

this important bill that ensures mothers are accommodated, whether they are traveling to or from large, medium, or small hub airports.

As a father of two daughters and a grandfather of seven granddaughters, I believe it is vitally important that, when traveling, the stress level can be reduced tremendously if these rooms are available.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, thank my colleague, Mrs. MILLER, for introducing this bill. And I thank Chairman DEFAZIO and the subcommittee chairman, Mr. LARSEN, for moving this bill through the process. It is important to families across America.

And, once again, we are seeing bipartisan, commonsense legislation that is important to traveling families. For that reason, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Mrs. FLETCHER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3362, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## SECURE AND TRUSTED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS ACT OF 2019

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4998), to prohibit certain Federal loans, grants, and subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such risks, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4998

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019”.

### SEC. 2. DETERMINATION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES POSING NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS.

(a) PUBLICATION OF COVERED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES LIST.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall publish on its website a list of covered communications equipment or services.

(b) PUBLICATION BY COMMISSION.—The Commission shall place on the list published under subsection (a) any communications equipment or service, if and only if such equipment or service—

(1) is produced or provided by any entity, if, based exclusively on the determinations described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (c), such equipment or service produced or provided by such entity poses an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of United States persons; and

(2) is capable of—

(A) routing or redirecting user data traffic or permitting visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment or service transmits or otherwise handles;

(B) causing the network of a provider of advanced communications service to be disrupted remotely; or

(C) otherwise posing an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of United States persons.

(c) RELIANCE ON CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS.—In taking action under subsection (b)(1), the Commission shall place on the list any communications equipment or service that poses an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of United States persons based solely on one or more of the following determinations:

(1) A specific determination made by any executive branch interagency body with appropriate national security expertise, including the Federal Acquisition Security Council established under section 1322(a) of title 41, United States Code.

(2) A specific determination made by the Department of Commerce pursuant to Executive Order 13873 (84 Fed. Reg. 22689; relating to securing the information and communications technology and services supply chain).

(3) The communications equipment or service being covered telecommunications equipment or services, as defined in section 889(f)(3) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232; 132 Stat. 1918).

(4) A specific determination made by an appropriate national security agency.

(d) UPDATING OF LIST.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall periodically update the list published under subsection (a) to address changes in the determinations described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (c).

(2) MONITORING OF DETERMINATIONS.—The Commission shall monitor the making or reversing of the determinations described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (c) in order to place additional communications equipment or services on the list published under subsection (a) or to remove communications equipment or services from such list. If a determination described in any such paragraph that provided the basis for a determination by the Commission under subsection (b)(1) with respect to any communications equipment or service is reversed, the Commission shall remove such equipment or service from such list, except that the Commission may not remove such equipment or service from such list if any other determination described in any such paragraph provides a basis for inclusion on such list by the Commission under subsection (b)(1) with respect to such equipment or service.

(3) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—For each 12-month period during which the list published under subsection (a) is not updated, the Commission shall notify the public that no updates were necessary during such period to protect national security or to address changes in the determinations described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (c).

### SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL SUBSIDIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) PROHIBITION.—A Federal subsidy that is made available through a program administered by the Commission and that provides funds to be used for the capital expenditures necessary for the provision of advanced communications service may not be used to—

(A) purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise obtain any covered communications equipment or service; or

(B) maintain any covered communications equipment or service previously purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained.

(2) TIMING.—Paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to any covered communications equipment or service beginning on the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Commission places such equipment or service on the list required by section 2(a). In the case of any covered communications equipment or service that is on the initial list published under such section, such equipment or service shall be treated as being placed on the list on the date on which such list is published.

(b) COMPLETION OF PROCEEDING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall adopt a Report and Order to implement subsection (a). If the Commission has, before the date of the enactment of this Act, taken action that in whole or in part implements subsection (a), the Commission is not required to revisit such action, but only to the extent such action is consistent with this section.

