvall, Minority Director of  
63 Communications, Outreach, and Member Services; and Hannah  
64 Treger, Minority Intern.  
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66           \*The Chair. The committee will come to order.

67           Thank you for being here for our first legislative  
68 markup for the 119th Congress. This committee has a rich  
69 bipartisan history, which we will continue that spirit with  
70 the bills we have worked together on today. And each of  
71 these bipartisan pieces of legislation, each of these pieces  
72 of legislation was passed by the House last Congress, and I  
73 am proud that we will be moving these forward. And I think  
74 specifically, unless you are a freshman member, you either  
75 voted for these in committee as they are, with maybe  
76 technical changes, or on the floor, except for the freshmen.

77           We must make sure the government stands ready to partner  
78 with innovators to continue promoting technological  
79 advancement. One bill proposed today will help improve  
80 wireless service for farmers utilizing precision agriculture.  
81 Another will work to improve American cybersecurity and  
82 protect our networks from bad actors. Together, these bills  
83 can help to prepare our infrastructure to withstand cyber  
84 threats while also ensuring our wireless infrastructure is  
85 calibrated to the needs of the twenty-first century. I thank  
86 the sponsors for their leadership and continued work getting  
87 the bills across the finished line.

88           We will also be continuing our work to shore up  
89 America's supply chains and secure our critical  
90 infrastructure. Our adversaries are constantly launching

91 threats to our supply chains, especially in critical  
92 industries, emphasizing the need for great resiliency.  
93 Legislation like the Global Investment in American Jobs Act  
94 will help attract more investment in the United States,  
95 supporting our American workers. Bolstering American  
96 manufacturing and reducing our reliance on China should be  
97 priorities for us all, and I look forward to advancing  
98 legislation to do that.

99       Next, we will consider legislation to protect Americans  
100 from potentially dangerous products and technologies. The  
101 Awning Safety Act of 2025 will instruct the CPSC to create a  
102 safety standard for fixed, freestanding awnings in memory of  
103 Dr. Michael Manyak, who tragically lost his life in an awning  
104 accident.

105       I again want to thank all the sponsors and advocates who  
106 helped us make this legislation the best it can be. I always  
107 say the work we do here in the House affects people in their  
108 homes, and I think that is on display with the legislation we  
109 are considering today. We have a lot more work to do this  
110 Congress, but I am proud that we are able to start with this  
111 bipartisan legislation that unites this committee in securing  
112 American leadership and eliminating unnecessary risks to  
113 people's safety.

114       I thank you all for the work, and I thank everybody for  
115 working together, and I look forward to advancing these bills

116 to the full House. And I will yield back my time.

117 And I now recognize the gentleman from New Jersey,  
118 Representative Pallone, for five minutes for an opening  
119 statement.

120 \*Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Today, the  
121 committee as you said is marking up 12 bills that passed out  
122 of this committee and the full House last Congress with  
123 strong bipartisan support, and I support all these bills and  
124 hope that we can get them to the House floor soon.

125 But I wanted to particularly discuss one bill, the  
126 Awning Safety Act, which would require the Consumer Product  
127 Safety Commission to create a mandatory safety standard for  
128 fixed and freestanding retractable awnings. Today, there is  
129 no standard, voluntary or mandatory, for these awnings, and  
130 injuries continue to mount.

131 So two years ago, Dr. Michael Manyak, the father of  
132 five, including a former Energy and Commerce Committee staff  
133 member, tragically died as a result of an incident involving  
134 a retractable awning. And we have to ensure that other  
135 American families do not suffer the same fate because of the  
136 problems with retractable awnings.

137 I just wanted to mention that. And thank you again,  
138 Mr. Chairman. I yield back the balance of my time.

139 \*The Chair. The gentleman yields back.

140 The Chair reminds members that, pursuant to the

141 committee rules, all members' opening statements will be made  
142 part of the record.

143 Are there further opening statements?

144 Seeing none, the Chair calls up H.R. 1618 and asks the  
145 clerk to report.

146 \*The Clerk. H.R. 1618, a Bill to Require the Federal  
147 Communications Commission to Review Certain Rules of the  
148 Commission and Develop Recommendations for Rule Changes to  
149 Promote \_

150 \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
151 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
152 amendment at any time. So ordered.

153 [The bill follows:]

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155 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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157           \*The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the  
158 bill?

159           \*Mr. Latta. Mr. Chairman?

160           \*The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

161           \*Mr. Latta. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

162           The Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act is  
163 a very important piece of legislation that we worked on in  
164 the last Congress. This legislation went through regular  
165 order during the 118th Congress and passed the House on April  
166 26 of 2023 by a vote of 409 to 11. This legislation would  
167 require the FCC to look at its current satellite rules to  
168 determine if rule changes should be made to promote precision  
169 agriculture.

