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6 MARKUP ON H.R. 7386, THE FIRST RESPONDER

7 NETWORK AUTHORITY REAUTHORIZATION ACT

8 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

9 House of Representatives,

10 Subcommittee on Communications and Technology,

11 Committee on Energy and Commerce,

12 Washington, D.C.

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16 The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 2:01 p.m. in
17 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Richard
18 Hudson [chairman of the subcommittee], presiding.

19 Present: Representatives Hudson, Allen, Latta,
20 Griffith, Bilirakis, Carter of Georgia, Dunn, Fulcher,
21 Pfluger, Obernolte, Fry, Goldman, Fedorchak, Guthrie (ex
22 officio); Matsui, Soto, Clarke, Ruiz, Peters, Barragan,
23 Carter of Louisiana, Menendez, Landsman, McClellan, Castor,
24 and Pallone (ex officio).

25 Staff Present: Jessica Donlon, General Counsel; Michael
26 Essington, Chief Counsel; Sydney Greene, Director of Finance
27 and Logistics; Annabelle Huffman, Clerk; Megan Jackson, Staff

28 Director; Noah Jackson, Clerk; Sophie Khanahmadi, Deputy
29 Staff Director; John Lin, Senior Counsel; Sarah Meier,
30 Counsel and Parliamentarian; Joel Miller, Chief Counsel;
31 Lillian Noland, Staff Assistant; Seth Ricketts, Clerk; Dylan
32 Rogers, Professional Staff Member; Chris Sarley, Member
33 Services/Stakeholder Director; Jane Vickers, Press Assistant;
34 Hannah Anton, Minority Policy Analyst; Keegan Cardman,
35 Minority Staff Assistant; Parul Desai, Minority Chief
36 Counsel; Tiffany Guarascio, Minority Staff Director; Jackson
37 Hall, Minority Intern; Perry Hamilton, Minority Member
38 Services and Outreach Manager; Jamie McCoy, Minority FCC
39 Detailee; Elisabeth Mellen, Minority Intern; Dan Miller,
40 Minority Professional Staff Member; Andrew Souvall, Minority
41 Director of Communications, Outreach, and Member Services;
42 Johanna Thomas, Minority Counsel; and Hannah Treger, Minority
43 Staff Assistant.

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45 *Mr. Hudson. Good morning, and welcome to today's --
46 oh, yes, I forgot that one little line: the committee will
47 come to order.

48 [Laughter.]

49 *Mr. Hudson. The chair recognizes himself for an
50 opening statement.

51 Good morning, and welcome to today's subcommittee markup
52 on the First Responder Network Authority Reauthorization Act.
53 I am excited about our progress and taking this next big step
54 toward reauthorizing this important program.

55 Last week we heard from a great panel of witnesses who
56 shared their expertise and experiences with FirstNet, and
57 provided input on how this legislation would improve the
58 network and ensure it operates in the best interest of public
59 safety. We heard directly from NTIA that not only is the
60 FirstNet board protected in statute, but they have no
61 intention of dismantling or casting aside the FirstNet board.
62 It is actually quite the opposite: NTIA relies on the board
63 to provide crucial expertise and direction on the needs of
64 public safety.

65 This legislation not only keeps the board, but
66 strengthens public safety's voice by requiring two additional
67 seats on the board be dedicated to public safety.

68 I want to note this vote today does not signify we are
69 done working on this legislation. We are continuing to

70 gather feedback from public safety groups and stakeholders
71 about certain provisions in the legislation. We will
72 continue to work in a bipartisan fashion, in good faith, and
73 we will continue to work in the coming weeks to ensure that
74 this bill is the best possible version it can be before it
75 reaches the House floor.

76 Reliable communications are absolutely essential for our
77 first responders in emergencies. While a lot has been done
78 to stand up this first-of-its-kind public safety
79 communications network, there is more work to do to ensure
80 the promise of FirstNet is fulfilled.

81 In my home state of North Carolina first responders have
82 shared their frustrations about FirstNet not working in the
83 immediate aftermath of Hurricane Helene. The reforms
84 included in this legislation before us today are intended to
85 ensure that FirstNet delivers a reliable, interoperable
86 communications network to our first responders and the
87 FirstNet authority acts in the best interest of the public
88 safety community it serves.

