Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 5074, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5074

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Mr. McCaul (for himself, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Fitzpatrick, and Mr. Bacon) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “DHS Cyber Incident
5 Response Teams Act of 2018”.

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March 14, 2018 (12:20 p.m.)
SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 227 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(1)(B)(iv), by inserting “, including cybersecurity specialists” after “entities”; 

(2) by redesignating subsections (f) through (m) as subsections (g) through (n), respectively; and 

(3) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection (f):

“(f) CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Center shall maintain cyber hunt and incident response teams for the purpose of providing, as appropriate and upon request, assistance, including the following:

“(A) Assistance to asset owners and operators in restoring services following a cyber incident.

“(B) The identification of cybersecurity risk and unauthorized cyber activity.

“(C) Mitigation strategies to prevent, deter, and protect against cybersecurity risks.

“(D) Recommendations to asset owners and operators for improving overall network and control systems security to lower cybersecurity.
rity risks, and other recommendations, as ap-
propriate.

“(E) Such other capabilities as the Under
Secretary appointed under section 103(a)(1)(H)
determines appropriate.

“(2) CYBERSECURITY SPECIALISTS.—The Sec-
retary may include cybersecurity specialists from the
private sector on cyber hunt and incident response
teams.

“(3) ASSOCIATED METRICS.—The Center shall
continually assess and evaluate the cyber incident re-
response teams and their operations using robust
metrics.

“(4) SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION TO CON-
gress.—Upon the conclusion of each of the first
four fiscal years ending after the date of the enact-
ment of this subsection, the Center shall submit to
the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
of Representatives and the Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs Committee of the Senate, in-
formation on the metrics used for evaluation and as-
ssessment of the cyber incident response teams and
operations pursuant to paragraph (3), including the
resources and staffing of such cyber incident re-

response teams. Such information shall include each of the following for the period covered by the report:

“(A) The total number of incident response requests received.

“(B) The number of incident response tickets opened.

“(C) All interagency staffing of incident response teams.

“(D) The interagency collaborations established to support incident response teams.”; and

(4) in subsection (g), as redesignated by paragraph (2)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, or any team or activity of the Center,” after “Center”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, or any team or activity of the Center,” after “Center”.

(b) **No Additional Funds Authorized.**—No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the requirements of this Act and the amendments made by this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated.