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5 MARKUP OF H.R. 2864, THE COUNTERING CCP DRONES ACT;

6 H.R. 820, THE FOREIGN ADVERSARY COMMUNICATIONS TRANSPARENCY
7 ACT;

8 H.R. 1513, THE FUTURE USES OF TECHNOLOGY UPHOLDING RELIABLE
9 AND ENHANCING NETWORKS (FUTURE) NETWORKS ACT; AND

10 H.R. 7589, REMOVING OUR UNSECURE TECHNOLOGIES TO ENSURE
11 RELIABILITY AND SECURITY (ROUTERS) ACT.

12 TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

13 House of Representatives,

14 Subcommittee on Communications and Technology,

15 Committee on Energy and Commerce,

16 Washington, D.C.

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19 The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 2:23 p.m. in
20 Room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Bob Latta
21 [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.

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24 Present: Representatives Latta, Bilirakis, Walberg,
25 Carter, Dunn, Curtis, Joyce, Weber, Allen, Balderson,
26 Fulcher, Pfluger, Harshbarger, Rodgers (ex officio); Matsui,
27 Veasey, Soto, Cardenas, Craig, Fletcher, Dingell, Kuster,
28 Kelly, and Pallone (ex officio).

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30 Staff Present: Slate Herman, Counsel, C&T; Jessica
31 Herron, Clerk; Tara Hupman, General Counsel; Noah Jackson,
32 Clerk, C&T; Lauren Kennedy, Clerk; Peter Kielty, General
33 Counsel; Emily King, Member Services Director; Giulia
34 Leganski, Professional Staff Member, C&T; John Lin, Senior
35 Counsel, C&T; Kate O'Connor, Chief Counsel, C&T; Kaitlyn
36 Peterson, Clerk; Carla Rafael, Senior Staff Assistant; Amelia
37 Mullin, Intern; Hannah Anton, Minority Policy Analyst; Keegan
38 Cardman, Minority Staff Assistant; Jennifer Epperson,
39 Minority Chief Counsel, C&T; Waverly Gordon, Minority Deputy
40 Staff Director and General Counsel; Tiffany Guarascio,
41 Minority Staff Director; Perry Hamilton, Minority Member
42 Services and Outreach Manager; Dan Miller, Minority

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43 Professional Staff Member; Caroline Rinker, Minority Press
44 Assistant; Michael Scurato, Minority FCC Detailee; and
45 Johanna Thomas, Minority Counsel.

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47 *Mr. Latta. The subcommittee will come to order. The
48 chair recognizes himself for an opening statement.

49 Good afternoon, and welcome to today's subcommittee
50 markup. We are considering four pieces of legislation to
51 counter the significant threats posed by the Chinese
52 Communist Party, CCP, in communications networks in the
53 United States and around the world.

54 The CCP poses a significant threat to American security
55 and economic leadership. One significant area where we see
56 this is in the communications sector. China is aggressively
57 trying to overtake the United States as the global leader in
58 communications and technology. They export their heavily-
59 subsidized equipment to developing countries, try to dominate
60 international standard forums, and can exploit security
61 vulnerabilities in equipment to spy on Americans and disrupt
62 our networks.

63 As Americans increasingly rely on connectivity in
64 everyday life, the security of the equipment they use becomes
65 paramount. Given the known vulnerabilities and many
66 technologies produced by companies with ties to the CCP, it
67 is imperative to take steps to mitigate the widespread

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68 availability of this equipment.

69 For years this subcommittee has prioritized addressing
70 the threat posed by the CCP. This includes passing the
71 Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act, which created
72 a program to rip and replace Huawei and ZTE equipment from
73 our networks. I am frustrated, however, that we still have
74 not found a way to fully fund this program. Today's markup
75 builds on our bipartisan tradition with four important pieces
76 of legislation.

77 The first bill we are considering is H.R. 2864, the
78 Countering CCP Drones Act, which would add equipment produced
79 by DJI Technologies to the FCC's covered list, effectively
80 banning it from the United States. DJI is another company
81 that has ties to the CCP, making their products a significant
82 threat to our national security.

83 We will also consider H.R. 820, the Foreign Adversaries
84 [sic] Communications Transparency Act, which would require
85 the FCC to annually publish a list of entities with ties to
86 China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia that hold an FCC license
87 or authorization.

88 Next we will consider H.R. 1513, the FUTURE Networks

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89 Act, introduced by the ranking member, the gentlelady from
90 California, which would require the FCC to establish a 6G
91 task force made up of both the public and private sectors to
92 develop a report on the standards, development, process, and
93 possible uses of sixth-generation technology.

94 Finally, I am pleased to lead H.R. 7589, the ROUTERS
95 Act. This legislation would require NTIA to study whether
96 certain routers and modems produced by companies with ties to
97 our adversaries pose an unacceptable risk to our national
98 security. Chinese state-sponsored companies make unsecured
99 routers that are easily susceptible to cyber attacks and
100 serve as entry points for bad actors into consumers' homes,
101 networks, and devices. Fortunately, the U.S. has taken
102 strong steps to keep Huawei and ZTE out of our homes and
103 networks, and I am proud that this bill builds on those
104 efforts.

105 I would like to thank the members of the subcommittee
106 for their work on these bills, and I am pleased that we are
107 able to move forward on this legislation today.

108 And with that I will yield back, and I now recognize the
109 gentlelady from California's 7th district, the ranking member

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110 of the subcommittee, for five minutes for an opening
111 statement.

112 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I am
113 glad that this committee is continuing its important work to
114 reinforce U.S. leadership while securing existing
115 technologies against bad actors.

116 Competition in the global tech marketplace has never
117 been higher, nor is consequences more significant. From
118 semiconductors to next-generation communications networks,
119 American leadership is both an economic and national security
120 imperative. I know firsthand from my work on the CHIPS Act
121 that our economy and military are at their strongest when
122 America is at the cutting edge of innovation.

123 For years America was home to the most advanced
124 semiconductor design and manufacturing processes in the
125 market. That ensured our military had access to technology
126 generations ahead of our adversaries, making America's armed
127 services the most sophisticated in the world. But when we
128 fall behind, as was the case in semiconductors, our economy
129 slows and military readiness is threatened. Our
130 communications networks are no different. We must ensure the

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131 United States remains the vanguard of innovation in the face
132 of increased global competition.

133 Thankfully, this committee has had a strong track record
134 of boosting American innovation through legislation like we
135 are considering today. I am glad to see my FUTURE Networks
136 Act on the agenda. For the United States to stay ahead of
137 the rest of the world in wireless communications, we need to
138 be taking steps to prepare for the next generation of
139 networks because the economic and national security stakes
140 and the global race to 6G couldn't be higher.

141 As China leans on Huawei and other companies to advance
142 its interest in international standard-setting bodies, the
143 U.S. needs to stay vigilant and engaged. This bill would
144 assemble our nation's brightest minds from industry,
145 government, and academia on a 6G task force. The task force
146 would provide vital insights on the development of 6G and
147 these strategically important standards bodies. This
148 bipartisan bill would make a critical, crucial downpayment on
149 American leadership by ensuring the U.S. is taking the
150 necessary steps to lead.

151 I am also glad to see Chairman Latta's ROUTERS Act being

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152 advanced today. This bill would help eliminate routers and
153 modems produced by our foreign adversaries from operating in
154 U.S. networks. Routers and modems process huge amounts of
155 America's personal data and, if insecure, they provide a
156 perfect back door for our foreign adversaries to exploit.
157 This bill is a powerful step toward securing our digital
158 ecosystem.

159 We will also be considering legislation to combat the
160 influence of adversarial governments across the technological
161 landscape.

162 Taken together, these bills both address existing
163 vulnerabilities while preventing new weak links in crucial
164 technologies. I am glad to be moving these bills to the full
165 committee and eventually the floor.

166 And with that I yield back the balance of my time.

167 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much.

168 The gentlelady yields back, and the chair now recognizes
169 the gentlelady from Washington, the chair of the full
170 committee, for five minutes for an opening statement.

171 *The Chair. Good afternoon, and thank you, Chairman
172 Latta.

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173 Today we are marking up four important pieces of
174 legislation that will secure communications networks from
175 threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party and promote U.S.
176 technological leadership. I want to thank my colleagues on
177 both sides of the aisle for their work on these bills.

178 China poses a significant threat to the security of our
179 communications networks. Companies with ties to the CCP
180 operate in an environment tightly intertwined with the
181 Chinese Government, raising serious concerns about the level
182 of influence and potential for exploitation by the CCP.
183 Under China's 2017 National Intelligence Law, these companies
184 are required to support, provide assistance to, and cooperate
185 with China's national intelligence work wherever they
186 operate, which could jeopardize equipment used in American
187 communications networks. Relying on these technologies comes
188 with significant risk to our national security.

