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5 MARKUP ON:

6 H.R. 1338 (RODGERS), THE SATELLITE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
7 STREAMLINING ACT;

8 H.R. 675 (PALLONE), THE SECURE SPACE ACT;

9 H.R. 1339 (LATTA), THE PRECISION AGRICULTURE SATELLITE
10 CONNECTIVITY ACT;

11 H.R. 682 (SOTO), THE LAUNCH COMMUNICATIONS ACT;

12 H.R. 1353 (JOHNSON), THE ADVANCED, LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE
13 TELECOMMUNICATIONS PARITY ACT;

14 H.R. 1345 (CURTIS), THE NTIA POLICY AND CYBERSECURITY
15 COORDINATION ACT;

16 H.R. 1354 (JOYCE), THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
17 TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY ACT;

18 H.R. 1370 (SLOTKIN), THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ACT;

19 H.R. 1360 (OBERNOLTE), THE AMERICAN CYBERSECURITY LITERACY
20 ACT;

21 H.R. 1340 (ALLRED), THE OPEN RAN OUTREACH ACT;

22 H.R. 1343 (CARTER), THE ITS CODIFICATION ACT;

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23 H.R. 1377 (WALBERG), THE PROMOTING U.S. WIRELESS LEADERSHIP
24 ACT; AND

25 H.R. 1341 (BALDERSON), THE SPECTRUM COORDINATION ACT

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28 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

29 House of Representatives,

30 Subcommittee on Communications and Technology,

31 Committee on Energy and Commerce,

32 Washington, D.C.

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35 The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:00 a.m. in
36 the Room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Bob Latta
37 [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.

38 Present: Representatives Latta, Bilirakis, Walberg,
39 Carter, Dunn, Curtis, Joyce, Weber, Allen, Balderson,
40 Fulcher, Pfluger, Harshbarger, Cammack, Obernolte, Rodgers
41 (ex officio); Matsui, Clarke, Veasey, Soto, Eshoo, Cardenas,
42 Craig, Fletcher, Dingell, Kuster, Kelly, Pallone (ex
43 officio).

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46 Staff Present: Jolie Brochin, Clerk, Health; Sarah
47 Burke, Deputy Staff Director; Lauren Eriksen, Clerk, O&I;
48 Slate Herman, Counsel, C&T; Jessica Herron, Clerk, IDC; Nate
49 Hodson, Staff Director; Tara Hupman, Chief Counsel; Noah
50 Jackson, Clerk, C&T; Peter Kielty, General Counsel; Emily
51 King, Member Services Director; Giulia Leganski, Professional
52 Staff Member, C&T; John Lin, Senior Counsel, C&T; Kate
53 O'Connor, Chief Counsel, C&T; Kaitlyn Peterson, Clerk, Energy
54 & Environment; Carla Rafael, Senior Staff Assistant; Emma
55 Schultheis, Staff Assistant; Michael Taggart, Policy
56 Director; and Evan Viau, Professional Staff Member, C&T;
57 Jennifer Epperson, Minority Chief Counsel, C&T; Waverly
58 Gordon, Minority Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel;
59 Tiffany Guarascio, Minority Staff Director; Perry Hamilton,
60 Minority Member Services and Outreach Manager; Dan Miller,
61 Minority Professional Staff Member; Joe Orlando, Minority
62 Senior Policy Analyst; Greg Pugh, Minority Staff Assistant;
63 Michael Scurato, Minority FCC Detailee; Andrew Souvall,
64 Minority Director of Communications, Outreach, and Member
65 Services; and Johanna Thomas, Minority Counsel

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67 *Mr. Latta. The subcommittee will come to order.

68 The chair recognizes himself for an opening statement.

69 And again, good morning and welcome to today's
70 subcommittee markup. We will be considering 13 pieces of
71 legislation that will promote -- oh, I am sorry. It works
72 better if I turn that mike over.

73 Good morning, and welcome to today's subcommittee
74 markup. We will be considering 13 pieces of legislation that
75 will provide innovation security in our communications
76 network. I would like to thank members on both sides of the
77 aisle for their work to make the legislation for today's
78 markup bipartisan.

79 We will begin by considering five pieces of satellite
80 legislation that take steps to update regulations that govern
81 our satellite communication systems.

82 First we will consider the Satellite and
83 Telecommunications Streamlining Act, legislation introduced
84 by our full committee chair, to establish a streamlined
85 framework for the Federal Communications Commission to
86 license commercial satellite communications services.

87 Additionally, we will be considering the Secure Space
88 Act, legislation introduced by the full committee ranking

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89 member, to ensure satellite technologies that serve American
90 homes and businesses will not pose an unacceptable risk to
91 our national security.

92 We will also consider H.R. 682, the Launch
93 Communications Act, led by the gentlemen from Florida's 9th
94 and 2nd districts. This bill would streamline the process
95 for reviving -- or, pardon me, for receiving authorization to
96 use spectrum for launch and reentry of commercial space
97 vehicles.

98 Next we will consider the ALERT Parity Act, legislation
99 introduced by the gentleman from Ohio's 6th district and the
100 gentlelady from Washington's 8th district that will require
101 the FCC to establish a process for emergency connectivity
102 service providers who seek approval to provide lifesaving
103 emergency alerts and 911 from satellites in areas without
104 connectivity.

105 Finally, we will examine my legislation, the Precision
106 Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act, which I am pleased to
107 have introduced with my friend, the gentlelady from
108 Illinois's 2nd district. This legislation will require the
109 FCC to review its rules governing certain satellite services,
110 and determine if changes to those rules would promote

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111 precision agriculture.

112 In addition to the satellite legislation, there are
113 eight bills on today's agenda that will improve the security
114 of our communications network and supply chains, as well as
115 to improve America's wireless leadership.

116 The NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act, led
117 by the gentleman from Utah, would codify and rename the
118 Office of Policy Analysis and Development at NTIA to
119 strengthen the agency's Policy Development and Coordination
120 Mission.

121 The ICT Strategy Act, led by the gentleman from
122 Pennsylvania's 13th district, would direct NTIA to report on
123 the state of economic competitiveness of trusted vendors in
124 the communications supply chain.

125 The American Cybersecurity Literacy Act, introduced by
126 the gentleman from the -- southern California's 23rd
127 district, will require NTIA to develop and conduct a
128 Cybersecurity Literacy Act to improve Americans'
129 understanding of common cybersecurity risks.

130 The Open RAN Outreach Act, led by the representative
131 from Texas's 32nd district and the gentleman from the South
132 Carolina's 8th district, would direct NTIA to conduct

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133 outreach to small communications network providers to raise
134 awareness about Open RAN networks.

135 The Communications Security Act, led by the gentleman
136 from Michigan's 5th district and the gentlelady from
137 Michigan's 7th congressional district, would codify the
138 Communications, Security, Reliability, and Interoperability
139 Advisory Council of the FCC. This body would advise the
140 Commission on recommendations to improve the security,
141 reliability, and resiliency of communication networks.

142 The Promoting U.S. Wireless Leadership Act, led by the
143 gentleman from Michigan's 5th district and the gentlelady
144 from Michigan's 6th district, will require NTIA to encourage
145 participation in wireless standard-setting bodies. This
146 legislation has passed the House of Representatives the past
147 two Congresses, and it is time for it to get signed into law.

148 The ITS Codification Act, led by the gentleman from
149 Georgia's 1st district, would codify the Institute for
150 Telecommunication Sciences, which plays an important role in
151 supporting the technical work impacting spectrum policy
152 decisions.

153 Finally, we will be considering the Spectrum
154 Coordination Act, introduced by the gentleman from Ohio's

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155 12th district, which would require the FCC and NTIA to
156 continue updating its Memorandum of Understanding on
157 coordination of Federal spectrum management activities.

158 I would like to thank the members for their hard work on
159 these measures, and I look forward to advancing this swiftly
160 to the full committee.

161 And at this time -- I can't believe I have done it in 4
162 minutes and 45 seconds -- I now recognize the ranking member
163 of the subcommittee, the gentlelady from California, for five
164 minutes for an opening statement.

165 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and I
166 will try to beat that record.

167 I am glad to have the opportunity to be here today for
168 our subcommittee's first markup in the new Congress. The
169 bills on the agenda are bipartisan, and continue this
170 subcommittee strong track record. The bipartisanship will
171 strengthen this subcommittee's hand as we engage on important
172 issues moving ahead.

173 The bills before us today will help advance America's
174 leadership in wireless communications, cybersecurity,
175 satellite technology, and more.

176 I am glad to see Chairwoman McMorris Rodgers and Ranking

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177 Member Pallone's SAT Streamlining Act, which will modernize
178 the onerous licensing process at the FCC. Keeping the U.S.
179 competitive in the rapidly evolving satellite marketplace is
180 vital to our continued global leadership.

181 I am also glad to see Ranking member Pallone and Chair
182 Rodgers's Secure Space Act on the agenda. As an original
183 cosponsor of the rip and replace bill, I know it is a
184 national security imperative to keep vulnerable technology
185 out of the satellites serving American consumers.

186 Chairman Latta and Representative Kelly's Precision
187 Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act will ensure the FCC
188 rules are keeping up with innovation by using satellite
189 service to support American farmers as they deploy new
190 precision ag tools. I know this bill will help farmers in my
191 district, and I am excited to advance it.

192 We will also consider Representative Soto and Dunn's
193 Launch Communications Act, which will require the FCC to
194 finish a proceeding to support more predictable commercial
195 space launches.

196 We also have Representative Johnson and Schrier's ALERT
197 Parity Act to support emergency communications in unserved
198 areas. As a member of the California delegation, I know the

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199 stakes for this information is literally life and death.

200 There are also bills, several bills, that will increase
201 cybersecurity and reliability across our communications
202 footprint.

203 The NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act;
204 Information and Communication Technology Strategy Act; and
205 the Communications Security Act will all help secure --
206 strengthen the Federal Government's ability to combat cyber
207 threats and secure our networks.

208 And Representative Obernolte and Eshoo's American
209 Cybersecurity Literacy Act will ensure Americans have the
210 tools they need to protect themselves online.

211 We have many other important bills on today's agenda,
212 and I look forward to discussing them more as they are
213 brought up.

214 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of
215 my time, which is plenty.

216 [Laughter.]

217 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you.

218 *Mr. Latta. The gentlelady yields back, and the chair
219 now recognizes the chair of the full committee, the
220 gentlelady from Washington, for five minutes.

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221 *The Chair. Thank you, Chairman Latta. Good morning.
222 We are marking up 13 bipartisan bills that will unleash
223 innovation in the satellite industry and ensure more secure
224 communication networks. All of these bills are bipartisan.
225 As others have noted, this committee has a rich history of
226 working across the aisle, and the solutions we are
227 considering today show that -- what we can accomplish when we
228 work together.

229 I want to begin by highlighting the Satellite and
230 Communication Streamlining Act, which I have introduced with
231 Ranking Member Pallone. This is the first legislation in
232 decades to update our laws governing how satellites are
233 licensed by the FCC. We heard from witnesses at two separate
234 hearings about the exciting new developments taking place in
235 the satellite industry, how satellites are helping to close
236 the digital divide, providing faster lifesaving emergency
237 services, and help our farmers feed the world and bring food
238 to our tables with precision agriculture.

239 We also heard about the need to update our regulatory
240 framework to keep up with these advancements or risk losing
241 U.S. leadership in this industry.