170           Despite the billions of dollars that have been made  
171 available for broadband deployment over the last few years,  
172 it is clear from traveling my district in the state of Ohio  
173 that too many Americans, especially agricultural producers,  
174 still lack access to the internet. Farmers in rural Ohio and  
175 across the country know that reliable broadband connections  
176 are essential to their operations. After all, it helps  
177 deploy technologies, increases their productivity, produces  
178 higher yields, and minimizes operating costs. Gathering,  
179 processing, and sharing data in real time will help farmers  
180 and ranchers make better decisions.

181           While many farmers and ranchers have made progress



182 getting access to terrestrial fixed and wireless networks  
183 over time, we have heard at our hearings in the  
184 Communications and Technology Subcommittee that satellite  
185 technology can also play a role. In some cases, satellite  
186 technology will connect directly to equipment or sensors in  
187 the field. In other cases, satellite technology can provide  
188 backhaul through wireless towers nearby.

189         It is not just advanced satellite broadband capabilities  
190 that provide improved precision agriculture. Earth imaging  
191 satellites also provide important information that can help  
192 farmers and ranchers identify visual trends that may require  
193 immediate attention. And I am committed to ensuring our  
194 farmers and ranchers have the tools needed at their disposal  
195 to help increase productivity while minimizing cost. This  
196 legislation is a great step forward in that mission.

197         And I support the technical corrections made by the AINS  
198 and support the underlying bill. I urge my colleagues to  
199 support it. And I would be happy to yield to the Chairman.

200         \*The Chair. Thank you. As I said, we are on to  
201 straight full committee with these bills. These are bills  
202 that have passed the last Congress pretty much in the form  
203 that they were here.

204         So I am going to recognize my good friend from Illinois  
205 and there is going to be an amendment. So what's the  
206 amendment? It aims \_ the bill last Congress established a

207 task force that sunsets. It sunsets before this bill,  
208 because it was designed for last Congress. So we are just  
209 correcting that. We are correcting that.

210 So I will yield back to my friend from Ohio, who yields  
211 back.

212 And the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Illinois.

213 \*Ms. Kelly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an  
214 amendment at the desk titled AINS\_01\_XML.

215 \*The Chair. The clerk will report the amendment.

216 \*The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to  
217 H.R. 1618, offered by Ms. Kelly.

218 \*The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the  
219 amendment is dispensed with and the gentlelady from Illinois  
220 is recognized for five minutes in support of the amendment.

221 \*Ms. Kelly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My amendment  
222 seeks to simply make some technical clarifications to the  
223 underlying legislation to ensure it accurately reflects the  
224 current status of the FCC's advisory committees.

225 As many of my colleagues have heard me discuss in this  
226 very hearing room, I care deeply for and work hard to ensure  
227 the farmers and producers in my district have the resources  
228 they need to continue to nourish our families, fuel our cars,  
229 and raise our livestock. To that end, I am committed to  
230 working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to  
231 ensure that we in Congress are considering innovative

232 solutions that take advantage of next generation satellite-  
233 based technologies.

234       Like many of my colleagues serving on this committee,  
235 Rep. Latta and I see eye to eye on this issue, and that is  
236 why we reintroduced the Precision Agricultural Satellite  
237 Connectivity Act this Congress. This bill would require the  
238 FCC to review the Agency's rules for fixed satellite service,  
239 mobile satellite service, and earth exploration satellite  
240 service, and determine if there are rule changes that the FCC  
241 could implement under existing authority to promote precision  
242 agriculture, to develop recommendations for how to implement  
243 any changes, and report its findings to Congress.

244       I thank \_ not the chairman anymore, but Rep. Latta for  
245 his partnership and look forward to passing the Precision  
246 Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act out of this committee  
247 and seeing it considered on the House floor. For this  
248 reason, I urge all of my colleagues on both sides of the  
249 aisle to support this amendment and the underlying  
250 legislation.

251       Thank you, and I yield back.

252       \*The Chair. The gentlelady yields back.

253       Is there any discussion on the amendment?

254       [No response.]

255       \*The Chair. Seeing none, if there is no further  
256 discussion, the vote occurs on the amendment.

257 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

258 All those opposed, nay.

259 The ayes have it and the amendment is agreed to.

260 Is there any other member seeking recognition?

261 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.

262 1618, as amended.

263 All those in favor, say aye.

264 All those opposed, no.

265 The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

266 The chair calls up H.R. 1455 and asks the clerk to  
267 report.

268 \*The Clerk. H.R. 1455, a bill to codify the Institute  
269 for Telecommunication Services \_

270 \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
271 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
272 amendment at any point. So ordered.

273 [The bill follows:]

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275 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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277           \*The Chair. Does anybody seek to be recognized on the  
278 bill?

279           \*Mr. Carter of Georgia. Mr. Chair.

280           \*The Chair. For what purpose does the gentleman from  
281 Georgia seek recognition?

282           \*Mr. Carter of Georgia. I move to strike the last word.