89 I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle
90 for their continued commitment to this issue and for their
91 work developing this proposal. I look forward to
92 reauthorizing the First Responder Network Authority.

93 I now yield five minutes to my colleague, Ranking Member
94 Matsui, for her opening statement.

95 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I am
96 glad we are moving FirstNet reauthorization forward. Keeping
97 the public safe is one of our most fundamental
98 responsibilities. And FirstNet is a core part of how we
99 deliver on that duty.

100 When lives are on the line, first responders can't
101 afford dropped connections or delayed information; they need
102 priority service and strong coverage, especially when local
103 networks are overloaded or infrastructure is damaged. That
104 is exactly why Congress created FirstNet, a nationwide
105 broadband network built for public safety.

106 This reauthorization takes what is working with FirstNet
107 and makes it strong. We need greater transparency on
108 performance and coverage, and clear accountability to the
109 American people. We must also continue expanding
110 interoperability so agencies can communicate seamlessly across
111 jurisdictions and providers.

112 We are off to a strong start, and now we need to stick
113 the landing. As we look forward ahead to a full committee
114 consideration of this bill, we will keep working with public
115 safety, industry, and other stakeholders to take in feedback
116 and make adjustments where needed. Our goal is
117 straightforward: a stronger FirstNet that earns trust,
118 expands coverage, and delivers reliable connectivity for
119 first responders in every community.

120 Thank you, and I yield back.

121 *Mr. Hudson. Thank you. I now recognize the gentleman
122 from Kentucky, the chairman of the full committee, for his
123 opening statement.

124 *The Chair. Well, thank you, Chairman Hudson, for
125 holding this important markup today. And today we will take
126 the first vote to advance the First Responder Network
127 Reauthorization Act.

128 This legislation will ensure the FirstNet is
129 reauthorized for another 10 years. The bill also makes
130 reforms to improve transparency, accountability, and
131 leadership, but also ensures longevity and continued
132 development of this network as technology evolves.

133 I want to reiterate Chairman Hudson's comments that
134 there is still work to be done on this legislation. We are
135 continuing to hear from public safety groups and other
136 stakeholders about ways to improve certain provisions in this
137 legislation, and we will continue to work with them in good
138 faith to improve the bill.

139 We want to ensure that our first responders have the
140 most reliable communications network when they need it most.
141 Natural disasters like tornadoes and floods that have
142 devastated my great commonwealth in the recent years have
143 disrupted communications networks, cutting people off from
144 resources and information in critical moments. If you are

145 trying to figure out where your family is, it is critical as
146 well. So our work today is meant to ensure that FirstNet
147 delivers a reliable, resilient network for public safety so
148 they can do their jobs in emergency situations.

149 I want to thank the sponsors of this bill,
150 Representatives Dunn and McClellan, for their work and
151 commitment to improving public safety for first responders
152 and all Americans.

153 I know there is more work to be done here, and I look
154 forward to seeing the finished legislation.

155 And Mr. Chairman, I will yield back.

156 *Mr. Hudson. Thank you. I now recognize the gentleman
157 from New Jersey, the ranking member, for his opening
158 statement.

159 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Chairman Hudson.

160 Today the committee is considering bipartisan
161 legislation introduced by Representatives McClellan and Dunn
162 to reauthorize the First Responder Network Authority. We
163 must reauthorize this authority to ensure we are providing
164 first responders with reliable, interoperable communications
165 during emergencies when it matters most. It is critical that
166 we resolve the looming sunset of FirstNet, and I commit to
167 doing all I can to support that effort.

168 Now, at the subcommittee hearing last week on this bill,
169 witnesses stressed how the nationwide public safety broadband

170 network is an essential component of our emergency
171 communications infrastructure. It provides an invaluable
172 service, keeping first responders connected not just when the
173 crisis occurs, but also supports increased connectivity
174 during major events like the Super Bowl or the World Cup
175 finals at the Meadowlands in New Jersey later this year.

176 So much of FirstNet's popularity with public safety
177 users is the fact that the network has been deployed with
178 direct input from public safety leaders who serve on the
179 FirstNet board. Since the early days of planning and
180 standing up the network to expand coverage and upgraded
181 services more recently, the FirstNet board has ensured public
182 safety has multiple seats at the table and a central role in
183 the Authority's activities.

