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Add at the end of subtitle F of title X the following:

SEC. 10. PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN RESPONSE TO CYBERSECURITY EVENTS.

(a) Provision of Assistance.—If the Speaker of the House of Representatives (or the Speaker’s designee), with the concurrence of the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives (or the Minority Leader’s designee), determines that a cybersecurity event has occurred and that containing, mitigating, or resolving the event exceeds the resources of the House of Representatives, then notwithstanding any other provision of law or any rule, regulation, or executive order—

(1) the Speaker may request assistance in responding to the event from the head of any Executive department, military department, or independent establishment;

(2) not later than 24 hours after receiving the request, the head of the department or establishment shall begin to provide appropriate assistance in
response to the incident, including (if necessary) restoring the information systems of the House to an operational state which allows for the continuation of the legislative process and for Members, officers, and employees of the House to continue to meet their official and representational duties; and

(3) such assistance shall be provided without reimbursement by the House of Representatives.

(b) Scope of Assistance.—

(1) In general.—The assistance provided to the Speaker by the head of a department or establishment under this section may consist only of a type that the head of the department or establishment is authorized under law to provide to the department or establishment, another Executive department, military department, or independent establishment, or a private entity.

(2) Connections between department or establishment and House information systems.—In providing assistance under this section—

(A) personnel of a department or establishment may not log onto the information systems of the House without the authorization of the Speaker (or the Speaker’s designee); and
(B) personnel of a department or establishment may provide the House with access to
technological support services of the department or establishment, including by authorizing personnel or systems of the House to connect with and operate services or programs of the department or establishment with guidance from subject matter experts of the department or establishment.

(c) **Termination of Assistance.**—

(1) **Termination upon notice from Speaker.**—After initiating assistance under this section, the head of the department or establishment shall continue providing assistance until the Speaker (or Speaker’s designee) notifies the head of the department or establishment that the cybersecurity incident has terminated and that it is no longer necessary for the department or establishment to provide post-incident assistance.

(2) **Removal of technological support services.**—Upon receiving notice from the Speaker under paragraph (1), the head of the department or establishment shall ensure that any technological support services or programs of the department or establishment are removed from the information sys-
tems of the House, and that personnel of the depart-
ment or establishment are no longer monitoring such
systems.

(d) Compliance With Existing Standards.—In
providing assistance under this section, the head of the
Executive department, military department, or inde-
pendent establishment shall meet the requirements of sec-
tion 113 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
2017 (Public Law 115–31).

(e) No Effect on Other Authority to Provide
Support.—Nothing in this section may be construed to
affect the authority of an Executive department, military
department, or independent establishment to provide any
support, including cybersecurity support, to the House of
Representatives under any other law, rule, or regulation.

(f) Definitions.—In this section, each of the terms
“Executive department”, “military department”, and
“independent establishment” has the meaning given such
term in chapter 1 of title 5, United States Code.