### SEC. 4. SECURE AND TRUSTED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall establish a reimbursement program, to be known as the “Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program”, to make reimbursements to providers of advanced communications service to replace covered communications equipment or services.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Commission may not make a reimbursement under the Program to a provider of advanced communications service unless the provider—

(1) has 2,000,000 or fewer customers; and

(2) makes all of the certifications required by subsection (d)(4).

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A recipient of a reimbursement under the Program shall use reimbursement funds solely for the purposes of—

(A) permanently removing covered communications equipment or services purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained before—

(i) in the case of any covered communications equipment or services that are on the initial list published under section 2(a), August 14, 2018; or

(ii) in the case of any covered communications equipment or services that are not on the initial list published under section 2(a), the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Commission places such equipment or services on the list required by such section;

(B) replacing the covered communications equipment or services removed as described in subparagraph (A) with communications equipment or services that are not covered communications equipment or services; and

(C) disposing of the covered communications equipment or services removed as described in subparagraph (A) in accordance with the requirements under subsection (d)(7).

(2) LIMITATIONS.—A recipient of a reimbursement under the Program may not—

(A) use reimbursement funds to remove, replace, or dispose of any covered communications equipment or service purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained on or after—

(i) in the case of any covered communications equipment or service that is on the initial list published under section 2(a), August 14, 2018; or

(ii) in the case of any covered communications equipment or service that is not on the initial list published under section 2(a), the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Commission places such equipment or service on the list required by such section; or

(B) purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise obtain any covered communications equipment or service, using reimbursement funds or any other funds (including funds derived from private sources).

(D) IMPLEMENTATION.—

(1) SUGGESTED REPLACEMENTS.—

(A) DEVELOPMENT OF LIST.—The Commission shall develop a list of suggested replacements of both physical and virtual communications equipment, application and management software, and services or categories of replacements of both physical and virtual communications equipment, application and management software and services.

(B) NEUTRALITY.—The list developed under subparagraph (A) shall be technology neutral and may not advantage the use of reimbursement funds for capital expenditures over operational expenditures, to the extent that the Commission determines that communications services can serve as an adequate substitute for the installation of communications equipment.

(2) APPLICATION PROCESS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall develop an application process and related forms and materials for the Program.

(B) COST ESTIMATE.—

(i) INITIAL ESTIMATE.—The Commission shall require an applicant to provide an initial reimbursement cost estimate at the time of application, with supporting materials substantiating the costs.

(ii) UPDATES.—During and after the application review process, the Commission may require an applicant to—

(I) update the initial reimbursement cost estimate submitted under clause (i); and

(II) submit additional supporting materials substantiating an updated cost estimate submitted under subclause (I).

(C) MITIGATION OF BURDEN.—In developing the application process under this paragraph, the Commission shall take reasonable steps to mitigate the administrative burdens and costs associated with the application process, while taking into account the need to avoid waste, fraud, and abuse in the Program.

(3) APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS.—

(A) DEADLINE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii) and subparagraph (B), the Commission shall approve or deny an application for a reimbursement under the Program not later than 90 days after the date of the submission of the application.

(ii) ADDITIONAL TIME NEEDED BY COMMISSION.—If the Commission determines that, because an excessive number of applications have been filed at one time, the Commission needs additional time for employees of the Commission to process the applications, the Commission may extend the deadline described in clause (i) for not more than 45 days.

(B) OPPORTUNITY FOR APPLICANT TO CURE DEFICIENCY.—If the Commission determines that an application is materially deficient (including by lacking an adequate cost estimate or adequate supporting materials), the Commission shall provide the applicant a 15-day period to cure the defect before denying the application. If such period would extend beyond the deadline under subparagraph (A) for approving or denying the application,

such deadline shall be extended through the end of such period.

(C) EFFECT OF DENIAL.—Denial of an application for a reimbursement under the Program shall not preclude the applicant from resubmitting the application or submitting a new application for a reimbursement under the Program at a later date.