242 This legislation would reform the FCC's satellite

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243 licensing process by requiring the FCC to establish a new
244 framework for granting satellite licenses, modernize its
245 rules to encourage operators to base their operations in the
246 United States, and incentivize operators to be responsible
247 stewards of space and spectrum in a global marketplace.

248 These are important changes that will help U.S.
249 companies compete globally, and help us stay ahead of our
250 adversaries like the Chinese Communist Party, who seek to
251 overtake our lead. I thank the Ranking Member Pallone for
252 working with me on this legislation.

253 We are also considering four more bills related to
254 advancing and securing the U.S. satellite industry.

255 The first is the Secure Space Act, which Ranking Member
256 Pallone and I are also partners on. This committee has taken
257 a number of steps in recent years to secure our
258 communications networks from untrusted vendors that threaten
259 our national security, like Huawei and ZTE, which are
260 controlled by the CCP.

261 In 2020 we passed the Secure and Trusted Communications
262 Networks Act, which prohibited Federal funds from being used
263 to buy hardware from these companies, and created the rip and
264 replace program to remove this equipment from our networks.

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265 Last Congress we passed the Secure Equipment Act, which
266 prohibited the FCC from licensing equipment from companies
267 posing a national security threat. Today's legislation
268 continues that work. The Secure Space Act would prohibit the
269 FCC from licensing satellite services owned by untrusted
270 vendors, and will further protect our networks from the
271 growing threat posed by the CCP.

272 We are also considering legislation that will help us
273 launch satellites into space more efficiently, promote the
274 use of new technology to provide emergency alerts and access
275 to 911, and promote the use of satellites in precision
276 agriculture. I thank all of the sponsors of these bills for
277 their hard work.

278 Finally, we are considering eight bills that will
279 further secure our communications networks and address cyber
280 security issues in U.S. networks. These bills promote
281 policies to help guide the development of future generations
282 of wireless technology and trusted supply chains, making sure
283 the Federal Government has the right cybersecurity policies
284 in place, and helping people understand cyber security risk
285 and steps that they can take to prevent cyber attacks and
286 protect their data.

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287 These bills passed the House last Congress under
288 suspension, and I am pleased that we are considering them
289 again this Congress.

290 We have a full agenda of bills to consider today. I am
291 especially proud that these bills are bipartisan. These
292 bills will help unleash American innovation and make our
293 country more secure.

294 Thank you, and I yield back.

295 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much. The gentlelady yields
296 back. The chair now recognizes the ranking member of the
297 full committee, the gentleman from New Jersey, for five
298 minutes.

299 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Chairman Latta. Today we are
300 marking up 13 bipartisan bills that will collectively advance
301 the next frontier of the commercial space industry, fortify
302 our communications networks, improve coordination efforts
303 between the agencies overseeing our airwaves, and help
304 protect Americans from cyber threats.

305 Several of the bills we are marking up today will help
306 ensure the U.S. continues to lead the world in next
307 generation technology by keeping pace with the rapidly
308 evolving wireless and satellite industry. The subcommittee's

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309 action on these bills will ensure the satellite marketplace
310 remains competitive, nimble, and protected from untrusted
311 actors.

312 First, I am pleased that we are considering H.R. 675,
313 the Secure Space Act, bipartisan legislation that I
314 reintroduced with Chairwoman Rodgers earlier this year. This
315 bill would extend the Secure and Trusted Communications
316 Network Act framework to the U.S. licensing of non-
317 geostationary orbit satellites to protect the public from
318 untrusted entities and foreign adversaries. As innovative
319 technologies expand the capabilities of satellites, we must
320 protect this marketplace and its relevant supply chains from
321 those who seek to harm us and our country.

322 Next we will consider H.R. 1338, the Satellite and
323 Telecommunications Streamlining Act -- again, a bipartisan
324 bill that Chairwoman Rodgers and I reintroduced last week.
325 The bill would streamline the satellite licensing process at
326 the FCC for certain satellite applications.

327 This legislation will allow the U.S. to remain a global
328 leader in space, while also encouraging innovative satellite
329 technologies to be developed and deployed here. And such
330 efforts are imperative, given other countries, including our

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331 foreign adversaries, are making aggressive moves to dominate
332 the industry. In the last few years the combined satellite
333 fleets of China and Russia have grown by about 70 percent.
334 We must ensure that American satellite operators continue to
335 lead the world.

336 And we are also considering several other bipartisan
337 pieces of legislation concerning the U.S. satellite
338 marketplace. These bills will enhance our ability to launch
339 satellites and allow consumers to benefit from innovative
340 satellite uses, such as in the areas of precision agriculture
341 and emergency services in rural areas or areas impacted by
342 natural disasters.

343 The U.S. has to remain a market leader in the satellite
344 sector, and I am glad we are advancing this legislation.
345 Failure to do so risks our nation falling behind both our
346 allies and adversaries in producing innovative consumer
347 services and fortifying our public safety and national
348 security capabilities.

349 We will also be considering eight bipartisan bills that
350 are designed to expand U.S. leadership in advanced
351 communications technologies, and provide the Federal
352 Government with the means to enhance coordination and secure

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353 our communications networks and relevant supply chains. All
354 these bills passed the House last Congress, and I am glad we
355 are moving them forward again.

356 These bills will keep the public, smaller providers, and
357 small businesses informed of how to protect their
358 telecommunications networks and supply chains. They will
359 enshrine important government bodies into law to ensure that
360 our networks remain safe, while also testing innovative new
361 technologies. And they will facilitate U.S. leadership in
362 the technologies of tomorrow, and establish important
363 parameters so that the FCC and the National
364 Telecommunications and Information Administration remain in
365 close coordination in overseeing our airwaves.

366 You know, I appreciate the work of my colleagues on both
367 sides of the aisle to reach bipartisan agreement on these
368 important bills so they are ready for markup today, and I
369 also want to thank Chairwoman Rodgers, and Latta, and Ranking
370 Member Matsui for their leadership. And I look forward to
371 advancing these timely proposals to the full committee.

372 Now, you know, you hear me criticize the Senate very
373 often, and I am going to do it again today because many of
374 these bills passed the House. And I just want everyone to

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375 know, if you don't already, that, you know, we worked very
376 hard on a bipartisan basis with Chairwoman Rodgers last year
377 in trying to get these things passed in the Senate. But, you
378 know, that is always difficult, and we know that. But we are
379 going to continue to try. And so don't get upset with us if
380 they don't move in the Senate, because I want you to know we
381 try hard. We really do.

382 [Laughter.]

383 *Mr. Pallone. So let me thank Chairwoman Rodgers and
384 Latta and Ranking Member Matsui again for their leadership.
385 And with that I yield back.

386 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman yields back. And at this
387 time are there any -- pardon me -- the chair reminds members
388 that, pursuant to the committee rules, all members' opening
389 statements will be made part of the record.

390 Are there further opening statements?

391 The chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

392 *Mr. Joyce. Thank you, Chair Latta and Ranking Member
393 Matsui, for hosting today's markup.

394 As we move to consider these 13 pieces of legislation,
395 it shows how this committee can collaborate to deliver
396 bipartisan results for the American people. I look forward

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397 to working with all of my colleagues, expanding broadband
398 access, ensuring our networks are secure from nefarious
399 actors, and bolstering American innovation on all things
400 communications and technology.

401 For far too long, my constituents and, actually, all
402 rural Americans have been left behind technologically. Now,
403 more than ever, we must work together to connect the
404 disconnected.

405 Thank you, and I yield back, Mr. Chair.

406 *Mr. Latta. Well, thank you very much. Are there any
407 other opening statements?

408 Seeing none, that will conclude opening statements, and
409 the chair calls up H.R. 1338 and asks the clerk to report.

410 *The Clerk. H.R. 1338 to amend the Communications Act
411 of 1934 to provide authority for certain licenses, and for
412 other purposes.

413 *Mr. Latta. And without objection, the first reading of
414 the bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
415 amendment at any point.

416 So ordered.

417 [The bill follows:]

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419 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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421 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
422 bill?

423 The chair recognizes the gentlelady from Washington, the
424 chair of the full committee --

425 *The Chair. Thank you, Mr. --

426 *Mr. Latta. -- for five minutes.

427 *The Chair. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike
428 the last word.

429 I am proud to lead this legislation to update the FCC's
430 rules for licensing satellite systems. Satellite technology
431 continues to advance and innovate, and the United States
432 needs to be a leader in this sector.

433 I want to thank Ranking Member Pallone and all the
434 stakeholders for working with us over the last several years,
435 and I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of the
436 legislation.

437 I yield back.

438 *Mr. Latta. I thank you very much.

439 The gentlelady yields back. Does anyone else wish to be
440 recognized?

441 The chair recognizes the ranking member of the full
442 committee, the gentleman from New Jersey --

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443 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

444 *Mr. Latta. -- for five minutes to strike the last
445 word.

446 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am proud to
447 have worked with Chairwoman Rodgers on H.R. 1338, the
448 Satellite and Telecommunications Act, and I am glad we were
449 able to reintroduce this legislation last week.

450 The bill will promote and enhance innovation by U.S.
451 companies in the rapidly evolving satellite communication
452 industry by requiring the FCC to set reasonable rules of the
453 road and act within established time periods. Unless there
454 are extraordinary circumstances or national security
455 concerns, our country will remain a global leader in this
456 sector.

457 The failure to be forward-thinking on these issues
458 implement -- risks the United States falling behind our
459 counterparts across the globe, including China, in producing
460 cutting-edge consumer innovations and fortifying our public
461 safety and national security capabilities. And for all these
462 reasons I urge my colleagues to support this important and
463 timely bill.

464 And with that, I yield back.

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465 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

466 The gentleman yields back. Are there others wishing to
467 be recognized?

468 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
469 1338 to the full committee.

470 All those in favor, say aye.

471 Those opposed, no.

472 The ayes have it, and a roll call has been requested.

473 The clerk will call the roll.

474 *The Clerk. Rep. Bilirakis?

475 *Mr. Bilirakis. Yes.

476 *The Clerk. Rep. Bilirakis votes aye.

477 Rep. Walberg?

478 [No response.]

479 *The Clerk. Rep. Carter?

480 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

481 *The Clerk. Rep. Carter votes aye.

482 Rep. Dunn?

483 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

484 *The Clerk. Rep. Dunn votes aye.

485 Rep. Curtis?

486 [No response.]

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487 *The Clerk. Rep. Joyce?
488 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
489 *The Clerk. Rep. Joyce votes aye.
490 Rep. Weber?
491 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
492 *The Clerk. Rep. Weber votes aye.
493 Rep. Allen?
494 [No response.]
495 *The Clerk. Rep. Balderson?
496 [No response.]
497 *The Clerk. Rep. Fulcher?
498 [No response.]
499 *The Clerk. Rep. Pfluger?
500 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
501 *The Clerk. Rep. Pfluger votes aye.
502 Rep. Harshbarger?
503 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Harshbarger votes aye.
504 *The Clerk. Rep. Harshbarger votes aye.
505 Rep. Cammack?
506 [No response.]
507 *The Clerk. Rep. Obernolte?
508 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.

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509 *The Clerk. Rep. Obernolte votes aye.
510 Rep. Rodgers?
511 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
512 *The Clerk. Rep. Rodgers votes aye.
513 Chair Latta?
514 *Mr. Latta. [Inaudible.]
515 *The Clerk. Chair Latta votes aye.
516 Rep. Matsui?
517 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
518 *The Clerk. Rep. Matsui votes aye.
519 Rep. Clarke?
520 [No response.]
521 *The Clerk. Rep. Veasey?
522 *Ms. Clarke. Rep. Clarke votes aye.
523 *The Clerk. Rep. Clarke votes aye.
524 Rep. Soto?
525 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
526 *The Clerk. Rep. Soto votes aye.
527 Rep. Eshoo?
528 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
529 *The Clerk. Rep. Eshoo votes aye.
530 Rep. Cardenas?