283           \*The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

284           \*Mr. Carter of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in  
285 support of my bill, H.R. 1455, the ITS Codification Act. As  
286 demand for wireless technology continues to grow, we must  
287 continue to focus on identifying potential opportunities to  
288 make more spectrum available for commercial use, including  
289 reallocating and sharing spectrum from federal users.

290           In order to protect federal missions, these reallocation  
291 decisions rely on complex technical testing and analysis that  
292 experts at the Federal Communications Commission and National  
293 Telecommunications and Information Administration evaluate.

294           As policymakers consider reallocating federal spectrum  
295 for commercial use, the FCC and NTIA must have the  
296 information they need to make these decisions. The Institute  
297 for Telecommunications Sciences or ITS is essential in  
298 conducting the radio frequency tests that provide this  
299 technical information. The work ITS performs has led to  
300 innovative advances in the way we manage our airways. These  
301 airways power faster mobile connectivity for Americans, and

302 making more spectrum available in the future is critical to  
303 defeating China and others in wireless and technological  
304 innovation.

305 The ITS Codification Act will strengthen statutory  
306 authority for ITS and ensure that the work they do to advance  
307 United States wireless leadership remains a critical  
308 ingredient to our success.

309 I thank Representative Petersen, and I will ask for all  
310 of my colleagues to support this bill.

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

312 \*The Chair. The gentleman yields back.

313 Is there anyone seeking recognition on the bill?

314 [No response.]

315 \*The Chair. Seeing none, the question now occurs on  
316 adopting H.R. 1455.

317 All those in favor shall say aye.

318 All those opposed, no.

319 The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

320 The Chair calls up H.R. 1766 and asks the clerk to  
321 report.

322 \*The Clerk. H.R. 1766, a bill to amend the National  
323 Telecommunications and Information Organization Act \_

324 \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
325 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
326 amendment at any point. So ordered.

327 [The bill follows:]

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329 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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331           \*The Chair. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?

332           For what purposes does the gentleman from California

333 seek recognition?

334           \*Mr. Obernolte. I move to strike the last word.

335           \*The Chair. You are recognized for five minutes.

336           \*Mr. Obernolte. Mr. Chairman, thank you for the  
337 opportunity to speak today in support of my bill, H.R. 1766,  
338 the NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act.

339           As we continue to witness rapid advancements in  
340 telecommunications and digital infrastructure, it is  
341 imperative that we strengthen our nation's cybersecurity  
342 posture to protect against emergent threats, both domestic  
343 and foreign. This bill addresses a critical gap by  
344 formalizing the National Telecommunications and Information  
345 Administration's role in cybersecurity policy development.  
346 Specifically, it establishes an office for policy development  
347 and cybersecurity within NTIA to coordinate efforts that will  
348 safeguard our communication networks.

349           The Office of Policy Development on Cybersecurity will  
350 work with stakeholders to develop and implement cybersecurity  
351 and privacy policies for the internet and communications  
352 networks. It will promote collaboration between industry and  
353 security researchers to address vulnerabilities before they  
354 can be exploited. It will prevent and mitigate future  
355 software vulnerabilities that could compromise our



356 telecommunications infrastructure. And it will provide  
357 technical assistance to small and rural communications  
358 service providers, to ensure that they have the tools to  
359 defend against cybersecurity threats.

360 This legislation builds on the good work already done in  
361 this committee. Last year, it was read by Representative  
362 John Curtis, now Senator John Curtis, and it passed both this  
363 committee and the House with broad bipartisan support.

364 I am a firm believer in strengthening America's  
365 cybersecurity, and I urge my colleagues to join me in  
366 supporting this bill. By enhancing NTIA's cybersecurity  
367 leadership, fostering public-private collaboration, and  
368 securing our communications network, we will ensure that the  
369 United States remains at the forefront of digital security in  
370 this era of rapidly evolving threats.

371 So I respectfully ask for your support, and I yield  
372 back.

373 \*The Chair. The gentleman yields back.

374 Does anyone seek recognition?

375 The gentlelady from Virginia, for what purpose do you  
376 seek recognition?

377 \*Ms. McClellan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to  
378 strike the last word.

379 \*The Chair. You are recognized for five minutes.

380 \*Ms. McClellan. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

381 I want to commend my colleague, Mr. Obernolte, for his  
382 leadership on this critical issue and express my strong  
383 support for the NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination  
384 Act.

385 This legislation strengthens the NTIA by codifying and  
386 enhancing its Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity,  
387 which plays a crucial role in shaping market-driven policies  
388 that foster innovation, enhance competition, and expand  
389 broadband access for all Americans.

390 Last year, the Salt Typhoon cyberattack caused the  
391 United States to experience one of the most sophisticated and  
392 nefarious assaults on our telecommunications network. The  
393 Salt Typhoon was a stark reminder of the evolving  
394 cyberthreats we face, which impact not only our  
395 communications systems, but in our ever-connected, data-  
396 driven internet-of-things-dependent society, can affect  
397 everything from airplane safety to health care providers.

