

# **RPC Highlight**

H.R. 1766 – NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act Sponsored by Rep. Jay Obernolte (CA-23), RPC Designee

## **Bill Summary:**

This legislation would rename the Office for Policy Analysis and Development (OPAD) at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) as the Office for Policy Development and Cybersecurity. The Office for Policy Development and Cybersecurity would be led by an Associate Administer for Policy Development and Cybersecurity (Associate Administer).

The Associate Administer would be responsible for developing market-based policies to promote innovation; conducting studies on access and use of internet in the United States; and creating guidance and providing support for the development and implementation of cybersecurity and privacy policies, among other duties.

## **Policy Background:**

The NTIA was established in 1978 by Executive Order <u>12046</u>, which combined the existing Office of Telecommunications Policy and the Department of Commerce's Office of Telecommunications under the Department of Commerce. Congress official authorized the NTIA with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act, which was signed into law in 1992.

#### **Committee Action:**

This legislation received a <u>markup</u> and was reported favorably by the House Energy and Commerce Committee on June 6, 2025, by voice vote.

### **Previous House Consideration:**

This legislation passed the House of Representatives during the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress by voice vote.