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531 [No response.]

532 *The Clerk. Rep. Craig?

533 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

534 *The Clerk. Rep. Craig votes aye.

535 Rep. Fletcher?

536 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

537 *The Clerk. Rep. Fletcher votes aye.

538 Rep. Dingell?

539 [No response.]

540 *The Clerk. Rep. Kuster?

541 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.

542 *The Clerk. Rep. Kuster votes aye.

543 Rep. Kelly?

544 [No response.]

545 *The Clerk. Rep. Pallone?

546 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

547 *The Clerk. Rep. Pallone votes aye.

548 *Mr. Curtis. Mr. Chairman, how is Curtis recorded?

549 *The Clerk. Rep. Curtis is not recorded.

550 *Mr. Curtis. Curtis votes aye.

551 *The Clerk. Rep. Curtis votes aye.

552 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members that wish to be

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553 recorded?

554 *Mrs. Cammack. Rep. Cammack votes aye.

555 *The Clerk. Rep. Cammack votes aye.

556 *Mr. Latta. The clerk will take the roll.

557 Oh --

558 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

559 *The Clerk. Rep. Veasey votes aye.

560 *The Chair. Are you sure?

561 [Laughter.]

562 *Mr. Cardenas. How is Cardenas recorded?

563 *The Clerk. Rep. Cardenas is not recorded.

564 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

565 *The Clerk. Rep. Cardenas votes aye.

566 *Mr. Latta. How is Mr. Walberg recorded?

567 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg is not recorded.

568 *Mr. Walberg. Walberg, aye.

569 *The Clerk. Mr. Walberg votes aye.

570 *Mr. Latta. The clerk will suspend for one moment. We
571 have one other member -- okay.

572 The clerk will take -- will tally the -- and take the
573 roll, then.

574 [Pause.]

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575 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 23 ayes.

576 *Mr. Latta. Well, there are sufficient votes for
577 passage, and H.R. 1338 will be forwarded to the full
578 committee for consideration.

579 The chair calls up H.R. 675 and asks the clerk to
580 report.

581 *The Clerk. H.R. 675 to amend the Secure and Trusted
582 Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal
583 Communications Commission from granting a license or United
584 States market access for a non-geostationary orbit satellite
585 system --

586 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
587 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
588 amendment at any point.

589 So ordered.

590 [The bill follows:]

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592 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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594 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
595 bill?

596 For what purpose does the gentlelady seek recognition?

597 *The Chair. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment in the
598 nature of a substitute at the desk.

599 *Mr. Latta. The clerk will report.

600 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
601 H.R. 675, offered by Rep. Rodgers. Strike all after the
602 enacting clause, and insert the following. Section 1, short
603 title. This act may be cited as the --

604 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
605 amendment is dispensed with, and the amendment is open at
606 this time.

607 [The amendment of The Chair follows:]

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609 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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611 *The Chair. Mr. Chairman?

612 *Mr. Latta. The chair recognizes the gentlelady from
613 Washington, the full committee chair.

614 *The Chair. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, I want to
615 thank the ranking member, Mr. Pallone, for working with me on
616 this bipartisan legislation to ensure the satellite
617 communication networks serving America are secure.

618 The Secure Space Act builds on the bipartisan work from
619 the Energy and Commerce Committee to ensure our communication
620 networks do not contain untrusted equipment. Network
621 equipment and services from untrusted vendors like Huawei and
622 ZTE, controlled by the CCP, pose an unacceptable risk to
623 American national security, and this committee has taken
624 action to ensure our networks do not contain this equipment
625 that surveils Americans and undermines our national security.

626 China has demonstrated it will stop at nothing to
627 surveil Americans with tools like high-altitude balloons and
628 TikTok. We must not let them do the same with satellite
629 communications networks. The Secure Space Act prohibits the
630 FCC from authorizing companies found as posing a risk to
631 national security from receiving a license or grant of market
632 access for a non-geostationary orbit satellite system.

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633 This amendment strengthens the Secure Space Act by
634 expanding the bill's protections to ensure all satellite
635 communications networks are secure by prohibiting the FCC
636 from granting a license or grant of market access to
637 geostationary orbit satellite systems and Earth stations, in
638 addition to NGSO satellite systems.

639 I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan
640 amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

641 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

642 The gentlelady yields back, and the chair now recognizes
643 the ranking member of the full committee, the gentleman from
644 New Jersey, for five minutes.

645 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Chairman Latta. I support
646 both the amendment from the chairwoman, as well as the
647 underlying bill.

648 We introduced this together earlier this year. It is an
649 important step forward in protecting our satellite networks
650 and the relevant supply chains from security threats by
651 non-trusted actors. We can't allow our satellite networks to
652 face the same security challenges as other communications
653 networks here and globally.

654 Specifically, this bill would extend Secure and Trusted

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655 Communication Network Act framework to the satellite
656 marketplace by ensuring that non-geostationary orbit
657 satellite systems that want to serve the U.S. market and are
658 not owned or operated by entities or their affiliates that
659 have been identified as national security threats.

660 The bill is beneficial not only for our country, but
661 also will help our ability to protect our allies, since they
662 too rely on these global satellite networks for broadband and
663 emergency services.

664 And I want to thank again the chairwoman for working
665 with me on this.

666 And for all these reasons, this is a worthwhile bill,
667 and I urge my colleagues to support the amendment and the
668 underlying bill, and I yield back.

669 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

670 The gentleman yields back. Are there others wishing to
671 speak on the ANS?

672 Hearing none, if there is no further discussion, the
673 vote occurs on the ANS.

674 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

675 All opposed, nay.

676 The ayes have it, and the amendment is agreed to.

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677 Is there any further discussion on the bill?

678 Hearing none, a roll call vote has been requested, the
679 clerk will call the roll.

680 *The Clerk. Rep. Bilirakis?

681 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

682 *The Clerk. Rep. Bilirakis votes aye.

683 Rep. Walberg?

684 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

685 *The Clerk. Rep. Walberg votes aye.

686 Rep. Carter?

687 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

688 *The Clerk. Rep. Carter votes aye.

689 Rep. Dunn?

690 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

691 *The Clerk. Rep. Dunn votes aye.

692 Rep. Curtis?

693 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.

694 *The Clerk. Rep. Curtis votes aye.

695 Rep. Joyce?

696 *Mr. Joyce. [Inaudible.]

697 *The Clerk. Rep. Joyce votes aye.

698 Rep. Weber?

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699 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
700 *The Clerk. Rep. Weber votes aye.
701 Rep. Allen?
702 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
703 *The Clerk. Rep. Allen votes aye.
704 Rep. Balderson?
705 [No response.]
706 *The Clerk. Rep. Fulcher?
707 [No response.]
708 *The Clerk. Rep. Pfluger?
709 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
710 *The Clerk. Rep. Pfluger votes aye.
711 Rep. Harshbarger?
712 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
713 *The Clerk. Rep. Harshbarger votes aye.
714 Rep. Cammack?
715 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
716 *The Clerk. Rep. Cammack votes aye.
717 Rep. Obernolte?
718 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
719 *The Clerk. Rep. Obernolte votes aye.
720 Rep. Rodgers?

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721 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
722 *The Clerk. Rep. Rodgers votes aye.
723 Rep. Latta?
724 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
725 *The Clerk. Rep. Latta votes aye.
726 Rep. Matsui?
727 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
728 *The Clerk. Rep. Matsui votes aye.
729 Rep. Clarke?
730 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
731 *The Clerk. Rep. Clarke votes aye.
732 Rep. Veasey?
733 [No response.]
734 *The Clerk. Rep. Soto?
735 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
736 *The Clerk. Rep. Soto votes aye.
737 Rep. Eshoo?
738 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
739 *The Clerk. Rep. Eshoo votes aye.
740 Rep. Cardenas?
741 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
742 *The Clerk. Rep. Cardenas votes aye.

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743 Rep. Craig?

744 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

745 *The Clerk. Rep. Craig votes aye.

746 Rep. Fletcher?

747 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

748 *The Clerk. Rep. Fletcher votes aye.

749 Rep. Dingell?

750 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

751 *The Clerk. Rep. Dingell votes aye.

752 Rep. Kuster?

753 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.

754 *The Clerk. Rep. Kuster votes aye.

755 Rep. Kelly?

756 *Ms. Kelly. [Inaudible.]

757 *The Clerk. Rep. Kelly votes aye.

758 Rep. Pallone?

759 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

760 *The Clerk. Rep. Pallone votes aye.

761 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to be

762 recorded?

763 *Mr. Balderson. Balderson?

764 *The Clerk. Rep. Balderson is not recorded.

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765 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

766 *The Clerk. Rep. Balderson votes aye.

767 [Pause.]

768 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 26 ayes
769 and 0 noes.

770 *Mr. Latta. The question now -- I am sorry, the H.R.
771 645, as amended, will be reported to the full committee with
772 sufficient votes.

773 And the next bill the chair calls up is H.R. 1339. I
774 ask the clerk to report.

775 *The Clerk. H.R. 1339, to require the Federal
776 Communications Commission to review certain rules of the
777 Commission, and develop recommendations for rule changes to
778 promote precision agriculture, and for other purposes.

779 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
780 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
781 amendment at any point.

782 So ordered.

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786 [The bill follows:]

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788 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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790 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
791 bill?

792 The chair recognizes the gentlelady from Illinois for
793 five minutes to strike the last word.

794 *Ms. Kelly. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to start out
795 by thanking Chairman Latta and Ranking Member Matsui for
796 holding this morning's markup on these important pieces of
797 legislation, all of which are bipartisan.

798 As many of my colleagues have heard me discuss in this
799 very hearing room, I care deeply for and work hard to ensure
800 the farmers and producers in my district have the resources
801 they need to continue to nourish our families, fuel our cars,
802 and raise our livestock. To that end, I am committed to
803 working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to
804 ensure we are in -- we in Congress are considering innovative
805 solutions that take advantage of next generation satellite-
806 based technologies.

807 Like many of my colleagues serving on this subcommittee,
808 Chairman Latta and I see eye to eye on this issue, and that
809 is why we introduced the Precision Agriculture Satellite
810 Connectivity Act, which will require the Federal
811 Communication Commission's Precision Agriculture Task Force

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812 to, one, review the agency's rules relating to the fixed
813 satellite service, mobile satellite service, and Earth
814 exploration satellite service to determine if there are rule
815 changes that the FCC could implement under existing authority
816 to promote precision agriculture, develop recommendations for
817 how to implement any changes, and report its findings to
818 Congress.

819 I thank Chairman Latta for his partnership, and look
820 forward to passing the Precision Agriculture Satellite
821 Connectivity Act out of the subcommittee, and seeing it
822 considered before the full committee.

823 I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.
824 Thank you, and I yield back.

825 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

826 The gentlelady yields back. The chair recognizes
827 himself right now, who will strike the last word in favor of
828 the bill.

829 Farmers in Ohio's 5th district increasingly rely on
830 advanced technologies to improve efficiency in their
831 operations. Despite billions of dollars being made available
832 for rural broadband deployment in recent years, too many
833 community communities continue to lack internet access. And

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834 while many farm families have access to fixed and wireless
835 networks to their home or barns, we know that satellite
836 technology can play a key role in connecting equipment or
837 sensors in the field.