(4) CERTIFICATIONS.—An applicant for a reimbursement under the Program shall, in the application of the applicant, certify to the Commission that—

(A) as of the date of the submission of the application, the applicant—

(i) has developed a plan for—

(I) the permanent removal and replacement of any covered communications equipment or services that are in the communications network of the applicant as of such date; and

(II) the disposal of the equipment or services removed as described in subclause (I) in accordance with the requirements under paragraph (7); and

(ii) has developed a specific timeline (subject to paragraph (6)) for the permanent removal, replacement, and disposal of the covered communications equipment or services identified under clause (i), which timeline shall be submitted to the Commission as part of the application; and

(B) beginning on the date of the approval of the application, the applicant—

(i) will not purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise obtain covered communications equipment or services, using reimbursement funds or any other funds (including funds derived from private sources); and

(ii) in developing and tailoring the risk management practices of the applicant, will consult and consider the standards, guidelines, and best practices set forth in the cybersecurity framework developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

(5) DISTRIBUTION OF REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that reimbursement funds are distributed equitably among all applicants for reimbursements under the Program according to the needs of the applicants, as identified by the applications of the applicants.

(B) NOTIFICATION.—If, at any time during the implementation of the Program, the Commission determines that \$1,000,000,000 will not be sufficient to fully fund all approved applications for reimbursements under the Program, the Commission shall immediately notify—

(i) the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

(ii) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

(6) REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, AND DISPOSAL TERM.—

(A) DEADLINE.—Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), the permanent removal, replacement, and disposal of any covered communications equipment or services identified under paragraph (4)(A)(i) shall be completed not later than 1 year after the date on which the Commission distributes reimbursement funds to the recipient.

(B) GENERAL EXTENSION.—The Commission may grant an extension of the deadline described in subparagraph (A) for 6 months to all recipients of reimbursements under the Program if the Commission—

(i) finds that the supply of replacement communications equipment or services needed by the recipients to achieve the purposes of the Program is inadequate to meet the needs of the recipients; and

(ii) provides notice and a detailed justification for granting the extension to—

(I) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

(II) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(C) INDIVIDUAL EXTENSION.—

(i) PETITION.—A recipient of a reimbursement under the Program may petition the Commission for an extension for such recipient of the deadline described in subparagraph (A) or, if the Commission has granted an extension of such deadline under subparagraph (B), such deadline as so extended.

(ii) GRANT.—The Commission may grant a petition filed under clause (i) by extending, for the recipient that filed the petition, the deadline described in subparagraph (A) or, if the Commission has granted an extension of such deadline under subparagraph (B), such deadline as so extended, for a period of not more than 6 months if the Commission finds that, due to no fault of such recipient, such recipient is unable to complete the permanent removal, replacement, and disposal described in subparagraph (A).

(7) DISPOSAL OF COVERED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES.—The Commission shall include in the regulations promulgated under subsection (g) requirements for the disposal by a recipient of a reimbursement under the Program of covered communications equipment or services identified under paragraph (4)(A)(i) and removed from the network of the recipient in order to prevent such equipment or services from being used in the networks of providers of advanced communications service.

(8) STATUS UPDATES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once every 90 days beginning on the date on which the Commission approves an application for a reimbursement under the Program, the recipient of the reimbursement shall submit to the Commission a status update on the work of the recipient to permanently remove, replace, and dispose of the covered communications equipment or services identified under paragraph (4)(A)(i).

(B) PUBLIC POSTING.—Not earlier than 30 days after the date on which the Commission receives a status update under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall make such status update public on the website of the Commission.

(C) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not less frequently than once every 180 days beginning on the date on which the Commission first makes funds available to a recipient of a reimbursement under the Program, the Commission shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on—

(i) the implementation of the Program by the Commission; and

(ii) the work by recipients of reimbursements under the Program to permanently remove, replace, and dispose of covered communications equipment or services identified under paragraph (4)(A)(i).

(e) MEASURES TO AVOID WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall take all necessary steps to avoid waste, fraud, and abuse with respect to the Program.

(2) SPENDING REPORTS.—The Commission shall require recipients of reimbursements under the Program to submit to the Commission on a regular basis reports regarding how reimbursement funds have been spent, including detailed accounting of the covered communications equipment or services permanently removed and disposed of, and the

replacement equipment or services purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained, using reimbursement funds.