398 As foreign adversaries and criminals continue to exploit  
399 vulnerabilities in our digital and telecommunications  
400 infrastructure, we must ensure that our nation's top  
401 telecommunication agencies are forward thinking and equipped  
402 to address these ever-growing cybersecurity challenges.

403 As the principal adviser to the President on  
404 telecommunications and information policy, NTIA has a unique  
405 and specialized role in safeguarding our nation's critical

406 telecommunications infrastructure. Given the increased  
407 complexity of cyber threats, it is now more important than  
408 ever that NTIA is fully empowered to assess risks, coordinate  
409 responses, and proactively shape policies to protect American  
410 consumers and businesses.

411 I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance  
412 this legislation and strengthen our nation's cybersecurity  
413 posture.

414 Thank you, and I yield back.

415 \*The Chair. The gentlelady yields back.

416 Is there further discussion?

417 [No response.]

418 \*The Chair. Seeing none, the question now occurs on  
419 adopting H.R. 1766.

420 All those in favor, say aye.

421 Those opposed, no.

422 The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

423 The Chair calls up H.R. 1765 and asks the clerk to  
424 report.

425 \*The Clerk. H.R. 1765, a bill to direct the Assistant  
426 Secretary of Commerce for Communication \_

427 \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
428 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
429 amendment at any point. So ordered.

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431 [The bill follows:]

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433 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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435           \*The Chair. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?  
436           For what purpose does the gentleman from New Jersey seek  
437 recognition?

438           \*Mr. Kean. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
439 word.

440           \*The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

441           \*Mr. Kean. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

442           I am pleased to lead the introduction of H.R. 1765, the  
443 Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act, with my  
444 colleagues Mrs. Dingell, Mr. Walberg, and Ms. Clarke. This  
445 bipartisan legislation will ensure America leads in the  
446 global competition of wireless and 5G technologies,  
447 encouraging robust participation by American-led innovators  
448 in international standard setting bodies that will shape the  
449 future of wireless communications. America must lead, not  
450 follow, in the race to maintain leadership in the global  
451 technology communications front.

452           Make no mistake, our adversaries are aggressively  
453 working to assert their own influence. This legislation  
454 strengthens U.S. leadership in wireless innovation by  
455 ensuring that American companies, engineers, and policymakers  
456 have a seat at the table in international standard setting  
457 bodies. By increasing U.S. engagement, we can promote fair  
458 competition, protect national security, and prevent foreign  
459 adversaries from shaping the future of global communications

460 to their advantage.

461 I am pleased to lead this important legislation, and I  
462 want to thank my colleagues for their partnership. I urge my  
463 colleagues to support this legislation.

464 And I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

465 \*The Chair. The gentleman yields back.

466 For what purpose does the gentlelady seek recognition?

467 \*Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike  
468 the last word.

469 \*The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized for five  
470 minutes.

471 \*Mrs. Dingell. I am proud to reintroduce the bipartisan  
472 Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act, with my  
473 colleague Congress Tom Kean. This legislation will ensure  
474 the United States remains at the forefront of innovation by  
475 playing a central role in setting international wireless  
476 standards in existing and emerging technologies such as 5G,  
477 6G, and what's to come next.

478 The policy choices of today will have lasting effects on  
479 the global wireless technology development of tomorrow,  
480 especially as we continue to compete against China. We must  
481 take concrete, proactive steps to lower barriers to entry for  
482 U.S. companies and promote American competitiveness for each  
483 subsequent generation of these innovative technologies. Why?  
484 Because China is aggressively positioning itself as the

485 global leader in this space.

486         The Chinese government streamlined spectrum management,  
487 invests heavily in telecom infrastructure, and launches  
488 diplomatic efforts to shape international standards in its  
489 favor. So to maintain our technological edge, we must  
490 continue to counter China's influence, whether by continuing  
491 to invest in domestic manufacturing of telecom infrastructure  
492 or working to ensure that we shape the global standards that  
493 will define the future of telecommunications and other  
494 emerging technologies.

495         This bill will help to do exactly that and will have a  
496 real impact on our global competitiveness, the development of  
497 6G, and national security. As cochair of the 5G and Beyond  
498 Caucus, it is good to see that we have bipartisan agreement  
499 on this committee that the United States must be a leader in  
500 the development of cutting edge technologies. I am hopeful  
501 that we will get this bill over the finish line this  
502 Congress.

503         I want to thank Representatives Kean, Walberg, and  
504 Clarke, who are all also members of the 5G and Beyond Caucus  
505 for their work on this legislation, and I urge all of my  
506 colleagues to support this bill.

507         Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I yield back.

508         \*The Chair. The gentlelady yields back.

509         Is there further discussion?

510 [No response.]

511 \*The Chair. Seeing none, the question now occurs on  
512 adoption H.R. 1765.

513 All those in favor, say aye.

514 Those opposed, no.

515 The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

516 The Chair calls up H.R. 1737 and asks the clerk to  
517 report.

518 \*The Clerk. H.R. 1737, a bill to direct the Secretary  
519 of Commerce \_

520 \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
521 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
522 amendment at any time. So ordered.

523 [The bill follows:]

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525 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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527 \*The Chair. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?

528 \*Mr. Fulcher. Mr. Chairman?

529 \*The Chair. The gentleman from Idaho, for what purpose  
530 do you seek recognition?

531 \*Mr. Fulcher. Permission to strike the last word and  
532 speak on the bill.

533 \*The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

534 \*Mr. Fulcher. The Diaspora Link Act, H.R. 1737, would  
535 require the NTIA to study the value, cost, and feasibility of  
536 running a trans-Atlantic undersea fiberoptic cable from the  
537 U.S. Virgin Islands in the Caribbean to the continent of  
538 Africa. I want to thank my colleague Stacey Plaskett for  
539 working with me on this legislation.

540 Undersea cables carry more than 95 percent of  
541 international data for the United States. This is due to the  
542 availability to provide high-capacity, cost-effective,  
543 reliable data for military and civilian connections. Their  
544 protection is key to our security.

545 While the bulk of these connect the U.S. and Europe, the  
546 military, specifically Africa Command and Special Forces  
547 Command, seek these communications between the U.S. and  
548 Africa. Counterterrorism is a primary driver, such as the  
549 U.S. Marines, but countering China in the region is also  
550 important. China has substantial telecommunications,  
551 critical minerals, and military investments in Africa.

552           This bill would ensure the private sector has  
553 information from an NTIA study to evaluate whether to invest  
554 in such a project. Before undertaking a project of this  
555 scale, a study should be warranted.

556           Mr. Chairman, I urge passage of this bill and yield  
557 back.

558           \*The Chair. The gentleman yields back.

559           Is there anyone seeking recognition?

560           [No response.]

561           \*The Chair. Seeing none, the question now occurs on  
562 adopting H.R. 1737.

563           All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

564           All those opposed, no.

565           The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

566           The Chair calls up H.R. 1709 and asks the clerk to  
567 report.

568           \*The Clerk. H.R. 1709, a bill to direct the Assistant  
569 Secretary of Commerce \_

570           \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
571 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
572 amendment at any point. So ordered.

573           [The bill follows:]

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575           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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577           \*The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the  
578 bill?

579           For what purpose does the gentlelady from Florida seek  
580 recognition?

581           \*Mrs. Cammack. I move to strike the last word.

582           \*The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized.

583           \*Mrs. Cammack. Thank you, Chairman Guthrie. I am so  
584 proud to support and lead H.R. 1709, the Understanding  
585 Cybersecurity Mobile Networks Act. In today's digital age,  
586 mobile networks serve as the backbone of our economy,  
587 national security, and everyday communications. However,  
588 these networks and the devices that rely on them face  
589 increasing threats from cyberattacks and surveillance  
590 conducted by foreign adversaries. Our ability to secure  
591 these networks is not just an IT issue, it is a matter of  
592 national security and economic stability.

593           H.R. 1709 takes a proactive, bipartisan approach by  
594 directing the National Telecommunications and Information  
595 Administration, NTIA, to assess and report on the  
596 cybersecurity of our mobile networks. This legislation will  
597 provide us with the data necessary to identify these  
598 vulnerabilities and develop stronger protections against  
599 cyber threats. With adversaries like China, Russia, and  
600 other malicious actors actively targeting our networks, we  
601 cannot afford to be reactive and sit on the sidelines.

602 Understanding the risks to our mobile infrastructure will  
603 allow us to stay ahead of emerging threats, protect American  
604 consumers, and safeguard critical national security  
605 interests.

606 I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill to  
607 ensure that America's mobile networks remain resilient,  
608 secure, and free from foreign interference. Thank you.

609 I yield back.

610 \*The Chair. The gentlelady yields back.

611 Is there further discussion?

612 The gentleman from Ohio, for what purpose do you seek  
613 recognition?

614 \*Mr. Landsman. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To speak on the  
615 bill.

616 \*The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

617 \*Mr. Landsman. Thank you. Our bill, the Understanding  
618 Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act, is a simple bill. It  
619 is a simple bill that will have a huge impact on how we deal  
620 with cybersecurity threats.

621 Foreign adversaries, as my colleague mentioned,  
622 including China and Russia, pursue our data from, among other  
623 things, our personal devices. One of their goals is to use  
624 that data to divide us.

625 Our bill will have an interagency group give us a  
626 report, and the data that tells us where our vulnerabilities

627 are, how we are dealing with those vulnerabilities, how  
628 foreign adversaries are accessing our data, and how to  
629 further our abilities to stop our enemies from attacking our  
630 devices. This is an important step for us to improve our  
631 cybersecurity and protect all Americans.