838 Other satellite services, like Earth observation
839 technology, can also help farmers image their land and make
840 data-driven decisions, and lower the cost of inputs like
841 fertilizer and water.

842 Our Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act is
843 a good step forward in the mission to help farmers access
844 technologies to increase productivity and produce higher
845 yields, while also minimizing operating costs. I urge
846 support of our legislation and yield back the balance of my
847 time.

848 Does anyone else seek recognition on the bill?

849 Hearing none, the -- all those in favor will say aye.

850 Those opposed, no.

851 The ayes have it. A roll call has been requested. The
852 clerk will take the roll.

853 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

854 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

855 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

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856 Walberg?
857 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
858 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
859 Carter?
860 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
861 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
862 Dunn?
863 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
864 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
865 Curtis?
866 *Mr. Curtis. [Inaudible.]
867 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
868 Joyce?
869 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
870 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
871 Weber?
872 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
873 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
874 Allen?
875 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
876 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
877 Balderson?

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878 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
879 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
880 Fulcher?
881 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
882 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
883 Pfluger?
884 *Mr. Pfluger. [Inaudible.]
885 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
886 Harshbarger?
887 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
888 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
889 Cammack?
890 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
891 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
892 Obernolte?
893 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
894 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
895 Rodgers?
896 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
897 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.
898 Latta?
899 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

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900 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
901 Matsui?
902 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
903 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
904 Clarke?
905 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
906 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
907 Veasey?
908 [No response.]
909 *The Clerk. Soto?
910 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
911 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
912 Eshoo?
913 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
914 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
915 Cardenas?
916 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
917 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
918 Craig?
919 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
920 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
921 Fletcher?

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922 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

923 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

924 Dingell?

925 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

926 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.

927 Kuster?

928 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.

929 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.

930 Kelly?

931 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

932 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

933 Pallone?

934 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

935 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

936 *Mr. Latta. Are there any members who have not been
937 recorded and wish to be recorded?

938 Hearing none, the clerk will take the roll (sic).

939 [Pause.]

940 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 27 ayes
941 and 0 noes.

942 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much. The ayes have it, and
943 the bill was agreed to. It will be forwarded to the full

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944 committee for consideration.

945 The chair calls up H.R. 682, and asks the clerk to
946 report.

947 *The Clerk. H.R. 682, to facilitate access to
948 electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and
949 commercial space reentry.

950 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
951 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
952 amendment at any point.

953 So ordered.

954 [The bill follows:]

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956 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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958 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
959 bill?

960 The gentleman from Florida is recognized for five
961 minutes.

962 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, Chair Latta, Ranking Member
963 Matsui, full committee Chair McMorris Rodgers, and Ranking
964 Member Pallone for scheduling the Launch Communications Act
965 today.

966 You know, in central Florida we see rockets going up
967 every week, sometimes twice a week. It is, really, quite a
968 fascinating experience. And we are proud of the role we play
969 in America's space preeminence.

970 The Launch Communications Act allocates certain spectrum
971 for commercial launches and reentries. It requires
972 coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for
973 communications and information, and streamlines the process
974 for authorization for access to said spectrum.

975 In central Florida we had 57 launches last year, Mr.
976 Chair, and 87 are expected this year. So it is increasing by
977 leaps and bounds. And weather can be unpredictable
978 sometimes. So if we don't streamline these processes, we
979 could see launches start to stack up, and limit the growth

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980 that we could have in an amazing field.

981 So thank you so much for agendaing this bill today.

982 This is going to continue to ensure America continues as a
983 world leader in space, in commercial space.

984 And with that, I yield back.

985 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

986 The gentleman yields back. Are there others wishing to
987 be recognized on the bill?

988 *Mr. Dunn. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment in the
989 nature of a substitute at the desk.

990 *Mr. Latta. The clerk will report.

991 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
992 H.R. 682, offered by Mr. Dunn. Strike all after the enacting
993 clause, and insert the following. Section 1, short title.
994 This act may be --

995 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the reading of the
996 amendment is dispensed with, and the amendment is open at
997 this time.

998 [The amendment of Mr. Dunn follows:]

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1000 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1002 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman from Florida is recognized
1003 for five minutes.

1004 *Mr. Dunn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is imperative
1005 that the United States lead in satellite communications
1006 technologies and space exploration to ensure our global
1007 competitiveness.

1008 In today's world, an indispensable spectrum knows no
1009 boundaries and no borders. It must be distinctively used to
1010 enhance space and satellite operations, provide broadband
1011 access to our fellow Americans, enhance United States
1012 security capabilities, and more.

1013 As our essential private sector partners continue to
1014 innovate, the Federal Government can play a supporting role
1015 in this through the modernization of launch spectrum
1016 licensing processes. Through Federal coordination with the
1017 private sector, America will continue to innovate, and will
1018 be better for it. That is why I am joined by my esteemed
1019 colleague from Florida, Mr. Soto, in reintroducing the Launch
1020 Communications Act.

1021 The Launch Communications Act streamlines the stagnant
1022 nature of the bureaucracy as it relates to commercial rocket
1023 launching and reentry processes by enabling private companies

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1024 to obtain authorization and temporary use of requisite
1025 spectrum for control and communication.

1026 My amendment clarifies this bill applies to both Federal
1027 and private launch sites, and contains technical corrections
1028 for further positioning it for favorable consideration by my
1029 esteemed colleagues.

1030 I look forward to working with Congressman Soto, Energy
1031 and Commerce members, and the whole House on the passage of
1032 this bill.

1033 With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

1034 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much.

1035 The gentleman yields back. Is there further discussion
1036 on the amendment?

1037 The gentleman from Florida.

1038 *Mr. Soto. Thank you for this good amendment, and I
1039 want to thank Dr. Dunn for his amazing leadership, my fellow
1040 Floridian, in making sure that we could continue to move
1041 forward on commercial space dominance across the nation and
1042 the world.

1043 So thank you, Dr. Dunn, for your help on this bill.

1044 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

1045 The gentleman yields back. Is there any further

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1046 discussion on the amendment?

1047 If there is no further discussion on the amendment, all
1048 those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

1049 All opposed, nay.

1050 The ayes have it, and the amendment is agreed to.

1051 Is there any further discussion on the bill?

1052 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
1053 682, as amended, to the full committee.

1054 All those in favor, say aye.

1055 Those opposed, no.

1056 The ayes have it, and a roll call vote has been
1057 requested. The clerk will take the roll.

1058 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

1059 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1060 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1061 Walberg?

1062 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

1063 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

1064 Carter?

1065 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

1066 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

1067 Dunn?

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1068 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1069 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
1070 Curtis?
1071 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
1072 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
1073 Joyce?
1074 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
1075 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
1076 Weber?
1077 [No response.]
1078 *The Clerk. Allen?
1079 *Mr. Allen. Allen votes aye.
1080 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1081 Balderson?
1082 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
1083 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1084 Fulcher?
1085 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
1086 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1087 Pfluger?
1088 *Mr. Pfluger. [Inaudible.]
1089 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.

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1090 Harshbarger?
1091 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
1092 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1093 Cammack?
1094 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1095 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1096 Obernolte?
1097 *Mr. Obernolte. [Inaudible.]
1098 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
1099 Rodgers?
1100 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
1101 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.
1102 Latta?
1103 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
1104 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
1105 Matsui?
1106 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1107 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1108 Clarke?
1109 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
1110 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1111 Veasey?

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1112 [No response.]
1113 *The Clerk. Soto?
1114 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1115 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1116 Eshoo?
1117 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1118 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1119 Cardenas?
1120 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1121 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1122 Craig?
1123 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1124 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1125 Fletcher?
1126 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1127 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
1128 Dingell?
1129 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
1130 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1131 Kuster?
1132 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
1133 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.

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1134 Kelly?

1135 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

1136 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

1137 Pallone?

1138 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

1139 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

1140 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to be
1141 recorded?

1142 Seeing none, the clerk will take the roll.

1143 [Pause.]

1144 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 26 ayes
1145 and 0 noes.

1146 *Mr. Latta. The ayes have it, and the bill, as amended,
1147 is agreed to.

1148 The chair calls up H.R. 1353, and asks the clerk to
1149 report.

1150 *The Clerk. H.R. 1353, to direct the Federal
1151 Communications Commission to issue rules for the provision of
1152 emergency connectivity service, and --

1153 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
1154 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open
1155 for amendment at any point.

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1156 So ordered.

1157 [The bill follows:]

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1159 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1161 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1162 bill?

1163 Seeing none, are there any amendments to the bill?

1164 Oh, I am sorry. The --

1165 *Voice. They were going to speak on it first.

1166 *Mr. Latta. The gentlelady is recognized.

1167 *Mrs. Fletcher. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. I
1168 appreciate the opportunity to speak on this bill, and I am
1169 really glad to see the subcommittee making progress on
1170 legislation to improve access to 911 and emergency alerts
1171 during times of emergency and in places that lack wireless
1172 connectivity.

1173 My constituents in the 7th congressional district and
1174 across the country need universal and uninterrupted access to
1175 emergency services and information when disaster strikes.
1176 And I appreciate that we talked about this in our hearing
1177 last week. These issues are near and dear to our hearts in
1178 our area, where we have seen so many challenges on this
1179 front.

1180 So the ALERT Parity Act would help more providers of
1181 emergency connectivity service to partner with terrestrial
1182 communications providers so that consumers can access these

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1183 lifesaving communications in times and places that they
1184 otherwise could not.

1185 As we see communications providers of all kinds continue
1186 to innovate toward more efficient and secure transmission of
1187 calls and messages, it is critical that we in Congress and
1188 the FCC keep up with the pace of these evolving technologies,
1189 and ensure our constituents have uninhibited access to
1190 critical services like 901 and emergency alerts.

1191 I just really want to thank and commend Representatives
1192 Schrier and Johnson for their leadership on this legislation,
1193 and I urge all of my colleagues to support the bill, and
1194 yield back.

1195 *Mr. Latta. The gentlelady yields back. Are there any
1196 other members wishing to be recognized?

1197 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
1198 1353 to the full committee.

1199 All those in favor will signify by saying aye.

1200 Opposed, no.

1201 The ayes have it, and a roll call has been requested.

1202 The clerk will take the roll.

1203 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

1204 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

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1205 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
1206 Walberg?
1207 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
1208 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
1209 Carter?
1210 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
1211 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
1212 Dunn?
1213 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1214 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
1215 Curtis?
1216 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
1217 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
1218 Joyce?
1219 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
1220 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
1221 Weber?
1222 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
1223 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
1224 Allen?
1225 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1226 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.

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1227 Balderson?
1228 *Mr. Balderson. [Inaudible.]
1229 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1230 Fulcher?
1231 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
1232 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1233 Pfluger?
1234 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1235 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1236 Harshbarger?
1237 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
1238 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1239 Cammack?
1240 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1241 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1242 Obernolte?
1243 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
1244 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
1245 Rodgers?
1246 *Mrs. Rodgers. Aye.
1247 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.
1248 Latta?

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1249 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
1250 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
1251 Matsui?
1252 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1253 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1254 Clarke?
1255 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
1256 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1257 Veasey?
1258 [No response.]
1259 *The Clerk. Soto?
1260 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1261 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1262 Eshoo?
1263 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1264 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1265 Cardenas?
1266 [No response.]
1267 *The Clerk. Craig?
1268 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1269 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1270 Fletcher?

