

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To direct the Government Accountability Office to submit a biennial report to the appropriate congressional committees on the activities of the National Institute of Standards and Technology in facilitating the development of standards and procedures to reduce cyber risks to critical infrastructure.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 1353**

To provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR  
(for herself and Mr. BLUNT)

Viz:

1       On page 7, between lines 16 and 17, insert the fol-  
2       lowing:

3       (c) STUDY AND REPORT.—

4               (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the  
5       United States shall conduct a study that assesses—

6               (A) the progress made by the Director of  
7       the National Institute of Standards and Tech-

1 nology in facilitating the development of stand-  
2 ards and procedures to reduce cyber risks to  
3 critical infrastructure in accordance with sec-  
4 tion 2(c)(15) of the National Institute of Stand-  
5 ards and Technology Act, as added by this sec-  
6 tion;

7 (B) the extent to which the Director's fa-  
8 cilitation efforts are consistent with the direc-  
9 tive in such section that the development of  
10 such standards and procedures be voluntary  
11 and led by industry representatives;

12 (C) the extent to which sectors of critical  
13 infrastructure (as defined in section 1016(e) of  
14 the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C.  
15 5195c(e))) have adopted a voluntary, industry-  
16 led set of standards, guidelines, best practices,  
17 methodologies, procedures, and processes to re-  
18 duce cyber risks to critical infrastructure in ac-  
19 cordance with such section 2(c)(15);

20 (D) the reasons behind the decisions of  
21 sectors of critical infrastructure (as defined in  
22 subparagraph (C)) to adopt or to not adopt the  
23 voluntary standards described in subparagraph  
24 (C); and

1           (E) the extent to which such voluntary  
2 standards have proved successful in protecting  
3 critical infrastructure from cyber threats.

4           (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2 years  
6 thereafter for the following 6 years, the Comptroller  
7 General shall submit a report, which summarizes the  
8 findings of the study conducted under paragraph  
9 (1), to—

10           (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
11 and Transportation of the Senate;

12           (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
13 merce of the House of Representatives; and

14           (C) the Committee on Science, Space, and  
15 Technology of the House of Representatives.