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H. R. 6551

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that security is taken into account in certain efforts related to the interconnectivity of telecommunications networks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Mr. SULLIVAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN CERTAIN TELE-**
4 **COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INTERCONNEC-**
5 **TIVITY EFFORTS.**

6 Section 256 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
7 U.S.C. 256) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “used to provide telecommuni-
2 cations service” each place it appears;

3 (2) by striking “providers of telecommuni-
4 cations service” each place it appears and inserting
5 “providers of telecommunications”;

6 (3) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “;
8 and” and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) to assist in fostering the development of
13 essential information security technologies and capa-
14 bilities for protecting telecommunications networks,
15 including comprehensive protective capabilities and
16 other technological solutions;

17 “(4) to assist in efforts to mitigate supply chain
18 vulnerabilities in telecommunications networks; and

19 “(5) to support nationwide awareness of and
20 outreach efforts to educate the public about—

21 “(A) threats to the security of telecommu-
22 nications networks; and

23 “(B) ways to mitigate such threats.”; and

1 (4) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, includ-
2 ing the security of such networks” before the semi-
3 colon.

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