189 This isn't the first time we have worked to address
190 these threats. In 2020 we passed the Secure and Trusted
191 Communications Networks Act to remove Huawei and ZTE entirely
192 from our networks. Yet more work is needed to thoroughly
193 address these threats.

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194 Vulnerability in consumer equipment, such as routers and
195 drones, could be exploited by adversaries to spy on the
196 public. That is why I am pleased that we are marking up
197 Chairman Latta's ROUTERS Act, which will _ would direct the
198 National Telecommunications and Information Administration to
199 study what consumer routers and modems pose security risk.

200 We are also considering legislation from Ms. Stefanik to
201 add the drone manufacturer DJI, which also has ties to the
202 CCP, to the Federal Communications Commission's covered list,
203 which would prevent these drones from operating in the United
204 States.

205 We should also know when CCP-influenced companies have
206 communications licenses and equipment authorizations in the
207 United States, which is why today we are considering H.R.
208 2864. This transparency is important to understanding which
209 adversaries are present in our communications networks, as
210 well as the threat they pose.

211 Finally, we are marking up Ms. Matsui's FUTURE Networks
212 Act, which would direct the FCC to establish a 6G task force
213 to develop a report on sixth-generation wireless technology.
214 Carriers are deploying 5G across the country, and we must

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215 look to the future and make sure we are leading the
216 development of these emerging technologies. This task force
217 will ensure that the U.S., both industry and government, are
218 doing what is needed to cement our leadership in 6G and win
219 the future.

220 The United States faces exceedingly complex threats from
221 China and other adversaries that require a comprehensive and
222 coordinated response. This response must include efforts to
223 secure critical supply chains, protect our allies, strengthen
224 cybersecurity defenses, and engage in strategic competition
225 with China in key technologies. Failure to address these
226 challenges not only jeopardizes our economic competitiveness
227 and national security, but also risks ceding ground to an
228 adversarial power intent on reshaping the global order in its
229 favor. That is why I am proud of the impressive bills on
230 today's agenda which address these issues and continue the
231 bipartisan tradition of the E&C Committee.

232 I want to thank the sponsors and the staff for their
233 hard work, and I look forward to moving these bills to full
234 committee.

235 Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

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236 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The gentlelady yields back, and
237 the chair now recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey, the
238 ranking member of the full committee, for five minutes for an
239 opening statement.

240 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Chairman Latta.

241 Today the subcommittee will consider four bills, many of
242 which are bipartisan, to protect Americans and our vital
243 communications networks from foreign adversaries and bad
244 actors.

245 Our communication networks play an essential role across
246 almost every sector of our economy and touch many parts of
247 American's daily lives. Robust networks allow Americans to
248 have easier access to doctors, teachers, and job
249 opportunities. They are also vital to our nation's critical
250 infrastructure, public safety systems, supply chains, and
251 government functions. As technology advances, the role they
252 play will only become greater.

253 But this growing reach has made our communications
254 networks and the devices that run on them targets that face
255 constant threats from amateur hackers and adversarial
256 nations. Fortunately, this committee has a robust history of

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257 protecting America's networks from security threats while
258 also allowing our country to remain a global leader in
259 communications technology.

260 So I look forward to continuing this work by advancing
261 the four bills before us today. These bills will protect
262 Americans and our communications networks from threats in our
263 rapidly evolving technological landscape. They will also
264 ensure that the most advanced wireless technologies are
265 designed to be safe and secure.

266 And the bills include H.R. 1513, the FUTURE Networks
267 Act, led by Subcommittee Ranking Member Matsui. This bill
268 will establish a task force at the FCC to study sixth-
269 generation, or 6G, technologies and identify potential supply
270 chain and cybersecurity vulnerabilities. As the next
271 generation of technology is developed, we must understand the
272 potential risks to best protect our networks and strengthen
273 the technology's design.

274 And finally, as we discuss the importance of securing
275 our communications networks, it is also critical that we
276 continue to ensure all Americans have access to high-speed,
277 reliable, and affordable Internet service. Closing the

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278 digital divide is essential because broadband is no longer a
279 luxury, but a necessity. Internet connectivity is needed so
280 everyone gets a fair chance to connect to the Internet and
281 participate in today's economy. Eliminating the gaps will
282 ensure that all communities can grow their economies for the
283 future, and will allow us to continue to lead the world in
284 technological innovation.

285 With the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, committee
286 Democrats made historic investments in programs that will
287 help close the digital divide and connect every American to
288 modern opportunities and prosperity. Unfortunately, the
289 Affordable Connectivity Program is in danger of running out
290 of funding within the next couple of months. This program
291 has been a game changer, helping more than 23 million
292 American households across every state and every
293 congressional district bring affordable Internet access to
294 their homes. Without congressional action, these families
295 will lose access to education and economic opportunities,
296 modern health care, and a lot more.

297 So I am ready to work with my Republican colleagues to
298 pass Representative Clarke's bipartisan Affordable

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299 Connectivity Program Extension Act to extend funding for this
300 program. We must act quickly to pass this legislation so we
301 can keep our constituents and all American families
302 connected.

303 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of
304 my time.

305 *Mr. Latta. Well, thank you very much. The gentleman
306 yields back the balance of his time.

307 The chair reminds members that, pursuant to committee
308 rules, all members' opening statements will be made part of
309 the record.

310 Are there any further opening statements?

311 Seeing none, the chair calls up H.R. 2864, and asks the
312 clerk to report.

313 *The Clerk. H.R. 2864, a bill to amend the Secure and
314 Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to provide for
315 the addition _

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

319 So ordered.

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322 [The bill follows:]

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324 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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326 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?

327 Are there any bipartisan amendments?

328 Are there any other amendments?

329 For what purpose does the gentleman from Texas's 11th
330 district seek recognition?

331 *Mr. Pfluger. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment in the
332 nature of a substitute at the desk.

333 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The clerk will report the
334 amendment.

335 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
336 H.R. 2864, offered by Mr. Pfluger of Texas. Strike all after
337 the enacting clause, and insert _

338 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very _ without objection, the
339 reading of the amendment is dispensed with.

340 [The amendment of Mr. Pfluger follows:]

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342 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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344 *Mr. Latta. And the gentleman from Texas's 11th
345 district is recognized for five minutes in support of the
346 amendment.

347 *Mr. Pfluger. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I will keep
348 this very brief.

349 Drones from CCP-aligned companies are a serious threat,
350 and these drones can collect a significant amount of data and
351 images as they fly over. Like all CCP organizations, DJI is
352 subject to China's National Intelligence Laws, which requires
353 companies to support, assist, and cooperate with national
354 intelligence efforts. If requested, DJI would be forced to
355 turn over any American data they collect. That is why we
356 must prevent the FCC from authorizing these drones from
357 operating inside the United States.

358 Removing these drones is essential for our national
359 security, and I am proud to support this legislation. And my
360 amendment is very simple. It ensures that we are
361 comprehensive in banning all technology produced by DJI,
362 including software. Any technology produced by our
363 adversaries is a vulnerability, so we need to ensure that we
364 address the entire threat.

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365 I urge my colleagues to support this amendment. It has
366 bipartisan support and support from the sponsors.

367 And I yield back.

368 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

369 The gentleman yields back. Is there any further
370 discussion on the amendment?

371 Seeing none, if there is no further discussion on the
372 amendment, the vote occurs on the amendment.

373 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

374 All those opposed, nay.

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

376 Is there any further discussion on the amended bill?

377 Seeing none, does the ranking member ask for a recorded
378 vote?

379 Okay, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R. 2864,
380 as amended, to the full committee.

381 All those in favor, say aye.

382 Those opposed, nay.

383 The ayes have it. The bill is agreed to.

384 [Pause.]

385 *Mr. Latta. A recorded vote is requested, I heard?

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386 Oh, I thought _ oh, no? Okay.

387 [Pause.]

388 *Mr. Latta. A recorded vote is requested. The clerk
389 will take the roll.

390 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

391 [No response.]

392 *The Clerk. Walberg?

393 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

394 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

395 Carter?

396 [No response.]

397 *The Clerk. Dunn?

398 [No response.]

399 *The Clerk. Curtis?

400 [No response.]

401 *The Clerk. Joyce?

402 *Dr. Joyce. Aye.

403 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.

404 Weber?

405 *Mr. Weber. Yes.

406 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.

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407 Allen?
408 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
409 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
410 Balderson?
411 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
412 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
413 Fulcher?
414 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
415 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
416 Pfluger?
417 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
418 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
419 Harshbarger?
420 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
421 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
422 Cammack?
423 [No response.]
424 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
425 [No response.]
426 *The Clerk. Chair Latta?
427 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

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428 *The Clerk. Chair Latta votes aye.