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1271 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1272 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
1273 Dingell?
1274 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
1275 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1276 Kuster?
1277 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
1278 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
1279 Kelly?
1280 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
1281 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
1282 Pallone?
1283 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
1284 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
1285 *Mr. Cardenas. How is Cardenas recorded?
1286 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas is not recorded.
1287 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1288 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1289 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to be
1290 recorded that have not done so?
1291 The clerk will take the roll.
1292 [Pause.]

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1293 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 27 ayes
1294 and 0 noes.

1295 *Mr. Latta. The ayes have it, and the resolution is
1296 agreed to.

1297 The chair calls up H.R. 1345, and asks the clerk to
1298 report.

1299 *The Clerk. H.R. 1345, to amend the National
1300 Telecommunications and Information Administration
1301 Organization Act to establish the Office of Policy
1302 Development --

1303 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
1304 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open
1305 for amendment at any point.

1306 So ordered.

1307 [The bill follows:]

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1309 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1311 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1312 bill?

1313 *Mr. Curtis. Mr. Chairman?

1314 *Mr. Latta. For what purpose does the gentleman seek
1315 recognition?

1316 *Mr. Curtis. To strike the last word.

1317 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman is recognized for five
1318 minutes to speak to -- to strike the last word.

1319 *Mr. Curtis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I speak in
1320 support of my bill before us today, the NTIA Policy and
1321 Cybersecurity Act.

1322 The NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Act will refocus the
1323 National Telecommunications and Information Administration to
1324 ensure they are working to better secure the communications
1325 technology industry. Cyber attacks against the communication
1326 technology sector tend to be more costly than cyber attacks
1327 against other industries. The NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity
1328 Act will streamline the development of cybersecurity policy
1329 and the National Telecommunications and Information
1330 Administration through the establishment of an Office for
1331 Policy Development and Cybersecurity.

1332 This bill establishes the Office for Policy Development

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1333 and Cybersecurity, which will work with industry and
1334 stakeholders to develop the cybersecurity practices and
1335 policies of the Internet and communications technology
1336 sector.

1337 The Office for Policy Development and Cybersecurity will
1338 also carry out the Communications Supply Chain Risk
1339 Information Partnership to facilitate information-sharing on
1340 cybersecurity risks to small and rural communications service
1341 providers.

1342 State and non-state actors are working overtime to find
1343 vulnerabilities in our networks and infrastructure. We must
1344 work even harder to ensure that Americans are protected from
1345 cyber attacks.

1346 I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill, and
1347 I yield back the balance of my time.

1348 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much.

1349 The gentleman yields back. Are there others wishing to
1350 speak on the bill?

1351 Hearing none, are there any amendments?

1352 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
1353 1345 to the full committee.

1354 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

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1355 Those opposed, no.

1356 A roll call has been requested. The clerk will take the
1357 roll.

1358 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

1359 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1360 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1361 Walberg?

1362 *Mr. Walberg. [Inaudible.]

1363 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

1364 Carter?

1365 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

1366 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

1367 Dunn?

1368 [No response.]

1369 *The Clerk. Curtis?

1370 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.

1371 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.

1372 Joyce?

1373 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

1374 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.

1375 Weber?

1376 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

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1377 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
1378 Allen?
1379 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1380 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1381 Balderson?
1382 *Mr. Balderson. [Inaudible.]
1383 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1384 Fulcher?
1385 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
1386 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1387 Pfluger?
1388 *Mr. Pfluger. [Inaudible.]
1389 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1390 Harshbarger?
1391 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
1392 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1393 Cammack?
1394 *Mrs. Cammack. [Inaudible.]
1395 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1396 Obernolte?
1397 *Mr. Obernolte. [Inaudible.]
1398 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.

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1399 Rodgers?
1400 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
1401 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.
1402 Latta?
1403 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
1404 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
1405 Matsui?
1406 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1407 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1408 Clarke?
1409 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
1410 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1411 Veasey?
1412 [No response.]
1413 *The Clerk. Soto?
1414 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1415 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1416 Eshoo?
1417 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1418 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1419 Cardenas?
1420 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

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1421 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1422 Craig?
1423 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1424 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1425 Fletcher?
1426 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1427 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
1428 Dingell?
1429 [No response.]
1430 *The Clerk. Kuster?
1431 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
1432 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
1433 Kelly?
1434 *Ms. Kelly. [Inaudible.]
1435 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
1436 Pallone?
1437 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
1438 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
1439 *Mr. Dunn. How is Dunn recorded?
1440 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn is not recorded.
1441 *Mr. Dunn. Dunn votes aye.
1442 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

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1443 *Mr. Latta. [Inaudible.] Hearing none, the clerk will
1444 take the roll.

1445 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 26 ayes
1446 and 0 noes.

1447 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much. The ayes have it, and
1448 the resolution is agreed to.

1449 The chair now calls up H.R. 1354, and asks the clerk to
1450 report.

1451 *The Clerk. H.R. 1354, to require the Secretary of
1452 Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce
1453 for Communications and Information --

1454 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
1455 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open
1456 for amendment at any point.

1457 So ordered.

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1461 [The bill follows:]

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1463 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1465 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1466 bill?

1467 The gentleman from Pennsylvania, for what purpose does
1468 the gentleman seek recognition?

1469 *Mr. Joyce. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
1470 word in support of the bill.

1471 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman is recognized for five
1472 minutes.

1473 *Mr. Joyce. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Briefly, I want to
1474 offer my support for H.R. 1354, the Information and
1475 Communication Technology Strategy Act, which I introduced on
1476 March 3rd.

1477 This bipartisan piece of legislation will play a crucial
1478 role for laying a foundation to secure our communications
1479 supply chains and communications network infrastructure.
1480 H.R. 1354 would direct the U.S. Department of Commerce to
1481 study and recommend a whole-of-government approach to
1482 identifying and securing critical communication network
1483 equipment. This builds on work from the committees to ensure
1484 that there are alternatives to nefarious actors like Huawei
1485 and ZTE, known CCP-supported businesses.

1486 Protecting our communications networks from bad actors

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1487 like the CCP is paramount. This legislation is a common-
1488 sense step towards safe communications network and
1489 infrastructure.

1490 Further, this bill requires the Department of Commerce
1491 to provide an update to Congress on the resources that are
1492 necessary to fully source our broadband infrastructure from
1493 allies and domestically, thereby making it more difficult for
1494 foreign adversaries to interfere in American
1495 telecommunications networks.

1496 As advancements in spectrum and broadband technologies
1497 continue to grow, it is critical that American manufacturers
1498 remain the global leader in inventing, building, and
1499 deploying high-speed and reliable devices to facilitate
1500 Internet access.

1501 I encourage all of my colleagues to support this
1502 legislation. Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I yield.

1503 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman yields back. Are there other
1504 members wishing to be recognized?

1505 Hearing none, are there any bipartisan amendments to the
1506 bill?

1507 Are there any other amendments?

1508 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.

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1509 1354 to the full committee.

1510 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

1511 All opposed, nay.

1512 The ayes have it, and a roll call has been requested.

1513 The clerk will take the roll.

1514 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

1515 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1516 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1517 Walberg?

1518 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

1519 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

1520 Carter?

1521 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

1522 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

1523 Dunn?

1524 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

1525 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

1526 Curtis?

1527 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.

1528 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.

1529 Joyce?

1530 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

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1531 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
1532 Weber?
1533 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
1534 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
1535 Allen?
1536 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1537 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1538 Balderson?
1539 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
1540 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1541 Fulcher?
1542 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
1543 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1544 Pfluger?
1545 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1546 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1547 Harshbarger?
1548 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
1549 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1550 Cammack?
1551 *Mrs. Cammack. [Inaudible.]
1552 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.

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1553 Obernolte?

1554 *Mr. Obernolte. [Inaudible.]

1555 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.

1556 Rodgers?

1557 [No response.]

1558 *The Clerk. Rodgers?

1559 *The Chair. Aye.

1560 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.

1561 Latta?

1562 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

1563 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

1564 Matsui?

1565 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

1566 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

1567 Clarke?

1568 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

1569 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

1570 Veasey?

1571 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

1572 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

1573 Soto?

1574 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

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1575 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1576 Eshoo?
1577 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1578 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1579 Cardenas?
1580 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1581 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1582 Craig?
1583 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1584 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1585 Fletcher?
1586 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1587 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
1588 Dingell?
1589 *Mrs. Dingell. Votes aye.
1590 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1591 Kuster?
1592 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
1593 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
1594 Kelly?
1595 *Ms. Kelly. [Inaudible.]
1596 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

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1597 Pallone?

1598 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

1599 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

1600 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to
1601 record their vote?

1602 Hearing none, the clerk will take the roll.

1603 [Pause.]

1604 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 28 ayes
1605 and 0 noes.

1606 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The ayes have it, and the
1607 resolution is agreed to.

1608 The chair calls up H.R. 1370, and asks the clerk to
1609 report.

1610 *The Clerk. H.R. 1370, to direct the Federal
1611 Communications Commission to establish a council --

1612 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
1613 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open
1614 for amendment at any point.

1615 So ordered.

1616 [The bill follows:]

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1618 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

1619

This is an unedited transcript. The statements within may be inaccurate, incomplete, or misattributed to the speaker.

1620 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1621 bill?

1622 *Mr. Walberg. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
1623 word to speak in support of H.R. 1370.

1624 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman from Michigan is recognized
1625 to strike the last word for five minutes.

1626 *Mr. Walberg. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am proud to
1627 reintroduce H.R. 1370, renamed the Communications Security
1628 Act, with my Michigan colleague, Representative Slotkin.

1629 Our bill codifies the Communications, Security,
1630 Reliability, and Interoperability Council at FCC. An
1631 important existing advisory committee, the CSRIC makes
1632 recommendations to the Commission on how the U.S. can best
1633 ensure the security, reliability, and resiliency of our
1634 communications systems.

1635 As we have seen in recent years, our communications
1636 networks are at increasing risk from cyber attacks,
1637 compromised technology, and vulnerable supply chains. CSRIC
1638 brings together industry, government, and other experts --
1639 experts across the telecommunications ecosystem to address
1640 these challenges, and more.

1641 Today, CSRIC makes recommendations on a wide range of

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1642 critical technologies, including emergency alerting and
1643 broadcast system resiliency during storms and disasters and
1644 threats from foreign adversaries. They are also bringing us
1645 into the future, advising on the deployment of NextGen 911,
1646 and ensuring the secure rollout of 5G and future networks.

1647 Industry cyber experts and government officials agree
1648 that the Council is an essential tool that enables the U.S.
1649 to remain world leaders on wireless and communications
1650 technologies. There would be long-term value in backing it
1651 up statutorily, while retaining its flexibility to tackle the
1652 new challenges of the day.

1653 CSRIC has been rechartered every two years since its
1654 creation in 2009. The legislation would give the Council
1655 some much-needed certainty so they can continue with their
1656 important mission of protecting our public safety and
1657 homeland security.

1658 I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I
1659 yield back.

1660 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman yields back. Are there
1661 others wishing to be recognized?

1662 The chair recognizes the gentlelady from California, the
1663 ranking member of the subcommittee, for five minutes to

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1664 strike the last word.

1665 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike
1666 the last word.

1667 The Communications Security Act from Representative
1668 Slotkin and Walberg would codify crucial security work being
1669 done at the FCC. The Communications Security, Reliability,
1670 and Interoperability Council at the FCC provides vital
1671 recommendations about the security, reliability, and
1672 interoperability of communications systems. These
1673 recommendations focus on a range of public safety and
1674 homeland security-related communications matters, including
1675 911 emergency alerts and national security preparedness.