(3) AUDITS, REVIEWS, AND FIELD INVESTIGATIONS.—The Commission shall conduct—

(A) regular audits and reviews of reimbursements under the Program to confirm that recipients of such reimbursements are complying with this Act; and

(B) random field investigations to ensure that recipients of reimbursements under the Program are performing the work such recipients are required to perform under the commitments made in the applications of such recipients for reimbursements under the Program, including the permanent removal, replacement, and disposal of the covered communications equipment or services identified under subsection (d)(4)(A)(i).

(4) FINAL CERTIFICATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall require a recipient of a reimbursement under the Program to submit to the Commission, in a form and at an appropriate time to be determined by the Commission, a certification stating that the recipient—

(i) has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) all terms and conditions of the Program;

(ii) has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) the commitments made in the application of the recipient for the reimbursement;

(iii) has permanently removed from the communications network of the recipient, replaced, and disposed of (or is in the process of permanently removing, replacing, and disposing of) all covered communications equipment or services that were in the network of the recipient as of the date of the submission of the application of the recipient for the reimbursement; and

(iv) has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) the timeline submitted by the recipient under subparagraph (A)(ii) of paragraph (4) of subsection (d) and the other requirements of such paragraph.

(B) UPDATED CERTIFICATION.—If, at the time when a recipient of a reimbursement under the Program submits a certification under subparagraph (A), the recipient has not fully complied as described in clause (i), (ii), or (iv) of such subparagraph or has not completed the permanent removal, replacement, and disposal described in clause (iii) of such subparagraph, the Commission shall require the recipient to file an updated certification when the recipient has fully complied as described in such clause (i), (ii), or (iv) or completed such permanent removal, replacement, and disposal.

(f) EFFECT OF REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE FROM LIST.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If, after the date on which a recipient of a reimbursement under the Program submits the application for the reimbursement, any covered communications equipment or service that is in the network of the recipient as of such date is removed from the list published under section 2(a), the recipient may—

(A) return to the Commission any reimbursement funds received for the removal, replacement, and disposal of such equipment or service and be released from any requirement under this section to remove, replace, or dispose of such equipment or service; or

(B) retain any reimbursement funds received for the removal, replacement, and disposal of such equipment or service and remain subject to the requirements of this section to remove, replace, and dispose of such equipment or service as if such equipment or service continued to be on the list published under section 2(a).

(2) ASSURANCES.—In the case of an assurance relating to the removal, replacement, or disposal of any equipment or service with

respect to which the recipient returns to the Commission reimbursement funds under paragraph (1)(A), such assurance may be satisfied by making an assurance that such funds have been returned.

(g) RULEMAKING.—

(1) COMMENCEMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall commence a rulemaking to implement this section.

(2) COMPLETION.—The Commission shall complete the rulemaking under paragraph (1) not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING TIMING OF REIMBURSEMENT.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Commission from making a reimbursement under the Program to a provider of advanced communications service before the provider incurs the cost of the permanent removal, replacement, and disposal of the covered communications equipment or service for which the application of the provider has been approved under this section.

(i) EDUCATION EFFORTS.—The Commission shall engage in education efforts with providers of advanced communications service to—

(1) encourage such providers to participate in the Program; and

(2) assist such providers in submitting applications for the Program.

(j) SEPARATE FROM FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAMS.—The Program shall be separate from any Federal universal service program established under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254).

#### SEC. 5. REPORTS ON COVERED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each provider of advanced communications service shall submit an annual report to the Commission, in a form to be determined by the Commission, regarding whether such provider has purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained any covered communications equipment or service on or after—

(1) in the case of any covered communications equipment or service that is on the initial list published under section 2(a), August 14, 2018; or

(2) in the case of any covered communications equipment or service that is not on the initial list published under section 2(a), the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Commission places such equipment or service on the list required by such section.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—If a provider of advanced communications service certifies to the Commission that such provider does not have any covered communications equipment or service in the network of such provider, such provider is not required to submit a report under subsection (a) after making such certification, unless such provider later purchases, rents, leases, or otherwise obtains any covered communications equipment or service.