429 Matsui?

430 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

431 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

432 Clarke?

433 [No response.]

434 *The Clerk. Veasey?

435 [No response.]

436 *The Clerk. Soto?

437 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

438 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.

439 Eshoo?

440 [No response.]

441 *The Clerk. Cardenas?

442 [No response.]

443 *The Clerk. Craig?

444 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

445 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.

446 Fletcher?

447 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

448 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

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449 Dingell?
450 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
451 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
452 Kuster?
453 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
454 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
455 Kelly?
456 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
457 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
458 Pallone?
459 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
460 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
461 Chair Rodgers?
462 *The Chair. Aye.
463 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.
464 *Mr. Carter. How is Carter recorded?
465 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter is not recorded.
466 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
467 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
468 *Mr. Bilirakis. How is Bilirakis _
469 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis is not recorded.

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470 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

471 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

472 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to be
473 recorded?

474 [Pause.]

475 *Mr. Veasey. How is _

476 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey is not recorded.

477 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

478 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

479 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to be
480 recorded?

481 Seeing none, the clerk will report the result.

482 [Pause.]

483 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote there were 21
484 ayes and 0 noes.

485 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The ayes have it, and the bill
486 is agreed to, and will be forwarded on to the full committee.

487 The chair now calls up H.R. 820, and asks the clerk to
488 report.

489 *The Clerk. H.R. 820, a bill to direct the Federal
490 Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that

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491 hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of
492 authority _

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

496 So ordered.

497 [The bill follows:]

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499 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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501 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?
502 Are there any bipartisan amendments?
503 The gentleman from Georgia has an amendment at the desk.
504 The clerk will report.

505 *The Clerk. An amendment in the nature of a substitute
506 to H.R. 820, offered by Mr. Allen of Georgia. Strike all
507 after the enacting clause, and insert _

508 *Mr. Latta. Without objection, the reading of the
509 amendment is dispensed with.

510 [The amendment of Mr. Allen follows:]

511

512 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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514 *Mr. Latta. And the gentleman from Georgia's 12th
515 district is recognized for 5 minutes in support of his
516 amendment.

517 *Mr. Allen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an
518 amendment in the nature of a substitute of H.R. 820, the
519 Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act.

520 Mr. Chairman, this is a very important bill. We have
521 adversaries that are committed to overtaking our economic
522 leadership, which threaten our national security. Some have
523 licenses and different authorizations from the Federal
524 Communications Commission, which they can use to broadcast
525 their propaganda, interfere with our communication networks,
526 or even spy on Americans. We need to know which foreign
527 adversaries have these licenses and authorizations, which is
528 why I am proud to support this legislation from Ms. Stefanik
529 that would require the FCC to publish a list of these
530 countries.

531 My amendment would incorporate technical assistance from
532 the FCC and others to ensure that this bill can be
533 implemented according to its intent. I urge my colleagues to
534 support this amendment. It has the support from both the

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535 majority and the minority, as well as the sponsors of the
536 legislation.

537 And with that, I yield back.

538 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much.

539 The gentleman yields back. Is there any further
540 discussion on the amendment?

541 Hearing none, if there is no further discussion on the
542 amendment, the vote occurs on the amendment.

543 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

544 All those opposed, nay.

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

546 Is there any further discussion on the bill, as amended?

547 Hearing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
548 820 to the full committee, and a request is for a recorded
549 vote. The clerk will take the roll.

550 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

551 [No response.]

552 *The Clerk. Walberg?

553 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

554 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

555 Carter?

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556 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
557 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
558 Dunn?
559 [No response.]
560 *The Clerk. Curtis?
561 [No response.]
562 *The Clerk. Joyce?
563 *Dr. Joyce. Aye.
564 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
565 Weber?
566 *Mr. Weber. Yes.
567 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
568 Allen?
569 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
570 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
571 Balderson?
572 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
573 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
574 Fulcher?
575 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
576 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.

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577 Pfluger?
578 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
579 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
580 Harshbarger?
581 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
582 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
583 Cammack?
584 [No response.]
585 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
586 [No response.]
587 *The Clerk. Chair Latta?
588 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
589 *The Clerk. Chair Latta votes aye.
590 Matsui?
591 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
592 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
593 Clarke?
594 [No response.]
595 *The Clerk. Veasey?
596 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
597 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

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598 Soto?
599 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
600 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
601 Eshoo?
602 [No response.]
603 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
604 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.
605 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.
606 Craig?
607 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
608 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
609 Fletcher?
610 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
611 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
612 Dingell?
613 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
614 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
615 Kuster?
616 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
617 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
618 Kelly?