1676 The work of this Council helps Americans stay connected
1677 during everything from natural disasters to terrorist and
1678 cybersecurity attacks. By codifying the role of this
1679 council, we are making a downpayment on national security and
1680 communications reliability for years to come.

1681 I want to commend my colleagues for introducing this
1682 bill, and I am pleased to see it moving forward today.

1683 And I yield back.

1684 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

1685 The gentlelady yields back. Are there other members

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1686 wishing to be recognized?

1687 Hearing none, are there any bipartisan amendments to the
1688 bill?

1689 Are there any other amendments to the bill?

1690 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
1691 1370 to the full committee.

1692 All those in favor will signify by saying aye.

1693 Those opposed, nay.

1694 The ayes have it. A roll call has been requested. The
1695 clerk will take the roll.

1696 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

1697 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1698 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
1699 Walberg?

1700 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

1701 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
1702 Carter?

1703 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

1704 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

1705 Dunn?

1706 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

1707 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

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1708 Curtis?
1709 [No response.]
1710 *The Clerk. Joyce?
1711 [No response.]
1712 *The Clerk. Weber?
1713 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
1714 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
1715 Allen?
1716 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1717 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1718 Balderson?
1719 *Mr. Balderson. [Inaudible.]
1720 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1721 Fulcher?
1722 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
1723 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1724 Pfluger?
1725 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1726 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
1727 Harshbarger?
1728 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
1729 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.

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1730 Cammack?
1731 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1732 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1733 Obernolte?
1734 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
1735 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
1736 Rodgers?
1737 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
1738 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.
1739 Latta?
1740 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
1741 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
1742 Matsui?
1743 *Ms. Matsui. [Inaudible.]
1744 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1745 Clarke?
1746 *Ms. Clarke. [Inaudible.]
1747 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1748 Veasey?
1749 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
1750 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
1751 Soto?

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1752 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1753 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1754 Eshoo?
1755 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1756 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1757 Cardenas?
1758 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1759 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1760 Craig?
1761 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1762 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1763 Fletcher?
1764 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1765 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
1766 Dingell?
1767 [No response.]
1768 *Mr. Latta. Dingell.
1769 *The Clerk. Dingell?
1770 *Mrs. Dingell. Yes.
1771 [Laughter.]
1772 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1773 Kuster?

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1774 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.

1775 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.

1776 Kelly?

1777 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

1778 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

1779 Pallone?

1780 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

1781 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

1782 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members who have not
1783 voted that wish to do so, to have their vote recorded?

1784 Hearing none, the clerk will call -- or take the roll.

1785 [Pause.]

1786 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 26 ayes
1787 and 0 noes.

1788 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much. The ayes have it, and
1789 the resolution is agreed to.

1790 The chair calls up H.R. 1360, and asks the clerk to
1791 report.

1792 *The Clerk. H.R. 1360, to establish a cybersecurity
1793 literacy campaign, and for other purposes.

1794 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
1795 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open

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1796 for open for amendment at any point.

1797 So ordered.

1798 [The bill follows:]

1799

1800 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1802 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1803 bill?

1804 *Mr. Obernolte. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last
1805 word, and speak in support --

1806 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman from California seeks
1807 recognition to strike the last word, and is recognized for
1808 five minutes.

1809 *Mr. Obernolte. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am proud to
1810 be the sponsor of H.R. 1360, the American Cybersecurity
1811 Literacy Act.

1812 This bill would direct the Department of Commerce to
1813 conduct an education campaign to inform Americans about the
1814 dangers of cybersecurity, various techniques that
1815 cybersecurity criminals use to steal their personal
1816 information and gain access to their accounts, and the
1817 techniques that they can use to mitigate those attacks.

1818 I don't think it is any surprise to the people in this
1819 room that cybersecurity attacks against Americans have been
1820 increasing exponentially lately. In 2021 we experienced a
1821 hack of the Colonial Pipeline that disrupted energy supplies
1822 to the entire East Coast of the United States for almost a
1823 week. That hack was caused by a common cybersecurity

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1824 mistake: using the same password for multiple accounts.

1825 I think that the American public is in desperate need of
1826 some education on this issue. And if you want any proof of
1827 that, consider the fact that the most commonly used password
1828 by Americans currently is the word "password.'" In close
1829 second place are the letters "123456.'"

1830 This bill would mitigate that problem by exposing the
1831 dangers of using commonly-guessed passwords, as well as other
1832 techniques that Americans can use to protect themselves
1833 against cybersecurity threats.

1834 I think this bill is worthy of support, and I urge your
1835 aye vote on 1360.

1836 I yield back.

1837 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman yields back. I am just
1838 saying we might have all just had our passwords given out
1839 today.

1840 [Laughter.]

1841 *Mr. Latta. The gentlelady from California's 16th --

1842 *Ms. Eshoo. That really evoked a great deal of
1843 attention here, colleagues.

1844 *Mr. Latta. -- is recognized to strike the last word
1845 for five minutes.

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1846 *Ms. Eshoo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We know that
1847 cyber attacks and data breaches are increasingly common.
1848 They cost private companies and consumers billions of
1849 dollars, and expose the private information of countless
1850 Americans. And as attackers have become more sophisticated,
1851 we need to know -- the American people need to know -- what
1852 the risks are, and how to protect themselves. So that is the
1853 reason for this bill. And Congressman Obernolte, I think,
1854 said it exquisitely.

1855 This bill will require NTIA to conduct a public
1856 education campaign to improve cybersecurity in our country.
1857 And through the campaign, the NTIA will be providing
1858 information about common cybersecurity risks and the best
1859 practices to mitigate the risks. When the government or
1860 private businesses identify cybersecurity risks, they are not
1861 only -- they are only fighting half the battle. Consumers
1862 have to be able to protect themselves from those risks, and
1863 this bill is going to give them the information so that they
1864 can.

1865 So I thank Congressman Obernolte, Chairwoman Rodgers,
1866 and Ranking Member Pallone for their partnership on this
1867 legislation. I think it is going to serve all of our

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1868 constituents very well, and I urge each one of you to support
1869 it.

1870 With that, I yield back.

1871 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much.

1872 The gentlelady yields back. Are there others wishing to
1873 speak to the bill?

1874 Hearing none, are there any bipartisan amendments to the
1875 bill, or are there any other amendments to the bill?

1876 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
1877 1360 to the full committee.

1878 All those in favor will signify by saying aye.

1879 Those opposed, nay.

1880 The ayes have it. A roll call has been requested. The
1881 clerk will take the roll.

1882 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

1883 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

1884 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

1885 Walberg?

1886 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

1887 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

1888 Carter?

1889 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

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1890 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
1891 Dunn?
1892 [No response.]
1893 *The Clerk. Curtis?
1894 [No response.]
1895 *The Clerk. Joyce?
1896 [No response.]
1897 *The Clerk. Weber?
1898 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
1899 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
1900 Allen?
1901 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
1902 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
1903 Balderson?
1904 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
1905 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
1906 Fulcher?
1907 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
1908 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
1909 Pfluger?
1910 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
1911 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.

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1912 Harshbarger?
1913 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
1914 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
1915 Cammack?
1916 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
1917 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
1918 Obernolte?
1919 *Mr. Obernolte. [Inaudible.]
1920 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
1921 Rodgers?
1922 *Mrs. Rodgers. Aye.
1923 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.
1924 Latta?
1925 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
1926 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
1927 Matsui?
1928 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
1929 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
1930 Clarke?
1931 *Ms. Clarke. [Inaudible.]
1932 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
1933 Veasey?

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1934 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
1935 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
1936 Soto?
1937 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
1938 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
1939 Eshoo?
1940 *Ms. Eshoo. Aye.
1941 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
1942 Cardenas?
1943 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
1944 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
1945 Craig?
1946 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
1947 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
1948 Fletcher?
1949 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
1950 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
1951 Dingell?
1952 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
1953 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
1954 Kuster?
1955 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.

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1956 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
1957 Kelly?
1958 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
1959 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
1960 Pallone?
1961 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
1962 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
1963 *Mr. Latta. Are there any members who are not recorded
1964 that wish to be?
1965 *Mr. Dunn. How is Dunn recorded?
1966 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn is not recorded.
1967 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
1968 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn votes aye.
1969 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members who are not
1970 recorded?
1971 The clerk will take the roll.
1972 [Pause.]
1973 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 26 ayes
1974 and 0 noes.
1975 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The ayes have it, and the
1976 resolution is agreed to.
1977 The chair calls up H.R. 1340, and asks the clerk to

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1978 report.

1979 *The Clerk. H.R. 1340, to provide outreach and
1980 technical assistance to small providers regarding Open RAN
1981 networks --

1982 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the reading of the
1983 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open
1984 for amendment at any point.

1985 So ordered.

1986 [The bill follows:]

1987

1988 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

1989

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1990 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
1991 bill?

1992 The gentlelady from California, the ranking member of
1993 the subcommittee, is recognized.

1994 *Ms. Matsui. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
1995 word.

1996 *Mr. Latta. The gentlelady is recognized to strike the
1997 last word for five minutes.

1998 *Ms. Matsui. As an original cosponsor of the USA
1999 Telecommunications Act, I pushed hard to secure \$1.5 billion
2000 in funding to support the development and deployment of Open
2001 RAN as part of the CHIPS and Science Act. I am excited to
2002 see NTIA working to deploy this funding quickly, and look
2003 forward to working with them to maximize its impact.

2004 As COVID-19 has shown, a diverse supply chain is more
2005 resilient and reliable. This is no different in the
2006 telecommunications space. The flexible nature of Open RAN
2007 creates an opportunity for a more diverse supply chain
2008 ecosystem to develop. With interfaces and hardware built to
2009 open standards, trusted manufacturers, including American
2010 vendors, will have new opportunities to enter the market and
2011 compete.

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2012 The Open RAN Outreach Act from Representatives Allred,
2013 Hudson, and Guthrie will require NTIA to conduct outreach
2014 with small network providers to help raise awareness about
2015 Open RAN networks. I am excited to see it on the agenda
2016 today, and glad to advance it.

2017 With that, I would yield the balance of my time.

2018 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much.

2019 The gentlelady yields back. Are there any other members
2020 wishing to be recognized?

2021 Hearing none, are there any bipartisan amendments to the
2022 bill?

2023 Are there any other amendments?

2024 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
2025 1340 to the full committee.

2026 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

2027 Those opposed, nay.

2028 The ayes have it. A roll call has been requested. The
2029 clerk will take the roll.

2030 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

2031 [No response.]

2032 *The Clerk. Walberg?

2033 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

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2034 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

2035 Carter?

2036 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

2037 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

2038 Dunn?

2039 [No response.]

2040

2041 *The Clerk. Curtis?

2042 [No response.]

2043 *The Clerk. Joyce?

2044 [No response.]

2045 *The Clerk. Weber?

2046 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

2047 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.

2048 Allen?

2049 *Mr. Allen. Aye.

2050 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.

2051 Balderson?

2052 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

2053 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.

2054 Fulcher?

2055 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.

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2056 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
2057 Pfluger?
2058 *Mr. Pfluger. [Inaudible.]
2059 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
2060 Harshbarger?
2061 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
2062 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
2063 Cammack?
2064 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
2065 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
2066 Obernolte?
2067 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
2068 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
2069 Rodgers?
2070 [No response.]
2071 *The Clerk. Latta?
2072 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
2073 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
2074 Matsui?
2075 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
2076 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
2077 Clarke?

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2078 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

2079 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

2080 Veasey?

2081 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

2082 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

2083 Soto?

2084 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

2085 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.