184 It is critically important that we ensure the voices of
185 public safety leaders remain at the table, and that is why I
186 am pleased the legislation today actually improves public
187 safety representation on the board by raising the number of
188 board seats reserved for public safety representatives from
189 three to five.

190 The bill also makes a technical correction to fix the
191 stacking of board terms so that only a portion of seats
192 become vacant at one time. And this should address the issue
193 of brain drain from the board while alleviating the burden of
194 refilling many vacancies at one time.

195 It is also clear, however, that the original
196 classification law, the First Responder Network Authority, as
197 both an independent authority and an authority under the
198 National Telecommunications and Information Administration,
199 has been a source of unnecessary confusion over the years.
200 This unique situation has created structural problems with
201 the FirstNet authority that have, at times, opened the door
202 to poor decision-making and waste without any consequence for
203 those responsible.

204 And the Department of Commerce Office of Inspector
205 General has identified a handful of troubling circumstances
206 and actions that made clear there is not enough oversight of
207 the executive director position under the current structure,
208 which prevents accountability when it is called for. So this
209 bill proposes to eliminate the ambiguity in current law by
210 bringing the FirstNet Authority more formally under the
211 purview of NTIA with the full intention of preserving the
212 autonomy of FirstNet Authority leadership and employees over
213 day-to-day operations, emergency response, strategic
214 planning, and other activities they currently carry out.

215 And I appreciated feedback from witnesses and public
216 safety stakeholders who have recommended that -- more
217 explicitly contemplate the division of roles and
218 responsibilities in the legislation. Those kinds of
219 recommendations and other are highly useful as we move ahead

220 with this process.

221 So I look forward to continuing to work with Chairs
222 Guthrie and Hudson, Ranking Member Matsui, and
223 Representatives McClellan and Dunn to continue to strengthen
224 the bill in order to build broad support in advance of the
225 full committee markup, and I am confident that, with
226 bipartisan cooperation and good-faith participation by
227 members and stakeholders alike, we will reauthorize FirstNet
228 and guarantee first responders do not lose access to this
229 critical service.

230 So thank you again, Mr. Chairman. I yield back the
231 balance of my time.

232 *Mr. Hudson. I thank the gentleman. The chair reminds
233 member that, pursuant to committee rules, all members'
234 opening statements will be made part of the record. Are
235 there any further opening statements?

236 *Mr. Pallone. I called Anna.

237 *Mr. Hudson. Mr. -- the gentleman from Florida, Mr.
238 Dunn, is recognized for his opening statement.

239 *Dr. Dunn. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

240 *Mr. Hudson. The gentleman is recognized for five
241 minutes.

242 *Dr. Dunn. A little early?

243 *Mr. Hudson. Three minutes. Three minutes.

244 *Dr. Dunn. I urge support for our bipartisan bill, the

245 First Responder Network Authority Reauthorization Act, and I
246 thank Representative McClellan for co-leading it with me.

247 As America nears its 25th anniversary of 9/11, it is
248 clear we have to fulfill our duty to reauthorize our most
249 important communications network, and I applaud the committee
250 chairman, Hudson, Chairman Guthrie, and the ranking member,
251 and, of course, my co-lead, Representative McClellan.

252 Last week we held a legislative hearing where we heard
253 from Sheriff Adkinson of Walton County, Florida, NTIA, and
254 AT&T for the need to reauthorize the program. Like I stated
255 last week, when Congress created the First Responder Network
256 Authority there was a clear mandate to have a public safety
257 preemptive network that would be used exclusively for first
258 responders on the ground.

259 Our nation's heroes and public servants alike who are
260 the first to respond, first people to put their lives on the
261 line, deserve a robust communications system. There was a
262 very mandate to give our local communities the resources they
263 need to respond to tragedies. Since 2017, when this was
264 first awarded, this has been a tremendous success story.
265 This public-private partnership has flourished and created
266 new markets to strong competition.

267 We have also learned lessons that our job as oversight
268 of the program is critical. This includes contract
269 transparency and maintaining accountability at all levels.

270 FirstNet is imperative to Florida's panhandle before and
271 after and during a disaster, and we know all too well the
272 effects. My district has been hit by four major hurricanes
273 in the past 8 years, most recently Helene and most
274 devastatingly Hurricane Michael, which we are still
275 rebuilding from in 2018.

