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Lamar Smith, Chairman

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**Statement from Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas)**  
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**Chairman Smith:** Today we meet to consider three bills. The first is H.R. 6227, the National Quantum Initiative Act. This legislation supports a much more concentrated, coordinated Federal effort to accelerate quantum research and technology development for the economic and national security of the United States.

Let me thank Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson and the 28 other members of the committee for co-sponsoring this bipartisan legislation.

The second bill is H.R. 6229, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation, sponsored by Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman Barbara Comstock, authorizes NIST's research and technology programs for two years.

The bill provides for increased fundamental scientific and technical research and investments in emerging technology areas. This will ensure continued U.S. innovation leadership in quantum science, artificial intelligence and big data science, cybersecurity, the internet of things and sustainable infrastructure.

Chairwoman Comstock's bill also directs NIST to use its cybersecurity expertise to assist federal agencies in improving critical infrastructure cybersecurity.

The final bill is H.R. 6226, the American Space SAFE Management Act. This landmark legislation, co-sponsored by Space Subcommittee Chairman Brian Babin, Ranking Member Ami Bera and Congressman Ed Perlmutter, establishes a space traffic management framework that will ensure a safe operating environment in outer space.

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