632 And I yield back.

633 \*The Chair. The gentleman yields back.

634 Is there further discussion?

635 [No response.]

636 \*The Chair. Seeing none, the question now occurs on  
637 adopting H.R. 1709.

638 All those in favor say aye.

639 Those opposed, no.

640 The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

641 The Chair calls up H.R. 1679 and asks the clerk to  
642 report.

643 \*The Clerk. H.R. 1679, a bill to direct the Secretary  
644 of Commerce \_

645 \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
646 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
647 amendment at any point. So ordered.

648 [The bill follows:]

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650 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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652           \*The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the  
653 bill?

654           The gentleman from Colorado, for what purpose do you  
655 seek recognition?

656           \*Mr. Evans. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
657 word.

658           \*The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

659           \*Mr. Evans. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My bill, the  
660 Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2025, is a critical  
661 piece of legislation that will help bolster American  
662 competitiveness in the face of increasing economic aggression  
663 from the Chinese Communist Party, all while helping to create  
664 jobs and lower the cost of living, not just in my own home  
665 state of Colorado, but across the country.

666           First and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude  
667 to the gentlelady from Illinois, Ms. Kelly, for helping me to  
668 introduce this bill, and I am proud to work with her in a  
669 bipartisan fashion to advance this legislation.

670           In Colorado alone, there are more than 126,000 workers  
671 that are the direct result of foreign investment. Of these  
672 workers, 31 percent work in manufacturing roles. These jobs,  
673 like other blue collar jobs in my district provide stable and  
674 good paying employment to constituents to help them provide  
675 for their families. Oftentimes, these jobs are accessible to  
676 folks with a high school degree after a quick and affordable

677 career technical education course.

678 My bill tasks the Secretary of Commerce with conducting  
679 an interagency review to help create a more favorable  
680 environment for foreign direct investment that boosts our  
681 economy, benefits American workers, and helps to improve the  
682 cost of living. International companies are beginning to  
683 recognize what most of us have known for decades. American  
684 workers are among the most talented in the world. And  
685 whether it is energy, technology, or chemicals, Americans  
686 produce some of the highest quality products in the cleanest,  
687 most environmentally responsible way. And with the  
688 resurgence of America's manufacturing industry, global  
689 investors are clambering over themselves to pump money into  
690 emerging industries in the United States. But Congress needs  
691 to ensure we as a nation are striking the right approach in  
692 courting international companies and facilitating their  
693 investments.

694 This legislation does not just help with good paying  
695 jobs and affordability, it helps to ensure that America  
696 remains competitive with the Chinese Communist Party by  
697 retaining its technological advantage in research and  
698 development. International employers in the U.S. alone  
699 account for more than 80 billion in research and development.  
700 With this bill, Congress can take a major step in seeing this  
701 number increase exponentially over the coming years. And it

702 is not just possible, it is necessary.

703 In the face of increasingly unscrupulous tactics from  
704 the CCP, such as rampant intellectual property theft,  
705 corporate espionage, and exploiting slave labor, it is  
706 imperative for the United States to leverage every available  
707 policy tool to bolster American industry, and this bill is  
708 one of those tools.

709 I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Global  
710 Investment in American Jobs Act to maintain America's  
711 competitive edge, drive innovation, lower the cost of living,  
712 and usher in the next era of manufacturing dominance in the  
713 United States.

714 Thank you, and I yield back.

715 \*The Chair. The gentleman yields back.

716 Is there further discussion?

717 The gentlelady from Illinois. For what purpose do you  
718 seek recognition?

719 \*Ms. Kelly. To strike the last word.

720 \*The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized for five  
721 minutes.

722 \*Ms. Kelly. Since coming to Congress, I have been a  
723 longtime supporter of legislation that aims to boost American  
724 global competitiveness, stimulate innovation, and accelerate  
725 workforce development. To ensure that we achieve global  
726 competitiveness, in addition to other things, we most promote



727 policies that maintain and expand resilient supply chain and  
728 reduce the dependence of the United States on supply chains  
729 from China and other foreign adversaries. Our country needs  
730 strong domestic policies promoting policies to ensure the  
731 U.S. remains the premier global destination to invest, hire,  
732 innovate, provide services, and manufacture products to  
733 maintain our global competitiveness.

734         This is why I am pleased to co-lead H.R. 1679 with Rep.  
735 Evans, the Global Investment in American Jobs Act, which  
736 would direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with  
737 the heads of other relevant federal departments and agencies  
738 to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on  
739 ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United  
740 States in attracting foreign direct investment. For these  
741 reasons, I urge all of my colleagues on both sides of the  
742 aisle to support this bill.

743         Thank you, and I yield back.

744         \*The Chair. Thank you. The gentlelady yields back.

745         Further discussion?

746         [No response.]

747         \*The Chair. Seeing none, the question now occurs on  
748 adopting H.R. 1679.

749         All those in favor, say aye.

750         Those opposed, no.

751         The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

752           The Chair calls up H.R. 1770 and asks the clerk to  
753 report.

754           \*The Clerk. H.R. 1770, a bill to direct the Consumer  
755 Product Safety Commission to establish a pilot program to  
756 explore the \_

757           \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
758 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
759 amendment at any point. So ordered.

760           [The bill follows:]

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762           \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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764           \*The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the  
765 bill?

766           For what purpose does the gentleman from Florida seek  
767 recognition?

768           \*Mr. Soto. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
769 word.

770           \*The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five  
771 minutes.

772           \*Mr. Soto. This bill is all about the future, the  
773 future of consumer safety technology. The bill already  
774 passed last term in a bipartisan fashion unanimously. And  
775 the whole point is, look, the crooks already have artificial  
776 intelligence, so the cops on the beat need to have AI, too.  
777 It establishes the AI pilot program for the Consumer Product  
778 Safety Commission.

779           Think about how many vendors there are on the internet,  
780 how many folks are online, how many products are being sold  
781 there. To help sort through it all, it helps to have  
782 artificial intelligence to help guide our regulators as we  
783 are looking to prevent dangerous products from getting on the  
784 market or staying in the market. It also advances blockchain  
785 technology by allowing the Federal Trade Commission to  
786 advance innovation and protect consumers, not only for tokens  
787 but also a fixed ledger. A lot of data is stored on  
788 blockchain, and it's a great way to make sure to have

789 integrity of information going forward.

790 For that and more I urge my colleagues to support this  
791 bill.

792 \*The Chair. The gentleman yields back.

793 Is there further discussion?

794 [No response.]

795 \*The Chair. Seeing none, the question now occurs on  
796 adopting H.R. 1770.

797 All those in favor, say aye.

798 All those opposed, no.

799 The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

800 The Chair calls up H.R. 1721 and asks the clerk to  
801 report.

802 \*The Clerk. H.R. 1721, a bill to direct the Secretary  
803 of Commerce to conduct a study \_

804 \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
805 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for  
806 amendment at any point. So ordered.

807 [The bill follows:]

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809 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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811           \*The Chair. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?  
812           For what purpose does the gentlelady from Iowa seek  
813 recognition?

814           \*Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Move to strike the last word.

815           \*The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized for five  
816 minutes.

817           \*Mrs. Miller-Meeks. I urge my colleagues to support  
818 H.R. 1721, the Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing  
819 Feasibility Act. This bipartisan legislation I co-led with  
820 Representative Schrier directs the Secretary of Commerce to  
821 conduct a comprehensive study examining the feasibility of  
822 manufacturing critical infrastructure products here in the  
823 United States. The challenges we face regarding our supply  
824 chain and manufacturing capabilities have been brought into  
825 sharp focus in recent years. We cannot allow foreign  
826 competitors, particularly China and the CCP, to control our  
827 supply chains and create economic vulnerabilities, especially  
828 in our infrastructure and emerging technologies.

829           I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan piece of  
830 legislation. I yield back.

831           \*The Chair. The gentlelady yields back.

832           For what purpose does the gentlelady from Washington  
833 seek recognition?

834           \*Ms. Schrier. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
835 word.

836           \*The Chair. You are recognized for five minutes.

837           \*Ms. Schrier. Well, I would just like to echo my  
838 colleague Representative Miller-Meeks's comments, and I am  
839 proud to lead this legislation with her, the Critical  
840 Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act. We have  
841 experienced what it is like to depend, for example, on China  
842 for masks, on other countries for transformers, for really  
843 critical infrastructure in this country. And it is really  
844 important to think about where the things that we purchase  
845 come from and how that might make us vulnerable.

846           And so this is simply a bill to study what should be  
847 manufactured here, what should be near-shored, what should be  
848 on-shored, and what we simply cannot depend on other  
849 countries for. And so I am really proud to introduce this  
850 bill together, a common sense bipartisan bill that will allow  
851 us to make evidence-based and thoughtful decisions about the  
852 role that domestic manufacturing will play in the years  
853 ahead.

854           So I thank you, yield my colleagues to vote for this,  
855 and yield back.

856           \*The Chair. Thank you. The gentlelady yields back.

857           Is there any further discussion?

858           [No response.]

859           \*The Chair. Seeing none, the question now occurs on  
860 adopting H.R. 1721.

861 All those in favor, say aye.

862 All those opposed, no.

863 The ayes have it and the bill is agreed to.

864 The final bill for the hearing, the markup, the Chair  
865 calls up H.R. 1767 and asks the clerk to report.

866 \*The Clerk. H.R. 1767, a bill to require the Consumer  
867 Product Safety Commission \_

868 \*The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the  
869 bill is dispensed with, and the bill is open for amendment at  
870 any point. So ordered.