276 As we continue to fine-tune this legislation, I must
277 acknowledge it is a work in progress. I am confident that
278 through our conversations with stakeholders and members of
279 this committee we will achieve success.

280 We must ensure that members of the board of FirstNet
281 from our public safety communication have the authority to
282 make crucial decisions for the integrity and continuity of
283 the program, and I look forward to finalizing these
284 discussions and ultimately passing a bill that everyone can
285 support.

286 I thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

287 *Mr. Hudson. I thank the gentleman. Are there any
288 further opening statements?

289 Seeing not, the chair calls up H.R. 7386 and asks the
290 clerk to report.

291 *The Clerk. H.R. 7386, a bill to amend the --

292 *Mr. Hudson. Without objection, the first reading of
293 the bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
294 amendment at any point.

295 So ordered.

296 [The bill follows:]

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298 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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300 *Mr. Hudson. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
301 bill?

302 The chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida for five
303 minutes.

304 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, Chairman.

305 *Mr. Hudson. Five minutes. Sorry. Let me get my act
306 together here. Five minutes to speak on the bill. You are
307 recognized.

308 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, Chairman.

309 During hurricanes, fires, even deep freezes like we
310 recently had in central Florida, reliable communication is
311 critical for our brave first responders to save lives.

312 After 9/11, with the terrorist attacks that hit both New
313 York and D.C., Congress stepped up, creating FirstNet with
314 spectrum sale proceeds. There was an audacious goal: making
315 sure every community, no matter how rural or urban or in
316 between, gets access to dependable communications for their
317 emergencies. Every American deserves that protection.

318 I contacted several central Florida agencies, and we saw
319 there are several that use FirstNet currently: Orange County
320 Sheriff's Department; Osceola County Emergency Management
321 Department; the City of Kissimmee; St. Cloud; Osceola
322 Sheriff's Department; as well as Polk Fire. And we got some
323 great feedback from our local folks. Captain Brandon Reagan
324 from Sheriff Mina's office in Orange County said currently

325 nearly half of our cellular devices operate on the FirstNet
326 network.

327 While all major cellular carriers provide some level of
328 preemption during emergencies for designated customers,
329 FirstNet is specifically designed to prioritize first
330 responders during disaster situations. We heard in Osceola
331 from our emergency management director, Bill Litton: "Yes,
332 emergency management uses FirstNet for our cell phone
333 providers. We have had good experience with the service and
334 the resources for FirstNet," so they can provide county pre
335 and post-disaster communications. He went on to talk about
336 the reliability, and how two new towers were added.

337 And then Polk County Fire also has said that the
338 transition has been smooth and their cell service is reliable
339 through the county. Particularly in Osceola and Polk we have
340 a lot of rural areas.

341 We also heard back in the committee from Sheriff
342 Adkinson from up in the panhandle. Especially during
343 Hurricane Michael, which went from cat 1 to a cat 5 hurricane
344 in 1 day -- I know Dr. Dunn remembers that terrible storm
345 hitting his district, and it was amazing to hear how the
346 communications stood up early on, when everything else
347 failed. He did have other advice for us that I would
348 encourage us to consider, which is making sure we are
349 empowering the independent commission which is made up of

350 mostly first responders, to make sure public safety is the
351 first concern. That would be consistent with Congress's
352 intent on this. Staggered terms, five seats, three years per
353 term, and authority to make certain decisions, to make sure
354 that public safety is first.

355 Lastly, I was encouraged by the investments we see so
356 far: 14 billion so far, with 40 billion more to go in
357 private-sector investments.

358 The last thing that is critical is redundancy, making
359 sure that in the rare instances where our cellular fails,
360 that we have backups with satellite communications, as well.
361 And we heard about the progress on that.

362 For that and more, I am excited to be able to support
363 this authorization, and hope we will take up some of the
364 other recommendations from our amazing witnesses as we get to
365 the full committee.

366 And I yield back.

367 *Mr. Hudson. I thank the gentleman. Is there any
368 further discussion on the bill?

369 For what purpose does the gentleman of Texas seek to be
370 recognized?

371 *Mr. Goldman. To speak in favor of the bill, Mr.
372 Chairman.

373 *Mr. Hudson. The gentleman is recognized for five
374 minutes.

375 *Mr. Goldman. Thank you for the five minutes; I will
376 take three minutes, Mr. Chairman.

377 In my district FirstNet is not some abstract policy, it
378 is a daily necessity. Local first responders rely on
379 FirstNet every day to maintain secure, reliable communication
380 during emergencies, natural disasters, and major incidents.

381 In Tarrant County, FirstNet also plays an important role
382 in supporting the district attorney's office by ensuring
383 smooth coordination with law enforcement and public safety
384 partners, particularly during high-risk operations and large-
385 scale investigations.

386 I also want to recognize the strong role of the private
387 sector, partnering -- supporting FirstNet in our region.
388 Their ongoing investment, local engagement, and commitment to
389 safety, to public safety, have made a meaningful difference
390 for first responders and the broader community in north
391 Texas.

392 The reliability that FirstNet provides directly enhances
393 public safety outcomes in my district, and I appreciate the
394 continued focus on strengthening and sustaining this network
395 for those who protect our communities. I look forward to
396 supporting this bill for everyone back home in my district,
397 and I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

398 *Mr. Hudson. Thank you. Is there any further
399 discussion on the bill?

400 For what purpose does the gentleman from California seek
401 recognition?

402 *Dr. Ruiz. I move to strike the last word.

403 *Mr. Hudson. The gentleman is recognized for five
404 minutes to speak on the bill.

405 *Dr. Ruiz. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

406 As you all know, I am an emergency physician, but I am
407 also a disaster aid specialist. And when there is disaster
408 like 9/11 or a form of natural disaster where people are
409 frantically calling their families to reassure that they are
410 okay, it has been difficult for first responders to break
411 through. And that is why this FirstNet was created in the
412 first place, is to give first responders a critical access in
413 communication that will save lives. And I have seen it in my
414 practice, I have seen it in -- even in disaster locations
415 like in Haiti.

416 When people and health providers and first responders
417 cannot communicate effectively, then people die. It just
418 takes longer for them to get the care that they need.

419 In the 25th district of California, where I live and
420 represent and grew up, we also have our natural disasters.
421 We have extreme heat with a lot of dust, we have had some
422 100-year storms that have taken down power lines, we have
423 problems with our communications systems, reduced visibility,
424 damaging critical equipment, stretching response times to the

425 breaking point with these dust storms.

426 First responders in these areas operate far from major
427 infrastructures during wildfires, dust storms, power shut-
428 offs, and prolonged extreme heat. For them, reliable
429 emergency communications are not a convenience; they are
430 lifesaving. And that is why reauthorizing the First
431 Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet, is so critical.
432 FirstNet ensures that when everything else fails, first
433 responders can still communicate. It is no longer an
434 experiment; it is essential national infrastructure that must
435 be maintained, monitored, and strengthened.

436 Just six days ago we sat in this room and discussed the
437 importance of this bill, and your commitment to advancing it,
438 and I appreciate that it reauthorizes FirstNet through 2037,
439 providing long-term stability while prioritizing reliability,
440 transparency, and equity.

441 The bill addresses real operational challenges. It
442 requires regular business continuity in disaster recovery
443 plans, crucial because failure during emergencies put lives
444 at risk.

445 It ensures FirstNet can recover quickly and serve rural
446 and tribal communities like those in my district just as
447 effectively as urban areas.

448 It also gives first responders timely, accurate
449 information through improved outage notification and status

450 tools, allowing them to make lifesaving decisions in real
451 time.

452 And finally, the bill addresses a critical gap. Rural
453 areas and tribal nations often face the greatest risk with
454 the fewest resources. Adoption gaps and cost barriers
455 threaten interoperability. Annual reporting by geography is
456 critical, and we cannot fix inequities that we cannot
457 measure.

458 This legislation recognizes that reliability,
459 transparency, and accessibility must work together, and first
460 responders must be able to communicate when it matters most.
461 That ability is essential to saving lives and keeping
462 communities safe.

463 I yield back.

464 *Mr. Hudson. I thank the gentleman. Is there any
465 further discussion on the bill?

466 For what purpose does the gentlelady from Virginia seek
467 recognition?

468 *Ms. McClellan. Speaking to the bill.

469 *Mr. Hudson. The gentlelady is recognized for five
470 minutes.

471 *Ms. McClellan. Thank you, Chairman Hudson and Ranking
472 Member Matsui, for prioritizing this subcommittee's work to
473 reauthorize the First Responder Network Authority, and your
474 leadership in advancing this important discussion.