(c) JUSTIFICATION.—If a provider of advanced communications service indicates in a report under subsection (a) that such provider has purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained any covered communications equipment or service as described in such subsection, such provider shall include in such report—

(1) a detailed justification for such action;

(2) information about whether such covered communications equipment or service has subsequently been removed and replaced pursuant to section 4; and

(3) information about whether such provider plans to continue to purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise obtain, or install or use, such covered communications equipment or service and, if so, why.

(d) PROCEEDING.—The Commission shall implement this section as part of the rulemaking required by section 4(g).

#### SEC. 6. HOLD HARMLESS.

In the case of a person who is a winner of the Connect America Fund Phase II auction, has not yet been authorized to receive Connect America Fund Phase II support, and demonstrates an inability to reasonably meet the build-out and service obligations of such person under Connect America Fund Phase II without using equipment or services prohibited under this Act, such person may withdraw the application of such person for Connect America Fund Phase II support without being found in default or subject to forfeiture. The Commission may set a deadline to make such a withdrawal that is not earlier than the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 7. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) VIOLATIONS.—A violation of this Act or a regulation promulgated under this Act shall be treated as a violation of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) or a regulation promulgated under such Act, respectively. The Commission shall enforce this Act and the regulations promulgated under this Act in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 were incorporated into and made a part of this Act.

(b) ADDITIONAL PENALTIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), in addition to penalties under the Communications Act of 1934, a recipient of a reimbursement under the Program found to have violated section 4, the regulations promulgated under such section, or the commitments made by the recipient in the application for the reimbursement—

(A) shall repay to the Commission all reimbursement funds provided to the recipient under the Program;

(B) shall be barred from further participation in the Program;

(C) shall be referred to all appropriate law enforcement agencies or officials for further action under applicable criminal and civil laws; and

(D) may be barred by the Commission from participation in other programs of the Commission, including the Federal universal service support programs established under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254).

(2) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE.—The penalties described in paragraph (1) shall not apply to a recipient of a reimbursement under the Program unless—

(A) the Commission provides the recipient with notice of the violation; and

(B) the recipient fails to cure the violation within 180 days after the Commission provides such notice.

(c) RECOVERY OF FUNDS.—The Commission shall immediately take action to recover all reimbursement funds awarded to a recipient of a reimbursement under the Program in any case in which such recipient is required to repay reimbursement funds under subsection (b)(1)(A).

#### SEC. 8. NTIA PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING FUTURE VULNERABILITIES.

(a) FUTURE VULNERABILITY PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, including an opportunity for notice and comment, the Assistant Secretary, in cooperation with the Director of National Intelligence, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Commission, shall establish a program to share information regarding supply chain security risks

with trusted providers of advanced communications service and trusted suppliers of communications equipment or services.

(2) **ACTIVITIES.**—In carrying out the program established under paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary shall—

(A) conduct regular briefings and other events to share information with trusted providers of advanced communications service and trusted suppliers of communications equipment or services;

(B) engage with trusted providers of advanced communications service and trusted suppliers of communications equipment or services, in particular such providers and suppliers that—

- (i) are small businesses; or
- (ii) primarily serve rural areas;

(C) not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a plan for—

(i) declassifying material, when feasible, to help share information regarding supply chain security risks with trusted providers of advanced communications service and trusted suppliers of communications equipment or services; and

(ii) expediting and expanding the provision of security clearances to facilitate information sharing regarding supply chain security risks with trusted providers of advanced communications service and trusted suppliers of communications equipment or services; and

(D) ensure that the activities carried out through the program are consistent with and, to the extent practicable, integrated with, ongoing activities of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Commerce.

(3) **SCOPE OF PROGRAM.**—The program established under paragraph (1) shall involve only the sharing of information regarding supply chain security risks by the Federal Government to trusted providers of advanced communications service and trusted suppliers of communications equipment or services, and not the sharing of such information by such providers and suppliers to the Federal Government.

