



COMMITTEE ON **ENERGY & COMMERCE**

CHAIRMAN FRANK PALLONE, JR.

MEMORANDUM

July 11, 2022

To: Committee on Energy and Commerce Members and Staff

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Re: Full Committee Markup of One Health Bill and Four Communications and Technology Bills

On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 11 a.m. (EDT), in the John D. Dingell Room, 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, and via Cisco Webex online video conferencing, the Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold a markup of the following five bills:

H.R. 3630, the “Lymphedema Treatment Act”; **H.R. 7624**, the “Spectrum Innovation Act of 2022”; **H.R. 4275**, the “Ensuring Phone and Internet Access for SNAP Recipients Act of 2021”; **H.R. 4990**, the “Institute for Telecommunication Sciences Codification (ITS Codification) Act”; and **H.R. 7132**, the “Safe Connections Act of 2022.”

I. H.R. 3630, THE “LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT”

Rep. Schakowsky (D-IL) and 147 original bipartisan cosponsors introduced H.R. 3630 on May 28, 2021. The legislation provides for Medicare coverage of lymphedema compression treatment items such as compression garments. Lymphedema occurs when the body can not properly drain lymph fluid. It is commonly caused by cancer treatments that remove or damage the lymph nodes and can be effectively treated with compression therapy.

An amendment in the nature of a substitute (AINS) is expected to be offered to change the effective date of the policy, establish a payment methodology for lymphedema compression treatment items, and make technical and conforming changes to the legislation.

II. H.R. 7624, THE “SPECTRUM INNOVATION ACT OF 2022”

Rep. Doyle (D-PA), and 20 original bipartisan cosponsors introduced H.R. 7624 on April 28, 2022. The legislation would make available additional frequencies in the 3.1–3.45 gigahertz (GHz) band for non-federal use, shared federal and non-federal use, or a combination thereof. No later than 24 months after the date of enactment, the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), must submit a report to the President, the FCC, and relevant congressional committees identifying at least 200 megahertz of frequencies in the 3.1-3.45 GHz band for non-federal use, shared federal and non-federal use, or a combination thereof. The Secretary of Commerce must also identify additional frequencies in the 3.1-3.45

GHz band that could be made available for non-federal use, shared federal and non-federal use, or a combination thereof. Not later than seven years after the date of enactment, the FCC, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, must commence a system of competitive bidding under section 309(j) of the Communications Act for the at least 200 megahertz of frequencies identified in the 3.1-3.45 GHz band. The legislation also funds the Secure and Trusted Reimbursement Program and a newly authorized Next Generation 9-1-1 grant program from the proceeds of the auction required under the legislation.

On June 15, 2022, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology favorably forwarded H.R. 7624, amended, to the full Committee by a roll call vote of 29 yeas to 0 nays.

An AINS is expected to be offered to incorporate H.R. 7783, the “Extending American’s Spectrum Auction Leadership Act of 2022,” to incorporate H.R. 5486, the “SMART Act,” and to make additional technical changes.

III. H.R. 4275, THE “ENSURING PHONE AND INTERNET ACCESS FOR SNAP RECIPIENTS ACT OF 2021”

Reps. Luria (D-VA) and Katko (R-NY) introduced H.R. 4275 on June 30, 2021. The legislation requires the FCC to annually submit a report to Congress regarding the number of households that qualify for Lifeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program through automatic qualifying programs set forth in statute and regulations. It also requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a report on outreach and publicity efforts for Lifeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program.

On June 15, 2022, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology favorably forwarded H.R. 4275, amended, to the full Committee by a voice vote.

IV. H.R. 4990, THE “INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCES CODIFICATION (ITS CODIFICATION) ACT”

Rep. Carter introduced H.R. 4990 on August 10, 2021. The legislation amends the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Organization Act by providing statutory authority for the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences. It also requires the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information to establish an initiative at NTIA to develop emergency communication technologies for use in locating individuals trapped in areas where mobile connectivity may not be available.

On June 15, 2022, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology favorably forwarded H.R. 4990, amended, to the full Committee by a roll call vote of 27 yeas to 0 nays.

V. H.R. 7132, THE “SAFE CONNECTIONS ACT OF 2022”

Reps. Kuster (D-NH) and Eshoo (D-CA) introduced H.R. 7132 on March 17, 2022. The legislation amends the Communications Act by requiring mobile service providers, after

receiving a line separation request from a survivor of domestic violence, human trafficking, or other related crimes for a mobile service contract shared with an abuser, to separate the line of the survivor (and the line of any individual in the care of the survivor) from the shared mobile service contract or separate the line of the abuser from the shared mobile service contract when technically feasible. The legislation also directs the FCC to issue rules, within 18 months of the Act's enactment, implementing line separation requests from survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other related crimes and to establish emergency communications support for these survivors.

On June 15, 2022, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology favorably forwarded H.R. 7132, amended, to the full Committee by a roll call vote of 29 yeas to 0 nays.