475 FirstNet remains a cornerstone of our nation's public
476 safety communications infrastructure. Born out of the
477 lessons of the September 11 tragedy, it was designed to
478 ensure that first responders, no matter where they serve,
479 have access to a reliable, interoperable, and resilient
480 communications network during our most critical moments.

481 As natural disasters, extreme weather events, and other
482 emergencies become more frequent and complex, that mission is
483 more important than ever. This legislation takes an
484 important bipartisan step to ensure that our public safety
485 community is well equipped and prepared to meet the current
486 and evolving emergency landscape. It does so by
487 reauthorizing FirstNet for the long term, providing certainty
488 and stability for the public safety users who rely on the
489 network every day.

490 At the same time, the bill strengthens oversight,
491 accountability, and transparency at the FirstNet Authority.
492 In particular, it clarifies and reinforces NTIA's oversight
493 of the Authority, improves reporting to Congress, and
494 provides greater visibility into the network and its
495 contractors' performance.

496 These provisions are not intended to disrupt operations,
497 but rather to allow FirstNet to continue operating in a
498 manner that is accountable, responsive, and worthy of the
499 trust placed in it by our first responders.

500 Importantly, this discussion draft preserves the
501 network's operational continuity while ensuring that
502 governance structures keep pace with the scale, importance,
503 and maturity of FirstNet as a nationwide system. Oversight
504 and stability should not be competing goals.

505 It is important to note that this bill is not the
506 finished product. Today's markup represents an important
507 starting point, and I look forward to working closely with
508 Dr. Dunn, the chair and ranking member, and the public safety
509 community so that the final legislation reflects the needs
510 and priorities of the FirstNet Authority, the contractor,
511 commercial partners, and, most importantly, the first
512 responders who depend on this network in life-and-death
513 situations.

514 I appreciate the committee's thoughtful consideration of
515 this legislation and look forward to continuing this
516 bipartisan work as the bill moves forward.

517 And I yield back.

518 *Mr. Hudson. Thank you. Is there any further
519 discussion on the bill?

520 For what purpose does the gentleman from Louisiana seek
521 to be recognized?

522 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. I move to strike the last
523 word, Mr. Chairman.

524 *Mr. Hudson. The gentleman is recognized for five

525 minutes to speak on the bill.

526 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. I strongly support the
527 extension of the FirstNet program, a vital communications
528 resource for our first responders through Representatives
529 McClellan and Dunn's bipartisan legislation, H.R. 7386, the
530 First Responder Network Authority Reauthorization Act.

531 Public safety stakeholders in Louisiana and across the
532 country have called on Congress to reauthorize FirstNet and
533 to protect the program, which is so critical to protecting
534 lives and ensuring effective emergency responses in districts
535 like mine.

536 I proudly represent Louisiana's 2nd congressional
537 district, where New Orleans is a hub for entertainment,
538 festivals, sporting events, and concerts. The walkability of
539 our city, combined with culture, food, and hospitality of New
540 Orleans means that we are responsible for protecting
541 countless mass gatherings throughout the year. In my
542 hometown now we are celebrating Mardi Gras, where undoubtedly
543 our first responders will be able to test every bit of their
544 fiber to ensure that they are keeping people safe, and they
545 have access to safe communications.

546 Louisiana also currently faces the threats from Mother
547 Nature, so we are -- always plan for the threats from
548 hurricanes and floods when considering the security of any
549 mass gathering. Our communities must be well-equipped and

550 prepared to respond when disasters and emergency strike,
551 especially in our rural and underserved communities.

552 I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this very important
553 bill, and ensure our first responders have the tools they
554 need to protect and to serve our communities effectively and
555 efficiently.

556 Mr. Chairman, I yield the balance of my time.

557 *Mr. Hudson. I thank the gentleman. Is there any
558 further discussion on the bill?

559 The question now occurs on adopting H.R. 7386.

560 All those in favor, say aye.

561 Those opposed, no.

562 The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted and forwarded
563 to the full committee.

564 Without objection, staff is authorized to make technical
565 and conforming changes to the legislation approved by the
566 committee today.

567 So ordered.

568 Without objection, the committee stands adjourned.

569 [Whereupon, at 2:27 p.m., the Subcommittee was
570 adjourned.]