(b) **REPRESENTATION ON CSRIC OF INTERESTS OF PUBLIC AND CONSUMERS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall appoint to the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (or any successor thereof), and to each subcommittee, workgroup, or other subdivision of the Council (or any such successor), at least one member to represent the interests of the public and consumers.

(2) **INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—The Commission shall make the initial appointments required by paragraph (1) not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Any member so appointed shall be in addition to the members of the Council, or the members of the subdivision of the Council to which the appointment is being made, as the case may be, as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **ASSISTANT SECRETARY.**—The term “Assistant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

(2) **FOREIGN ADVERSARY.**—The term “foreign adversary” means any foreign government or foreign nongovernment person engaged in a long-term pattern or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the national security of the United States or security and safety of United States persons.

(3) **SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY RISK.**—The term “supply chain security risk” includes spe-

cific risk and vulnerability information related to equipment and software.

(4) **TRUSTED.**—The term “trusted” means, with respect to a provider of advanced communications service or a supplier of communications equipment or service, that the Assistant Secretary has determined that such provider or supplier is not owned by, controlled by, or subject to the influence of a foreign adversary.

#### SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.**—The term “advanced communications service” has the meaning given the term “advanced telecommunications capability” in section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. 1302).

(2) **APPROPRIATE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY.**—The term “appropriate national security agency” means—

- (A) the Department of Homeland Security;
- (B) the Department of Defense;
- (C) the Office of the Director of National Intelligence;
- (D) the National Security Agency; and
- (E) the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(3) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.

(4) **COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE.**—The term “communications equipment or service” means any equipment or service that is essential to the provision of advanced communications service.

(5) **COVERED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE.**—The term “covered communications equipment or service” means any communications equipment or service that is on the list published by the Commission under section 2(a).

(6) **CUSTOMERS.**—The term “customers” means, with respect to a provider of advanced communications service—

- (A) the customers of such provider; and
- (B) the customers of any affiliate (as defined in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153)) of such provider.

(7) **EXECUTIVE BRANCH INTERAGENCY BODY.**—The term “executive branch interagency body” means an interagency body established in the executive branch.

(8) **PERSON.**—The term “person” means an individual or entity.

(9) **PROGRAM.**—The term “Program” means the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program established under section 4(a).

(10) **PROVIDER OF ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.**—The term “provider of advanced communications service” means a person who provides advanced communications service to United States customers.

(11) **RECIPIENT.**—The term “recipient” means any provider of advanced communications service the application of which for a reimbursement under the Program has been approved by the Commission, regardless of whether the provider has received reimbursement funds.

(12) **REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS.**—The term “reimbursement funds” means any reimbursement received under the Program.

#### SEC. 10. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, or the application of such a provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this Act, and the application of such provisions to any person or circumstance, shall not be affected thereby.

#### SEC. 11. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement

titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. **MICHAEL F. DOYLE**) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. **LATTA**) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. **MICHAEL F. DOYLE** of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4998.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. **MICHAEL F. DOYLE** of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, first off, I want to thank Chairman **PALLONE** and Ranking Member **WALDEN** and their staffs for their dedication and working together to come to an agreement on this legislation and bringing it to the House floor today.

Today, the House will consider H.R. 4998, the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act, introduced by Chairman **PALLONE** and Ranking Member **WALDEN**. This bill would prohibit the use of Federal funds and FCC universal service programs for the purchase and use of telecommunications equipment which poses significant risks to national security. It would also authorize the creation of a program to enable telecommunications service providers to remove and replace untrusted telecom equipment.

It has become clear that untrusted equipment in U.S. telecommunications networks poses an unacceptable threat to our national security, and I am very happy that we were able to come together to address this serious issue.

Small broadband providers in mostly rural parts of our country have turned, understandably, to the cheapest option they could find to provide service. All too often, that has been Chinese equipment provided by Huawei or ZTE. These companies have been propped up and supported by the Chinese Government as a way of expanding Chinese influence and gaining a foothold for the Chinese Government in the networks of foreign nations.

