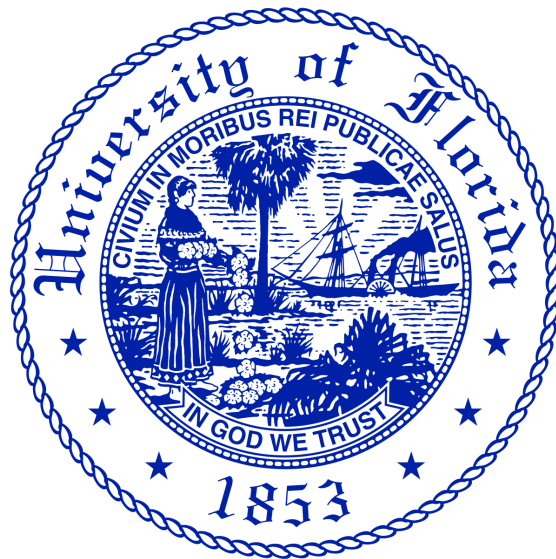


Congressional Debate

Finals Part 1 Packet 2023



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Office of the Secretary of State

October 28th, 2023

Dear Senators:

An Office of the Inspector report released at the end of September revealed that the quality of American cybersecurity infrastructure, which includes hardware and software protecting governmental buildings, had depleted by approximately 42 percent. Due to an unprecedented lack of Congressional funding into cybersecurity programs and innovation, the US Inspector General, Michael Horowitz warned that the potential for a federal malware attack had never been higher.

As American cybersecurity remained clearly vulnerable, the Chinese government took advantage, carrying out a ransomware attack against the United States government on October 27th, 2023. In the attack, spies of the Chinese government targeted cyber mechanisms utilized by the federal government to protect public water supplies. As a result, the available public water supply of the United States has decreased by approximately 47 percent, setting the stage for an extensive water shortage around the country.

The Chinese government published a message where they expressed their frustration with American technological advancement, particularly with our expansive arsenal of nuclear weapons. It has been speculated that this ransomware attack is simply practice for the spies, whose bigger mission is thought to be attacking our nuclear program.

President Biden encourages Congress to intervene in this crisis, and has asked for an affirmative vote. The proposed legislation has passed the House narrowly, and the country needs you to decide whether to continue with this plan or not. Take into account the severity of your decision making, as the security of millions of Americans are at stake.

Sincerely,

Antony J. Blinken
Secretary of State

Finals Part 1

The Cybersecurity Organization, Management, & Protection (C.O.M.P.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall allocate \$5 billion dollars toward improving pre-existing cybersecurity infrastructure.
- B. The United States shall create a cabinet department and secretary seat for cybersecurity.
- (i). The Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency shall become the Secretary of Cybersecurity.
- C. The United States government shall place economic sanctions on the Chinese government for espionage.
- D. The United States government will revert our nuclear program to an analog system.

- SECTION 2.** A. Cybersecurity infrastructure shall be defined as hardware and software that protect critical systems and assets against physical and cyber threats.
- B. Economic sanctions shall be defined as the withdrawal of all trade and financial relations with China, including halting transactions with any businesses associated with the Chinese government.
- C. Analog system shall be defined as a system in which there is no connectivity to the cybergrid and integrated computer systems.

- SECTION 3.** The Department of State in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for overseeing the enforcement of this piece of legislation.

- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately.

- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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