2086 Eshoo?

2087 *Ms. Eshoo. [Inaudible.]

2088 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.

2089 Cardenas?

2090 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

2091 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

2092 Craig?

2093 [No response.]

2094 *The Clerk. Fletcher?

2095 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

2096 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

2097 Dingell?

2098 [No response.]

2099 *The Clerk. Kuster?

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2100 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.

2101 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.

2102 Kelly?

2103 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

2104 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

2105 Pallone?

2106 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

2107 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

2108 *Ms. Craig. How is Craig recorded?

2109 *The Clerk. Ms. Craig is not recorded.

2110 *Ms. Craig. Ms. Craig votes aye.

2111 *Mr. Latta. Are there other --

2112 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.

2113 *Mr. Latta. Are there other members wishing to be

2114 recorded?

2115 *The Chair. How is Rodgers recorded?

2116 *The Clerk. Mrs. Rodgers is not recorded.

2117 *The Chair. Rodgers votes aye.

2118 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.

2119 *Mr. Bilirakis. How is Bilirakis recorded?

2120 *The Clerk. Bilirakis is not recorded.

2121 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.

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2122 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

2123 *Mr. Dunn. Dunn?

2124 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn is not recorded.

2125 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

2126 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.

2127 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to be
2128 recorded?

2129 *The Chair. There she is.

2130 [Laughter.]

2131 *Mrs. Dingell. [Inaudible.]

2132 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes --

2133 *Mr. Latta. The lady from Michigan.

2134 *The Clerk. -- aye.

2135 *Mr. Latta. Now are there any other members wishing to
2136 be recorded?

2137 Hearing none, the clerk will take the roll.

2138 [Pause.]

2139 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 26 ayes
2140 and 0 noes.

2141 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much. The ayes have it, and
2142 the resolution is agreed to.

2143 The chair calls up H.R. 1343, and asks the clerk to

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2144 report.

2145 *The Clerk. H.R. 1343, to codify the Institute for

2146 Telecommunication Sciences, and to direct the Assistant

2147 Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information --

2148 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the

2149 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open

2150 for amendment at any point.

2151 So ordered.

2152 [The bill follows:]

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2154 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2156 *Mr. Latta. Are there any members seeking to be
2157 recognized on the bill?

2158 *Mr. Carter. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
2159 word.

2160 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman from Georgia seeks
2161 recognition to strike the last word, and is recognized for
2162 five minutes to strike the last word.

2163 *Mr. Carter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chair, I
2164 rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 1343, the ITS
2165 Codification Act.

2166 The Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, ITS, is an
2167 essential part of the National Telecommunications and
2168 Information Administration, the NTIA. And we must strengthen
2169 this statutory authority to ensure it continues informing
2170 important spectrum policy decisions.

2171 Spectrum management decisions made by NTIA rely on
2172 complex technical radio frequency testing and analysis
2173 conducted by ITS. As the Committee examines how Federal and
2174 commercial spectrum is allocated, it is important that both
2175 NTIA and the FCC have the information required to make such
2176 decisions.

2177 Additionally, this bill directs ITS to establish an

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2178 initiative to support the development of emergency
2179 communication and tracking technologies for use in locating
2180 trapped individuals in confined spaces. This is crucial to
2181 protecting American lives and avoiding tragedy.

2182 The work ITS performs has led to and will continue to
2183 lead to innovative advancements that are critical to beating
2184 China and others in wireless and technological innovation.
2185 Last Congress this bill went through regular order and
2186 enjoyed unanimous support in the Energy and Commerce
2187 Committee and on the House floor.

2188 I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan
2189 legislation, and I yield back.

2190 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

2191 The gentleman yields back. Are there any other members
2192 wishing to be recognized?

2193 Yes, and what does the gentlelady wish to be recognized
2194 for?

2195 *Ms. Clarke. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
2196 word.

2197 *Mr. Latta. The gentlelady is recognized to strike the
2198 last word for five minutes.

2199 *Ms. Clarke. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I thank our

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2200 ranking member.

2201 This legislation is an important step forward in
2202 ensuring that the National Telecommunications and Information
2203 Administration, or the NTIA, through the Institute of
2204 Telecommunications Sciences, ITS, continues to fulfill its
2205 responsibility to promote the efficient use of spectrum by
2206 Federal users.

2207 ITS plays an important role at NTIA, as it works often
2208 -- excuse me, as its work often lays the foundation for NTIA
2209 spectrum management and policy activities. ITS helps drive
2210 innovation forward by exploring cutting-edge areas of
2211 telecommunications technology, including by engaging with
2212 academia and industry when appropriate. Additionally, the
2213 work of ITS aids in establishing the appropriate ground rules
2214 for the global Internet.

2215 This legislation simply codifies the role and
2216 responsibilities of ITS. It also requires the establishment
2217 of an initiative to support the development of emergency
2218 communication and tracking technologies for use in locating
2219 individuals that may be trapped in an enclosed -- in enclosed
2220 spaces. This bill is beneficial not only for our country,
2221 but also will help further the United States' ability to

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2222 remain a leader on the global stage in furthering innovative
2223 spectrum management policies.

2224 The House passed this important legislation last year,
2225 and I look forward to doing so or doing the same this year.
2226 For all these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support it.

2227 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

2228 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

2229 The gentlelady yields back. Are there any other members
2230 wishing to speak on the bill?

2231 Hearing none, are there any bipartisan amendments to the
2232 bill?

2233 Are there any other amendments to the bill?

2234 The question now occurs on forwarding H.R. 1343 to the
2235 full committee.

2236 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

2237 Those opposed, nay.

2238 The ayes have it. A roll call has been requested. The
2239 clerk will take the roll.

2240 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

2241 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

2242 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

2243 Walberg?

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2244 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
2245 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
2246 Carter?
2247 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
2248 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
2249 Dunn?
2250 [No response.]
2251 *The Clerk. Curtis?
2252 [No response.]
2253 *The Clerk. Joyce?
2254 *Mr. Joyce. Votes aye.
2255 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
2256 Weber?
2257 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
2258 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
2259 Allen?
2260 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
2261 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
2262 Balderson?
2263 *Mr. Balderson. [Inaudible.]
2264 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
2265 Fulcher?

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2266 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
2267 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
2268 Pfluger?
2269 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
2270 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
2271 Harshbarger?
2272 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
2273 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
2274 Cammack?
2275 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
2276 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
2277 Oberholte?
2278 *Mr. Oberholte. Aye.
2279 *The Clerk. Oberholte votes aye.
2280 Rodgers?
2281 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]
2282 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.
2283 Latta?
2284 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
2285 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
2286 Matsui?
2287 *Ms. Matsui. [Inaudible.]

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2288 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
2289 Clarke?
2290 *Ms. Clarke. [Inaudible.]
2291 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
2292 Veasey?
2293 [No response.]
2294 *The Clerk. Soto?
2295 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
2296 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
2297 Eshoo?
2298 *Ms. Eshoo. [Inaudible.]
2299 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
2300 Cardenas?
2301 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
2302 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
2303 Craig?
2304 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
2305 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
2306 Fletcher?
2307 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
2308 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
2309 Dingell?

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2310 *Mrs. Dingell. [Inaudible.]
2311 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
2312 Kuster?
2313 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
2314 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
2315 Kelly?
2316 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
2317 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
2318 Pallone?
2319 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
2320 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
2321 *Mr. Latta. Are there other members wishing to record
2322 their vote?
2323 *Mr. Dunn. [Inaudible.]
2324 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn is not recorded.
2325 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
2326 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
2327 *Mr. Veasey. Madam Clerk, how am I recorded?
2328 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey is not recorded.
2329 *Mr. Veasey. Veasey votes aye.
2330 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
2331 *Mr. Latta. Any other members wishing to record their

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2332 vote?

2333 Hearing none, the clerk will take the roll.

2334 [Pause.]

2335 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 27 ayes
2336 and 0 noes.

2337 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The ayes have it, and the
2338 resolution is agreed to.

2339 The chair calls up H.R. 1377, and asks the clerk to
2340 report.

2341 *The Clerk. H.R. 1377, to direct the Assistant
2342 Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to
2343 take certain actions to enhance the representation of the
2344 United States and promote United States leadership in
2345 communications standard-setting bodies, and for other
2346 purposes.

2347 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the
2348 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open
2349 for amendment at any point.

2350 So ordered.

2351 [The bill follows:]

2352

2353 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

2354

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2355 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
2356 bill?

2357 *Mr. Walberg. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
2358 word and speak in support of the bill.

2359 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman from Michigan is recognized
2360 to strike the last word for five minutes.

2361 *Mr. Walberg. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Promoting
2362 U.S. Wireless Leadership Act will bolster American leadership
2363 by bringing key leaders and stakeholders together to create a
2364 unified approach in standard setting for 5G networks, and for
2365 future generations of wireless communications networks.

2366 The legislation directs the NTIA to assist and encourage
2367 participation by trusted U.S. companies, both large and
2368 small, in international telecommunications standard-setting
2369 bodies like 3GPP and IEEE. These independent, business-led
2370 entities determine the standards by which 5G operators,
2371 equipment manufacturers, and software providers, and others
2372 build to.

2373 China and other adversaries are investing heavily in 5G
2374 deployment, and are consequently working to assert their
2375 influence on these standard-setting bodies. If standards are
2376 skewed toward China for future wireless networks, the United

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2377 States will be at a significant economic disadvantage across
2378 the technology sector. Like our efforts on 3G and 4G, the
2379 United States must remain leaders on 5G.

2380 H.R. 1377 will ensure a unified approach to push back
2381 against the influence of international competitors to protect
2382 our national security, global competitiveness, and economic
2383 values.

2384 Thank you to my 5G and Beyond Caucus co-chairs,
2385 Representative Dingell, Johnson, Kuster for joining me again
2386 to reintroduce this critical legislation. Last Congress it
2387 passed out of the Energy and Commerce Committee and the House
2388 floor with broad bipartisan support. I know we can finally
2389 get this done in the 118th.

2390 5G is and will continue to be transformative technology.
2391 It is imperative that the United States, not China, sets
2392 international rules of the road for fifth generation wireless
2393 and beyond. I encourage my colleagues to vote for the
2394 legislation, once again, and I yield back.

2395 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman yields back. Are there
2396 others wishing to speak on the bill?

2397 The gentlelady from Michigan is recognized to strike the
2398 last word for five minutes.

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2399 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do move to
2400 strike the last word.

2401 The policy choices of today will have lasting effects on
2402 the global wireless technology development of tomorrow. We
2403 must take concrete, proactive steps to lower barriers to
2404 entry for U.S. companies, and promote American
2405 competitiveness in this space for each subsequent generation
2406 of these innovative technologies.

2407 Last week, as my good friend and co-chair, Mr. Walberg
2408 from Michigan, said -- and my other two co-chairs -- we
2409 reintroduced the bipartisan Promoting United States Wireless
2410 Leadership Act. This legislation ensures that the United
2411 States remains at the forefront of innovation in this
2412 evolving frontier by playing a central role in setting
2413 international wireless standards in emerging technologies.
2414 This approach has dramatic ramifications for our global
2415 competitiveness, 5G deployment, and our national security.

2416 We have bipartisan agreement in this body that the
2417 United States must be a leader in the development and
2418 deployment of cutting-edge technologies. This bill does
2419 exactly that.

2420 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for including this bill as part

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2421 of today's markup, and I do want to thank my colleagues,
2422 Representatives Walberg, Kuster, and Johnson on this
2423 committee for their work on this legislation. It is a very
2424 bipartisan effort, and I urge all of my colleagues to support
2425 the underlying bill.