871 [The bill follows:]

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873 \*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE INSERT\*\*\*\*\*

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875           \*The Chair. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?  
876           For what purpose does the gentleman from Ohio seek  
877 recognition?

878           \*Mr. Balderson. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last  
879 word.

880           \*The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

881           \*Mr. Balderson. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

882           The Awning Safety Act will add critical protections to  
883 these potential hazardous products. I would like to thank my  
884 co-sponsor, Ms. Castor, and also Ranking Member Pallone for  
885 speaking out at the very beginning of this hearing on the  
886 bill.

887           The bill requires the Consumer Product Safety  
888 Commission, or the CPSC, to develop a safety standard related  
889 to fixed or freestanding awnings commonly seen in homes. The  
890 safety standard will prevent unexpected injuries and deaths.

891           In August of 2023, tragically, the state of Ohio and  
892 this committee when Michael Manyak, father of then ENC  
893 staffer Olivia Shields, lost his life while taking down the  
894 retractable awning at his home. He was on a ladder when the  
895 spring-loaded arm of the awning unexpectedly shot out,  
896 forcing his ladder to tip and for him to fall.

897           By passing this important legislation, we can help the  
898 Manyak family honor Michael's memory by making these  
899 seemingly harmless household products safer for all,



900 hopefully preventing future tragedy. I yield back.

901 \*The Chair. Thank you. The gentleman yields back.

902 For what purpose does the gentlelady from Florida seek  
903 recognition?

904 \*Ms. Castor. To strike the last word.

905 \*The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized for five  
906 minutes.

907 \*Ms. Castor. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

908 Mr. Chairman, before we close out the markup today, I  
909 see in the audience former Congressman Dennis Ross, and he is  
910 here with students from Southeastern University. Former  
911 Representative Ross leads the American Center for Political  
912 Leadership. So all his students wave for us. Welcome to the  
913 Energy and Commerce Committee. I'm glad you're here.

914 [Applause.]

915 \*Ms. Castor. And I want to thank Representative  
916 Balderson. Since the last Congress, he and I have led the  
917 Awning Safety Act. It is an important consumer safety bill  
918 that would direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to  
919 promulgate a safety standard for fixed and freestanding  
920 motorized retractable awnings. And no matter where you're  
921 from, but especially in Florida, finding shade and cover on a  
922 sunny day or on a rainy day is very important. And the last  
923 thing anyone needs is to be worried that you're going to  
924 suffer an injury from a faulty or dangerous awning.

925           In 2019, a motorized awning was recalled after 14  
926 accidents, including one fatal injury. At that time, the  
927 Consumer Product Safety Commission worked quickly with the  
928 manufacturer to recall the product and provide a remedy for  
929 consumers. But then it hit much closer to home, too.  
930 Because in 2023, our former committee staffer, Olivia  
931 Shields, her father was killed in a tragic accident.

932           Michael Manyak is remembered by his friends and family  
933 for his enduring faith in the Lord, a remarkably generous  
934 heart, and his humble service to others.

935           So it is vital that we direct the CPSC to address this  
936 issue to save lives and limbs. That is why Rep. Balderson  
937 and I are working to improve product safety and increase  
938 oversight here.

939           With that, I encourage everyone to vote in favor of the  
940 bill and move it forward. It passed the Congress and this  
941 committee unanimously last year. And I yield back.

942           \*The Chair. Will the gentlelady yield just one minute?

943           I just want to say this is Olivia Shields, who was our  
944 previous chairman's communications director. Her father was  
945 Dr. Manyak. And so we are doing this in honor of her and her  
946 family. And you can \_ tragedies happen and so many times we  
947 see opportunities to fix things for people in the future.  
948 And a lot of families come in and say, I know this is not  
949 going to save my loved one, but I do not want anybody else to

950 go through what I have gone through.

951 So in honor of that family today, thank you for coming.

952 Thank you, and I yield back to you.

953 \*Ms. Castor. Thank you. I yield back.

954 \*The Chair. The gentlelady yields back.

955 The question now occurs on adopting H.R. 1767.

956 All those in favor say aye.

957 Those opposed, no.

958 The ayes have it and the bill has been agreed to.

959 And I just want to say that we would not have a markup  
960 that went this smoothly without the hard work of our staffs  
961 who have made sure that we had everything, working on both  
962 sides of the aisle, to make sure that we can accommodate as  
963 many bills in this markup that are ready to go to the floor.

964 As I said, I know we are a little out of what we call  
965 regular order, but it is because these are bills that  
966 everybody, other than people who were sworn in for the first  
967 time in this Congress, have voted for in the past. So thank  
968 you for that work and thank you for willingness to work  
969 together, and we really appreciate it.

970 Without objection, staff is authorized to make technical  
971 and conforming changes to the legislation approved by the  
972 committee today. So ordered.

973 And without objection, the committee stands adjourned.

974 [Whereupon, at 2:54 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]