

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Markup Summary – November 30, 2017

Convened: 1:10 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.

Recesses: 1:21 – 3:05 p.m. and 4:10 – 5:10 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Meadows (chairing), Gowdy, Duncan, Issa, Jordan, Sanford, Amash, Gosar, DesJarlais, Farenthold, Foxx, Massie, Ross, Walker, Blum, Hice, Russell, Grothman, Hurd, Palmer, Comer, Mitchell, Gianforte, Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Kelly, Lawrence, Watson Coleman, Plaskett, Demings, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Welch, Cartwright, DeSaulnier and Gomez.

H.R. 2623 (Meadows-NC), Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2017

1. Mr. Meadows offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).
2. Ms. Norton offered an amendment to the Meadows ANS that exempts regulations related to sexual harassment from the one-in-two-out process and reporting requirements in section 5. The amendment failed by a record vote of 15-20 (vote #1).

YEAS: Cummings, Maloney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Kelly, Lawrence, Watson Coleman, Demings, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Welch, Cartwright, DeSaulnier and Gomez.

NAYS: Duncan, Issa, Jordan, Amash, DesJarlais, Farenthold, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Ross, Walker, Blum, Hice, Russell, Grothman, Hurd, Palmer, Comer, Mitchell and Gianforte.

3. Ms. Plaskett offered an amendment to the Meadows ANS that exempts regulations related to protecting whistleblowers from the one-in-two-out process and reporting requirements in section 5. The amendment failed by a record vote of 16-21 (vote #2).

YEAS: Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Kelly, Lawrence, Watson Coleman, Demings, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Welch, Cartwright, DeSaulnier and Gomez.

NAYS: Duncan, Issa, Jordan, Sanford, Amash, DesJarlais, Farenthold, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Ross, Walker, Blum, Hice, Russell, Grothman, Hurd, Palmer, Comer, Mitchell and Gianforte.

4. Mr. Krishnamoorthi offered an amendment to the Meadows ANS that exempts regulations related to obtaining or retaining security clearances from the one-in-two-out process and reporting requirements in section 5. The amendment failed by a record vote of 17-23 (vote #3).

YEAS: Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Kelly, Lawrence, Watson Coleman, Demings, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Welch, Cartwright, DeSaulnier and Gomez.

NAYS: Gowdy, Duncan, Issa, Jordan, Sanford, Amash, Gosar, DesJarlais, Farenthold, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Ross, Walker, Blum, Hice, Russell, Grothman, Hurd, Palmer, Comer, Mitchell and Gianforte.

The Meadows ANS passed by a record vote of 23-17 (vote #4).

YEAS: Gowdy, Duncan, Issa, Jordan, Sanford, Amash, Gosar, DesJarlais, Farenthold, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Ross, Walker, Blum, Hice, Russell, Grothman, Hurd, Palmer, Comer, Mitchell and Gianforte.

NAYS: Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Kelly, Lawrence, Watson Coleman, Demings, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Welch, Cartwright, DeSaulnier and Gomez.

The bill, as amended, was favorably reported to the House by a record vote of 23-17 (vote #5).

YEAS: Gowdy, Duncan, Issa, Jordan, Sanford, Amash, Gosar, DesJarlais, Farenthold, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Ross, Walker, Blum, Hice, Russell, Grothman, Hurd, Palmer, Comer, Mitchell and Gianforte.

NAYS: Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Kelly, Lawrence, Watson Coleman, Demings, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Welch, Cartwright, DeSaulnier and Gomez.

[Mr. Cummings UC for the record: letters in opposition – from the Environmental Defense Fund Action and the Union of Concerned Scientists. Ms. Norton UC for the record: 1) that Ms. Maloney and all Democrat Members of the Committee be cosponsors of her amendment (#2); and 2) had she been present for vote #1, she would have voted YES.]

H.R. 4431 (Carter-GA), Correcting Miscalculations in Veterans' Pensions Act

1. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment that provides permissive authority to the Office of Personnel Management to pay interest assessed on federal government civilian pension deposits made by former Peace Corps and AmeriCorps members. The amendment was withdrawn.

The bill was ordered favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

Postal Naming Bills

The following postal naming bills were reported favorably to the House by unanimous consent:

H.R. 3638 (Lawson-FL), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Kings Road in Jacksonville, Florida, as the “Rutledge Pearson Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3655 (Smith-NJ), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Main Street in Belmar, New Jersey, as the “Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4042 (Soto-FL), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1415 West Oak Street, in Kissimmee, Florida, as the “Borinqueneers Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4285 (LoBiondo-NJ), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 Bridgeton Pike in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, as the “James C. 'Billy' Johnson Post Office Building”; and

H.R. 4301 (Norman-SC), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill, South Carolina, as the “J. Elliott Williams Post Office Building.”