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619 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

620 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

621 Pallone?

622 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

623 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

624 Chair Rodgers?

625 *The Chair. Aye.

626 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

627 *Mr. Latta. Are there any members wishing to have their
628 vote recorded?

629 The gentleman from Florida.

630 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.

631 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

632 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to be
633 recorded?

634 Hearing none, the clerk will report the result.

635 [Pause.]

636 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote there were 22
637 ayes and 0 noes.

638 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The bill, as amended, is agreed
639 to, and will be reported to the full committee.

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640 And the chair now calls up H.R. 1513, and asks the clerk
641 to report.

642 *The Clerk. H.R. 1513, a bill to direct the Federal
643 Communications Commission to establish a task force to be
644 known as the Sixth G Task _

645 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

646 Without objection, the first reading of the bill is
647 dispensed with, and the bill will be open for amendment at
648 any point.

649 So ordered.

650 [The bill follows:]

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652 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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654 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?
655 For what purpose does the gentlelady, the ranking member
656 of the subcommittee, seek recognition?

657 *Ms. Matsui. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
658 word.

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

661 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I said in my
662 opening statement, the race to 6G isn't just about faster
663 phones. It is about national security, the economy, and
664 America's standing on the international stage. If we lead,
665 this global technology will be based on our values:
666 democracy, open markets, and transparency. But if we fall
667 behind, America's foreign adversaries will have a new venue
668 to expand their reach. That means less openness and more
669 top-down control.

670 More and more, this fight is being fought in global
671 standard-setting bodies that write the rules of the road for
672 6G. These entities decide which technologies will be adopted
673 and given the global scale needed to succeed. I am concerned
674 that other countries appreciate these stakes and are taking

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675 action. If the United States doesn't get off the sidelines,
676 we could very well lose this race.

677 That is why I am so glad to see this bipartisan bill
678 moving forward today. It will ensure our brightest minds in
679 industry, government, and academia are advising the U.S. on
680 the strategically vital development of 6G. By convening a 6G
681 task force, I am confident we will be in a better position to
682 leverage America's strengths to our advantage. That means
683 encouraging competition, not trying to stifle it; demanding
684 transparency and the free flow of information. Because if we
685 wait, China, Russia and others will be more than happy to
686 fill the void.

687 So Mr. Chairman, I hope _ I am hopeful that the full
688 Energy and Commerce Committee can report this bill to the
689 floor soon. And with that I yield back the balance of my
690 time _

691 *Mr. Cardenas. Will the gentlelady yield?

692 *Ms. Matsui. Yes.

693 *Mr. Cardenas. Over here on this side.

694 *Ms. Matsui. Oh, I will certainly yield to the chairman
695 _ I mean to _

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696 *Mr. Cardenas. Thank you.

697 *Ms. Matsui. _ Mr. Cardenas.

698 *Mr. Cardenas. Thank you for carrying this bill, and I
699 agree with your words.

700 I just wanted to point out there is some wonderful kids
701 sitting in the back row here, watching this hearing. And I
702 _ what I would like to ask of them is if you young people,
703 when you go back to wherever part of the country you came to
704 visit _ welcome to your capital, by the way _ can you please
705 tell them we were in a committee hearing, and we couldn't
706 tell the difference between the Republicans and the Democrats
707 because they were all in agreement? Please, please share
708 that fact. Thank you very much.

709 [Laughter.]

710 *Mr. Cardenas. I yield back.

711 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you, I yield back.

712 *Mr. Latta. Okay, the gentlelady yields back. Is there
713 anyone else seeking recognition on the bill?

714 Oh, for what purpose does the gentlelady from Michigan
715 seek recognition?

716 *Mrs. Dingell. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last

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717 word.

718 *Mr. Latta. The lady is recognized to strike the last
719 word for five minutes.

720 *Mrs. Dingell. As a co-chair of the congressional 5G
721 and Beyond Caucus, it is imperative that we take decisive
722 action to lead in setting wireless standards and promoting
723 the adoption of advanced wireless technologies, both at home
724 and abroad.