We are coming together today to say that the risks posed by this equipment are simply not acceptable to our country or to anyone who uses these networks. Increasingly, all aspects of our economy, civil discourse, and culture run over the internet, and giving a foothold to those who might do us harm is a risk we can no longer afford.

What is frustrating is that large telecom providers knew the dangers

posed by the equipment from companies like Huawei and ZTE years ago because of warnings inside our government. But smaller providers didn't get the same heads-up by our government, and when confronted with rumors about untrusted equipment and the certainty of their bottom lines, they went with their bottom line.

My hope is that this legislation can help these folks address the threat posed by this untrusted equipment in an expeditious fashion. This bill should signal to our allies and partners around the world that network security must be a priority as we enter a new generation of communication capabilities.

I am proud of the bipartisan work of my colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee to advance this legislation to the floor today. I especially want to acknowledge the important contributions Subcommittee Vice Chair DORIS MATSUI made to put this bill together and move it through the legislative process.

I support this bill, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4998, the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act.

We must protect our critical communications infrastructure from vulnerabilities, and today we are taking further steps to remove suspected equipment from our networks and ensure its overall security going forward.

This bill takes into account important concerns we have heard from small, rural providers that were previously unaware of possible security risks when selecting vendors and making purchasing decisions. H.R. 4998 will help fix this information gap by ensuring they have access to the information they need to keep their networks and Americans secure.

It should not matter where you are trying to connect, whether you are in rural America or anywhere else. We must ensure the entire communications system is protected from bad actors.

Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4998, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot reiterate enough how important it is that we pass this legislation and address this critical weakness in our Nation's telecommunications infrastructure.

This legislation came about through the hard work of the majority staff and the minority staff of the Energy and Commerce Committee. In particular, I would like to thank Gerry Leverich, Phil Murphy, Dan Miller, AJ Brown, Parul Desai, and Alex Hoehn-Saric of the majority staff, and Kate O'Connor, Evan Viau, and Rachel Rathore on the

minority staff for their hard work and diligence to get this bill to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4998, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to prohibit certain Federal subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such risks, and for other purposes.".

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### EXTENDING THE U.S. SAFE WEB ACT OF 2006

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4779) to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4779

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF THE U.S. SAFE WEB ACT OF 2006.

Section 13 of the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-455; 15 U.S.C. 44 note) is amended by striking "September 30, 2020" and inserting "September 30, 2027".

#### SEC. 2. REPORT.

Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade Commission shall transmit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report describing its use of and experience with the authority granted by the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-455) and the amendments made by such Act. The report shall include—

- (1) the number of cross-border complaints received and acted upon by the Commission;
- (2) identification of the foreign agencies with which the Commission has cooperated and the results of such cooperation, including any foreign agency enforcement action or lack thereof;
- (3) a description of Commission litigation brought in foreign courts and the results of such litigation; and
- (4) any recommendations for legislation that may advance the mission of the Commission in carrying out the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 and the amendments made by such Act.

#### SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory

Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois.

#### General Leave

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 4779.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4779, a bill to extend the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006. This legislation, which I have cosponsored, was introduced by the ranking member of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee, CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS, and Representatives ROBIN KELLY and LARRY BUCSHON. It advanced out of the Energy and Commerce Committee without objection.

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With our increased global and connected marketplace, American consumers and businesses are facing a growing number of complex threats from foreign wrongdoers. The United States SAFE WEB Act protects us from bad actors engaged in unfair or deceptive acts or practices by giving the Federal Trade Commission the authority and tools it needs to pursue enforcement actions against them.

It has already been used to great effect to protect consumers in a wide range of cases, including scams that prey on older adults and connected toys that prey on our children's privacy. Reauthorizing the U.S. SAFE WEB Act is supported by all five commissioners at the Federal Trade Commission. This legislation would extend the U.S. SAFE WEB Act for another 7 years.

Mr. Speaker, I call on all my colleagues to support this measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4779, the U.S. SAFE WEB Act. H.R. 4779 extends the U.S. SAFE WEB Act through 2027 and requires the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report detailing how the commission has used the program, how many cross-border