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To establish an advisory committee on national security telecommunications.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To establish an advisory committee on national security
telecommunications.

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. NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFOR-**
4 **MATION SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-
7 retary of Commerce for Communications and Information
8 (in this section referred to as the “Assistant Secretary”)
9 shall establish, in accordance with the Federal Advisory
10 Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), an advisory committee
11 to be known as the “National Telecommunications and In-

1 formation Security Advisory Committee” (in this section
2 referred to as the “Committee”).

3 (b) DUTIES.—The Committee shall—

4 (1) provide to the Assistant Secretary informa-
5 tion and advice from the perspective of the tele-
6 communications industry on national security tele-
7 communications, including—

8 (A) information and advice on the imple-
9 mentation of Presidential Directive 53, National
10 Security Telecommunications Policy (in this
11 section referred to as “PD/NSC–53”);

12 (B) information and advice on the feasi-
13 bility of implementing specific measures to im-
14 prove the telecommunications aspects of the na-
15 tional security posture of the United States;
16 and

17 (C) technical information and advice on
18 the identification and solution of problems that
19 the Committee considers will affect national se-
20 curity telecommunications capability;

21 (2) conduct reviews and assessments of the ef-
22 fectiveness of the implementation of PD/NSC–53;
23 and

1 (3) submit to the Assistant Secretary periodic
2 reports on the matters described in paragraphs (1)
3 and (2).

4 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Com-
6 mittee shall be composed of not more than 30 mem-
7 bers, to be appointed by the Assistant Secretary.

8 (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each member of the
9 Committee shall have particular knowledge and ex-
10 pertise in the field of telecommunications and rep-
11 resent elements of the telecommunications industry
12 of the United States.

13 (3) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The Assistant
14 Secretary shall annually designate from among the
15 members of the Committee a Chair and a Vice Chair
16 of the Committee.

17 (4) SERVICE WITHOUT PAY.—The members of
18 the Committee shall serve without pay.

19 (5) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the
20 Committee shall receive travel expenses, including
21 per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with
22 applicable provisions under subchapter I of chapter
23 57 of title 5, United States Code.

24 (d) SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS.—The
25 Committee may establish appropriate subcommittees or

1 working groups composed, in whole or in part, of individ-
2 uals who are not members of the Committee.

3 (e) INFORMATION SHARING.—The head of an Execu-
4 tive agency (as defined in section 105 of title 5, United
5 States Code) shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide
6 to the Committee such information with respect to na-
7 tional security telecommunications matters as the Com-
8 mittee may require for the purpose of carrying out its du-
9 ties under this section.

10 (f) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—No information provided to
12 the Committee by any person may be made available
13 for public inspection.

14 (2) CERTAIN PROVISIONS INAPPLICABLE.—Sub-
15 sections (a)(1), (b), and (d) of section 10 of the
16 Federal Advisory Committee Act, subsection (a)(3)
17 of such section insofar as it relates to attendance at
18 a meeting of or appearance before the Committee,
19 sections 11 and 13 of such Act, and section 552 of
20 title 5, United States Code, do not apply to the
21 Committee.

22 (g) TERMINATION; RENEWAL.—The Committee shall
23 terminate not later than the date that is 2 years after the
24 date of its establishment, unless the Assistant Secretary

1 renews the Committee under the procedures set forth in
2 the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

3 **SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

4 Nothing in this Act may be construed to grant any
5 authority to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for
6 Communications and Information to adopt rules or regula-
7 tions or to impose binding obligations on businesses or
8 consumers.

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