725 Ranking Member Matsui's Future Uses of Technology
726 Upholding Reliable and Enhancing Networks Act, or FUTURE
727 Networks Act, will establish a 6G task force, which is a
728 crucial step in competing against China, securing our supply
729 chains, and facilitating the deployment of wireless services
730 in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

731 This legislation is also necessary to ensure American
732 leadership in advanced wireless technologies. By directing
733 the FCC to convene a 6G task force made up of public and
734 private-sector stakeholders, this legislation recognizes the
735 role wireless technology plays in connecting our communities,
736 driving economic growth, bolstering national security, and
737 fostering innovation. With China vying for dominance in the

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738 telecommunications sector _ and we will never cede our
739 leadership _ we must continue to look towards the future to
740 maintain our leadership position.

741 Additionally, I am hopeful this 6G task force will
742 explore key aspects of deploying this technology. Laying the
743 groundwork now will enhance cybersecurity measures, which we
744 need, and better protect American interests in an
745 increasingly interconnected world.

746 The United States is a worldwide leader in innovative
747 wireless technologies, and we must take proactive efforts to
748 keep our competitive edge. We must stay ahead of the curve
749 and ensure that our networks remain at the forefront of
750 global innovation. Supporting 6G wireless technology will
751 help ensure we continue to lead in this development, and that
752 is why I am proud to support the FUTURE Networks Act.

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

754 *Mr. Latta. Thank you. The gentlelady _ do you claim
755 the lady's time, or are you _ okay.

756 Does anyone else seek recognition on the bill?

757 The gentleman from Florida is recognized for five
758 minutes to strike the last word.

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759 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, Chairman.

760 On April 3, 2019 we had the countrywide rollout of 5G.
761 And when you think about that date, it was just less than a
762 year later that we faced the biggest pandemic in 100 years.
763 Think about how having 5G ready helped us prepare as we were
764 using our cell phones to help with health care, with Zoom
765 calls, with business, with education. And we rolled it out
766 in a way that was safe for our airlines and airports like
767 Orlando International Airport.

768 And so I am excited to be able to vote for the FUTURE
769 Networks Act to help us get to 6G. And this FCC task force
770 will be absolutely critical. When you look at the kind of
771 power it is going to take to utilize artificial intelligence,
772 streaming, telemedicine, and other technologies on our cell
773 phone, it is going to be absolutely critical that we get to
774 6G sooner, rather than later.

775 And it is important for private-sector folks to come
776 together _ industry experts, members of the public, along
777 with the FCC _ to come up with rules of the road. We lead
778 the free world. We need to lead the communications of the
779 free world, including with 6G. And so this is critical that

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780 we are proactive.

781 Other bills on the agenda today are going to help
782 protect Americans and maintain our competitive edge against
783 economic rivals like China. We don't know what the future
784 will bring. Hopefully, not another pandemic on the horizon.
785 But there are challenges both known and unknown ahead. And
786 so getting 6G in order and ready for the challenges of the
787 future are absolutely critical. And I applaud Representative
788 Matsui on this great bill today.

789 And I yield back.

790 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

791 The gentleman yields back. Are there any other members
792 wishing _ that seek recognition on the bill?

793 Are there any bipartisan amendments?

794 Are there any other amendments?

795 Seeing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
796 1513 to the full committee, and requested _ a roll call vote
797 _ a recorded vote is requested. The clerk will take the
798 roll.

799 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?

800 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes yes.

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801 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.

802 Walberg?

803 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.

804 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.

805 Carter?

806 *Mr. Carter. Aye.

807 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.

808 Dunn?

809 [No response.]

810 *The Clerk. Curtis?

811 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.

812 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.

813 Joyce?

814 *Dr. Joyce. Aye.

815 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.

816 Weber?

817 *Mr. Weber. Yes.

818 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.

819 Allen?

820 *Mr. Allen. Aye.

821 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.

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822 Balderson?
823 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
824 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
825 Fulcher?
826 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
827 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
828 Pfluger?
829 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
830 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
831 Harshbarger?
832 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
833 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
834 Cammack?
835 [No response.]
836 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
837 [No response.]
838 *The Clerk. Chair Latta?
839 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
840 *The Clerk. Chair Latta votes aye.
841 Matsui?
842 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

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843 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.

844 Clarke?

845 [No response.]

846 *The Clerk. Veasey?

847 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

848 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.

849 Soto?

850 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

851 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.

852 Eshoo?

853 [No response.]

854 *The Clerk. Cardenas?

855 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

856 *The Clerk. Cardenas votes aye.

857 Craig?

858 *Ms. Craig. Aye.

859 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.

860 Fletcher?

861 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

862 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.

863 Dingell?

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864 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

865 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.

866 Kuster?

867 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.

868 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.

869 Kelly?

870 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

871 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.

872 Pallone?

873 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

874 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.

875 Chair Rodgers?

876 *The Chair. Aye.

877 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

878 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to have

879 their vote recorded?

880 Seeing none, the clerk will take the roll.

881 [Pause.]

882 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote there were 23

883 ayes and 0 noes.

884 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much. The ayes have it, and

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885 the bill is agreed to.

886 The chair calls up H.R. 7589, and asks the clerk to
887 report.

888 *The Clerk. H.R. 7589, a bill to direct the Secretary
889 of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of
890 Commerce for Communications and Information _

891 *Mr. Latta. Thank you.

892 Without objection, the first reading of the bill is
893 dispensed with, and the bill will be open for amendment at
894 any time.

895 So ordered.

896 [The bill follows:]

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898 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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900 *Mr. Latta. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?
901 Are there any bipartisan amendments on the bill?
902 Are there any other amendments?
903 Seeing none, the question now occurs on forwarding H.R.
904 7589 to the full committee. A recorded vote is requested.
905 The clerk will take the roll.
906 *The Clerk. Bilirakis?
907 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.
908 *The Clerk. Bilirakis votes aye.
909 Walberg?
910 *Mr. Walberg. Aye.
911 *The Clerk. Walberg votes aye.
912 Carter?
913 *Mr. Carter. Aye.
914 *The Clerk. Carter votes aye.
915 Dunn?
916 [No response.]
917 *The Clerk. Curtis?
918 *Mr. Curtis. Aye.
919 *The Clerk. Curtis votes aye.
920 Joyce?

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921 *Dr. Joyce. Aye.
922 *The Clerk. Joyce votes aye.
923 Weber?
924 *Mr. Weber. Yes.
925 *The Clerk. Weber votes aye.
926 Allen?
927 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
928 *The Clerk. Allen votes aye.
929 Balderson?
930 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
931 *The Clerk. Balderson votes aye.
932 Fulcher?
933 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher is aye.
934 *The Clerk. Fulcher votes aye.
935 Pfluger?
936 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
937 *The Clerk. Pfluger votes aye.
938 Harshbarger?
939 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
940 *The Clerk. Harshbarger votes aye.
941 Cammack?

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942 [No response.]
943 *The Clerk. Obernolte?
944 [No response.]
945 *The Clerk. Chair Latta?
946 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
947 *The Clerk. Chair Latta votes aye.
948 Matsui?
949 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
950 *The Clerk. Matsui votes aye.
951 Clarke?
952 [No response.]
953 *The Clerk. Veasey?
954 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
955 *The Clerk. Veasey votes aye.
956 Soto?
957 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
958 *The Clerk. Soto votes aye.
959 Eshoo?
960 [No response.]
961 *The Clerk. Cardenas?
962 [No response.]

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963 *The Clerk. Craig?
964 *Ms. Craig. Aye.
965 *The Clerk. Craig votes aye.
966 Fletcher?
967 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
968 *The Clerk. Fletcher votes aye.
969 Dingell?
970 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
971 *The Clerk. Dingell votes aye.
972 Kuster?
973 *Ms. Kuster. Aye.
974 *The Clerk. Kuster votes aye.
975 Kelly?
976 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
977 *The Clerk. Kelly votes aye.
978 Pallone?
979 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
980 *The Clerk. Pallone votes aye.
981 Chair Rodgers?
982 *The Chair. Aye.
983 *The Clerk. Chair Rodgers votes aye.

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984 *Mr. Latta. How is the gentleman from California
985 recorded?

986 *The Clerk. Mr. Cardenas _

987 *Mr. Cardenas. Aye.

988 *The Clerk. _ is not recorded.

989 Cardenas votes aye.

990 *Mr. Latta. Are there any other members wishing to
991 record their vote?

992 Hearing none, the clerk will take the roll.

993 *The Clerk. Chair Latta, on that vote there were 23
994 ayes and 0 noes.

995 *Mr. Latta. Thank you very much. The ayes have it, and
996 the bill is agreed to.

997 Without objection, the staff is authorized to make
998 technical and conforming changes to the legislation approved
999 by the subcommittee today.

1000 So ordered.

1001 Without objection, the subcommittee stands adjourned.

1002 [Whereupon, at 3:00 p.m., the subcommittee was
1003 adjourned.]