

of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: John Peter Cronan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Thomas T. Cullen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Jennifer P. Togliatti, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 2 p.m., to conduct a closed roundtable.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION AND SPACE

The Subcommittee on Aviation and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 10:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND TERRORISM

The Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism of the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SECURE 5G AND BEYOND ACT OF 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 395, S. 893.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 893) to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications

systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2019".

SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO ENSURE SECURITY OF NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

(a) *APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.*—In this section, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—

(1) *the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and*

(2) *the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.*

(b) *STRATEGY REQUIRED.*—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President, in consultation with the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of National Intelligence, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Defense, shall develop and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a strategy—

(1) *to ensure the security of 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure within the United States;*

(2) *to provide technical assistance to mutual defense treaty allies of the United States, strategic partners of the United States, and other countries, when in the security interests of the United States, to maximize the security of 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure inside their countries; and*

(3) *to protect the competitiveness of United States companies, privacy of United States consumers, and integrity and impartiality of standards-setting bodies related to 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure.*

(c) *DESIGNATION.*—The strategy developed under subsection (b) shall be known as the "Secure Next Generation Wireless Communications Strategy" (referred to in this section as the "Strategy").

(d) *ELEMENTS.*—The Strategy shall represent a whole-of-government approach and shall include the following:

(1) *A description of United States national and economic security interests pertaining to the deployment of 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure.*

(2) *An identification and assessment of potential security threats and vulnerabilities to the infrastructure, equipment, systems, software, and virtually defined networks that support 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure. The assessment shall include a comprehensive evaluation of the*

full range of threats to, and unique security challenges posed by, 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure, as well as steps that public and private sector entities can take to mitigate those threats.

(3) *An identification and assessment of the global competitiveness and vulnerabilities of United States manufacturers and suppliers of 5th and future generations wireless communications equipment.*

(4) *A list of available domestic suppliers of 5th and future generations wireless communications equipment and other suppliers in countries that are mutual defense allies or strategic partners of the United States and a strategy to assess their ability to produce and supply 5th generation and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure.*

(5) *Identification of trusted supplier entities from both inside and outside the United States that are capable of producing and supplying to private industry infrastructure and systems equipment supporting 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure.*

(6) *Identification of where security gaps exist in the United States domestic or mutual defense treaty allies and strategic partners communications equipment supply chain for 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure.*

(7) *Identification of incentives and policy options to help close or narrow any security gaps identified under paragraph (6) in, and ensure the economic viability of, the United States domestic industrial base, including research and development in critical technologies and workforce development in 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure.*

(8) *Identification of incentives and policy options for leveraging the communications equipment suppliers from mutual defense treaty allies, strategic partners, and other countries to ensure that private industry in the United States has adequate sources for secure, effective, and reliable 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure equipment.*

(9) *A strategy for diplomatic engagement with mutual defense treaty allies, strategic partners, and other countries to share security risk information and findings pertaining to 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure equipment and cooperation on mitigating those risks.*

(10) *A strategy for engagement with private sector communications infrastructure and systems equipment developers to share information and findings on 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure equipment standards to secure platforms.*

(11) *A strategy for engagement with private sector communications infrastructure and systems equipment developers to encourage the maximum participation possible on standards-setting bodies related to such systems and infrastructure equipment standards by public and private sector entities from the United States.*

(12) *A strategy for diplomatic engagement with mutual defense treaty allies, strategic partners, and other countries to share information and findings on 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure equipment standards to promote maximum interoperability, competitiveness, openness, and secure platforms.*

(13) *A strategy for diplomatic engagement with mutual defense treaty allies, strategic partners, and other countries to share information and findings on 5th and future generations wireless communications infrastructure and systems equipment concerning the standards-setting bodies related to such systems and infrastructure equipment to promote maximum transparency, openness, impartiality, integrity, and neutrality.*

(14) A strategy for joint testing environments with mutual defense treaty allies, strategic partners, and other countries to ensure a trusted marketplace for 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure equipment.

(15) A strategy for research and development by the Federal Government, in close partnership with trusted supplier entities, mutual defense treaty allies, strategic partners, and other countries to reach and maintain United States leadership in 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure security, including the development of an ongoing monitoring capability of 5th and future generations wireless communications systems to identify security vulnerabilities.

(16) Options for identifying and helping to mitigate the security risks of 5th and future generations wireless communications systems and infrastructure that have security flaws or vulnerabilities, or are utilizing equipment sourced from countries of concern, and that have already been put in place within the systems and infrastructure of mutual defense treaty allies, strategic partners, and other countries, when in the security interests of the United States.

(17) Development of a plan that includes a description of the roles and responsibilities of the appropriate executive branch agencies and interagency mechanisms for the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to act as the executive agent to coordinate implementation of the Strategy, as provided in subsection (g).

(18) An identification of the key diplomatic, development, intelligence, military, and economic resources necessary to implement the Strategy, including specific budgetary requests.

(19) A description of such legislative or administrative action as may be necessary to carry out the Strategy.

(e) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Strategy shall not include a recommendation or a proposal to nationalize 5th or future generations wireless communications systems or infrastructure.

(2) FEDERAL AGENCY AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority or ability of a Federal agency to—

(A) conduct cybersecurity incident, threat, or asset response and recovery activities;

(B) obtain or execute warrants or other investigative or intelligence tools; or

(C) provide assistance to a private entity upon request of the entity.

(f) BRIEFING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14 days after the date on which the Strategy is completed, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, and any other Federal officials designated by the President, shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress a briefing on the implementation of the Strategy.

(2) UNCLASSIFIED SETTING.—The briefing under paragraph (1) shall be held in an unclassified setting to the maximum extent possible.

(g) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information shall—

(1) act as the executive agent to coordinate implementation of the Strategy; and

(2) keep congressional committees apprised of progress on implementation.

(h) FORM.—The Strategy shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of Congress in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendment be withdrawn; that the Cornyn substitute amendment at the desk be agreed to;

that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was withdrawn.

The amendment (No. 1510) was agreed to.

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.)

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (S. 893), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

RARE DISEASE DAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 529, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 529) designating February 29, 2020, as "Rare Disease Day".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the measure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 529) was agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NATIONAL ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 530, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 530) designating March 4, 2020, as "National Assistive Technology Awareness Day".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, the pre-

amble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The resolution (S. Res. 530) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. Thursday, March 5; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of S. 2657.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 11:15 a.m. tomorrow, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6074 and the only amendment in order be the Paul amendment No. 1506; further, that 20 minutes of debate prior to noon be under the control of Senator PAUL or his designee; further, that the Senate vote in relation to the Paul amendment at noon tomorrow and, upon disposition of the Paul amendment, the time until 1:45 p.m. tomorrow be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that the bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with a 60-affirmative vote threshold required for passage; finally, that the last 10 minutes of debate be under the control of Senators LEAHY and SHELBY.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 4, 2020:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601: