From the Federal Times' Steve Losey:

"House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Ed Towns, D-N.Y., said the law will improve government productivity, keep the government running during emergencies, and help government compete with companies that already offer telework.

'This bipartisan legislation benefits both taxpayers and the federal government by promoting cost savings, reducing energy consumption and traffic congestion, and preventing a loss in productivity when homeland security emergencies occur," Towns said. "It also promotes a healthy work-life balance for federal employees and will help the government recruit the best and brightest into the civil service.'"

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