2426 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

2427 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

2428 Are there any other members wishing to seek recognition
2429 on the bill?

2430 The gentlelady from New Hampshire is recognized for five
2431 minutes --

2432 *Ms. Kuster. Thank you, Mr. Chairman --

2433 *Mr. Latta. -- to strike the last word.

2434 *Ms. Kuster. -- and I move to strike the last word.

2435 I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, which
2436 I reintroduced with my fellow co-chairs in the 5G and Beyond
2437 Caucus, Representatives Walberg, Dingell, and Johnson.

2438 This bipartisan legislation will help ensure that the
2439 United States remains a leader in the development of future
2440 generations of wireless networks. There is no question that
2441 our country led the world in the rollout of the fourth
2442 generation wireless technologies, and has since reaped

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2443 enormous economic benefits. Now American companies are
2444 fighting to remain at the forefront of the fifth generation,
2445 5G. As a co-chair of the 5G and Beyond Caucus, I am
2446 committed to helping them in the fight.

2447 This bill before us will provide trusted U.S. companies
2448 and stakeholders a seat at the table during discussions to
2449 set the standards for new generations of technology, so that
2450 the U.S. remains leader in the industry. I urge my
2451 colleagues to support the bill in committee and once again
2452 advance it to the floor.

2453 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

2454 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

2455 Are there others wishing to seek recognition on the
2456 bill?

2457 Hearing none, are there any bipartisan amendments to the
2458 bill?

2459 Are there any other amendments to the bill?

2460 The question now occurs on forwarding H.R. 1377 to the
2461 full committee.

2462 All those in favor will signify by saying aye.

2463 Those opposed, nay.

2464 The ayes have it. A roll call vote has been requested.

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2465 The clerk will take the roll.
2466 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?
2467 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
2468 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
2469 Walberg?
2470 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
2471 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
2472 Carter?
2473 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
2474 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
2475 Dunn?
2476 [No response.]
2477 *The Clerk. Curtis?
2478 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
2479 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
2480 Joyce?
2481 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
2482 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
2483 Weber?
2484 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
2485 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
2486 Allen?

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2487 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
2488 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
2489 Balderson?
2490 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
2491 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
2492 Fulcher?
2493 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
2494 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
2495 Pfluger?
2496 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
2497 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
2498 Harshbarger?
2499 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
2500 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
2501 Cammack?
2502 *Mrs. Cammack. [Inaudible.]
2503 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.
2504 Obernolte?
2505 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
2506 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.
2507 Rodgers?
2508 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]

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2509 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.
2510 Latta?
2511 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
2512 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.
2513 Matsui?
2514 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
2515 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
2516 Clarke?
2517 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
2518 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.
2519 Veasey?
2520 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
2521 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
2522 Soto?
2523 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
2524 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
2525 Eshoo?
2526 *Ms. Eshoo. [Inaudible.]
2527 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
2528 Cardenas?
2529 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
2530 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

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2531 Craig?
2532 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
2533 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
2534 Fletcher?
2535 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
2536 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
2537 Dingell?
2538 *Mrs. Dingell. [Inaudible.]
2539 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
2540 Kuster?
2541 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
2542 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
2543 Kelly?
2544 *Ms. Kelly. [Inaudible.]
2545 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
2546 Pallone?
2547 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
2548 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
2549 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to
2550 record their vote that have not?
2551 Hearing none, the clerk will take the roll.
2552 [Pause.]

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2553 *Mr. Latta. Oh, wait. How is the gentleman from

2554 Florida --

2555 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn is not recorded.

2556 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.

2557 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn votes aye.

2558 *Mr. Latta. Any other members?

2559 Clerk?

2560 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 28 ayes

2561 and 0 noes.

2562 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The ayes have it, and the

2563 resolution is agreed to.

2564 The chair calls up H.R. 1341, and asks the clerk to

2565 report.

2566 *The Clerk. H.R. 1341, to improve Federal coordination

2567 with respect to spectrum management, and for other purposes.

2568 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the first reading of the

2569 resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution will be open

2570 to amendment at any point.

2571 So ordered.

2572 [The bill follows:]

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2574 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2576 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
2577 bill?

2578 *Mr. Balderson. Mr. Chairman?

2579 *Mr. Latta. For what purpose does the gentleman seek
2580 recognition?

2581 *Mr. Balderson. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
2582 word.

2583 *Mr. Latta. The gentleman from Ohio is recognized to
2584 strike the last word for five minutes.

2585 *Mr. Balderson. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for
2586 having this markup, and for putting this important bill
2587 before the subcommittee today.

2588 First I would like to thank my colleague, Ms. Kuster,
2589 for joining me in introducing this important legislation. I
2590 Googled you, so thank you.

2591 [Laughter.]

2592 *Mr. Balderson. Spectrum is the epicenter of virtually
2593 all modern wireless communication. From the cell phone in
2594 your hand to the radio in your car, connectivity relies upon
2595 efficient spectrum coordination. Coordination between the
2596 FCC and the NTIA is critical.

2597 As we all know, these two agencies updated their MOU on

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2598 spectrum coordination late last year, but prior to that the
2599 MOU had not been updated for nearly 20 years. During the
2600 last 20 years we have witnessed the rise of smartphones,
2601 rapid expansion of Internet technologies, and much more. But
2602 as all the innovation was happening, the agencies in charge
2603 of the commercial and government spectrum have struggled to
2604 adapt to the changing landscapes, hindering advances in
2605 wireless networks and devaluing this valuable and limited
2606 resource.

2607 Our bill ensures that the NTIA and the FCC are
2608 continuing to reevaluate their spectrum coordination efforts
2609 by mandating the MOU be updated every four years. The bill
2610 specifically requires these agencies to take into account
2611 constantly changing circumstances.

2612 The bill also requires the NTIA to make public any
2613 concerns they have with a potential spectrum action, and what
2614 government agencies may be impacted. In turn, if the FCC
2615 moves forward with an action, they must publicly disclose
2616 what concerns the NTIA raised about the action and -- that
2617 they are doing to address those concerns.

2618 In order for the public to retain confidence in spectrum
2619 management decisions and to maintain the value of our

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2620 nation's spectrum, Congress needs to ensure the NTIA and the
2621 FCC are coordinating and adapting to changing landscapes
2622 around them. This bill will do just that, and I encourage my
2623 colleagues to support this bill today.

2624 Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

2625 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

2626 The gentleman yields back. For what purpose does the
2627 gentlelady from New Hampshire seek recognition?

2628 *Ms. Kuster. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike
2629 the last word.

2630 *Mr. Latta. The gentlelady is recognized to strike the
2631 last word for five minutes.

2632 *Ms. Kuster. Thank you. I want to speak in support of
2633 the Spectrum Coordination Act, introduced by Congressman
2634 Balderson and myself.

2635 Our nation's airwaves are the backbone of the wireless
2636 networks that Americans like my constituents in New Hampshire
2637 have come to rely upon for telehealth services, e-commerce,
2638 educational opportunities, and entertainment. However, in
2639 order for these networks to operate properly, the Federal
2640 Government must carefully manage them.

2641 I am pleased that the Federal Communications Commission

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2642 and National Telecommunications Information Administration
2643 have taken meaningful actions to improve coordination between
2644 the agencies, including by updating their Spectrum Memorandum
2645 last year. This is an important step to ensure that the
2646 Federal Government is aligned in the management of our
2647 nation's airwaves.

2648 The Spectrum Coordination Act requires the FCC and NTIA
2649 to update their Memorandum of Understanding on spectrum
2650 coordination every four years to guarantee that this level of
2651 Federal cooperation continues.

2652 This bill also reaffirms the commitment of these two
2653 agencies to provide and allocate our airwaves in a way that
2654 best serves consumers, commercial carriers, and Federal
2655 agencies now and well into the future.

2656 I thank my colleague from Ohio for helping to coordinate
2657 this legislation, and I urge a yes vote.

2658 And with that, I yield back.

2659 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

2660 The gentlelady yields back. Are there any other members
2661 wishing to speak on the bill?

2662 Hearing none, are there any bipartisan amendments to the
2663 bill?

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2664 Are there any other amendments to the bill?
2665 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forming H.R.
2666 1341 to the full committee.
2667 All those in favor will signify by saying aye.
2668 Those opposed, nay.
2669 The ayes have it. A roll call has been requested, and
2670 the clerk will take the roll.
2671 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?
2672 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
2673 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
2674 Walberg?
2675 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
2676 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
2677 Carter?
2678 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
2679 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
2680 Dunn?
2681 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
2682 *The Clerk. Dunn votes aye.
2683 Curtis?
2684 *Mr. Curtis. [Inaudible.]
2685 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.

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2686 Joyce?
2687 [No response.]
2688 *The Clerk. Weber?
2689 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
2690 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
2691 Allen?
2692 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
2693 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
2694 Balderson?
2695 *Mr. Balderson. [Inaudible.]
2696 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
2697 Fulcher?
2698 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
2699 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
2700 Pfluger?
2701 [No response.]
2702 *The Clerk. Harshbarger?
2703 *Mrs. Harshbarger. [Inaudible.]
2704 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
2705 Cammack?
2706 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
2707 *The Clerk. Cammack votes aye.

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2708 Obernolte?

2709 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.

2710 *The Clerk. Obernolte votes aye.

2711 Rodgers?

2712 *Mrs. Rodgers. [Inaudible.]

2713 *The Clerk. Rodgers votes aye.

2714 Latta?

2715 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

2716 *The Clerk. Latta votes aye.

2717 Matsui?

2718 *Ms. Matsui. [Inaudible.]

2719 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

2720 Clarke?

2721 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

2722 *The Clerk. Clarke votes aye.

2723 Veasey?

2724 [No response.]

2725 *The Clerk. Soto?

2726 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

2727 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.

2728 Eshoo?

2729 *Ms. Eshoo. [Inaudible.]

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2730 *The Clerk. Eshoo votes aye.
2731 Cardenas?
2732 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
2733 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
2734 Craig?
2735 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
2736 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
2737 Fletcher?
2738 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
2739 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
2740 Dingell?
2741 [No response.]
2742 *The Clerk. Kuster?
2743 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
2744 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
2745 Kelly?
2746 *Ms. Kelly. [Inaudible.]
2747 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
2748 Pallone?
2749 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
2750 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
2751 *Mr. Pfluger. [Inaudible.]

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2752 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger is not recorded.

2753 *Mr. Pfluger. Pfluger votes aye.

2754 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.

2755 *Mr. Joyce. [Inaudible.]

2756 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce is not recorded.

2757 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

2758 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.

2759 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to
2760 record their vote?

2761 Hearing none, the clerk will state the tally, please.

2762 [Pause.]

2763 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote we have 26 ayes
2764 and 0 noes.

2765 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much. The ayes have it, and
2766 the resolution is agreed to.

2767 First, before we conclude, I just want to thank our
2768 staff, the full committee staff, and all of our House -- our
2769 individual House members' staffs for all the hard work they
2770 have done on all these bills today. You know, we got through
2771 13 bills in 1 hour and 37 minutes, so I just want to thank
2772 everybody for all that hard work, for doing that, and I
2773 appreciate all that work.

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2774 And with that, without objection, the staff is
2775 authorized to make technical conforming changes to the
2776 legislation approved by the subcommittee today.

2777 So ordered.

2778 And without objection, the subcommittee stands
2779 adjourned.

2780 [Whereupon, at 11:36 a.m., the subcommittee was
2781 adjourned.]