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**House of Representatives**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Committee Members  
**FROM:** Majority Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Committee Business Meeting on September 27, 2018

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On **Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a **business meeting** to consider the following:

1. H.R. 5381 (Royce), Government Risk and Taxpayer Exposure Reduction (GRATER) Act of 2018;
2. H.R. 6787 (Hice), Reforming Government Act of 2018;
3. H.R. \_\_ (Mitchell), Antideficiency Reform and Enforcement Act of 2018;
4. H.R. \_\_ (Russell), to amend the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2016 to extend the Secret Service overtime pay exemption through 2019, and for other purposes;
5. H.R. \_\_ (Hurd), Federal CIO Authorization Act of 2018;
6. H.R. 6777 (Palmer), Settlement Agreement Information Database Act of 2018;
7. H.R. 3154 (Richmond), Inspector General Access Act of 2017;
8. H.R. 5759 (Khanna), 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act; and
9. H.R. 1272 (Rush), Cold Case Record Collections Act of 2017.

In addition, the Committee may consider the following postal naming bills *en bloc* and by unanimous consent, consistent with the Committee’s established protocol for considering such bills:

1. H.R 5791 (Coffman), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9609 South University Boulevard in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, as the “Deputy Sheriff Zackari Spurlock Parrish, III, Post Office Building;”
2. H.R 5792 (Coffman), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 North 4th Avenue in Brighton, Colorado, as the “Deputy Sheriff Heath McDonald Gumm Post Office;”
3. H.R 6216 (Tipton), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3025 Woodgate Road in Montrose, Colorado, as the “Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office;”
4. H.R 6217 (Tipton), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 241 N 4th Street in Grand Junction, Colorado, as the “Deputy Sheriff Derek Geer Post Office Building;”
5. H.R 6428 (Gottheimer), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 332 Ramapo Valley Road in Oakland, New Jersey, as the “Frank Leone Post Office;”
6. H.R 6513 (Brooks–AL), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1110 West Market Street in Athens, Alabama, as the “Judge James E. Horton, Jr. Post Office Building;”
7. H.R 6591 (Demings), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 South Kirkman Road in Orlando, Florida, as the “Napoleon 'Nap' Ford Post Office Building;”
8. H.R 6621 (Roe), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 East Main Street in Johnson City, Tennessee, as the “Major Homer L. Pease Post Office;”
9. H.R 6628 (Smith–NJ), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4301 Northeast 4th Street in Renton, Washington, as the “James Marshall 'Jimi' Hendrix Post Office Building;” and

10. H.R. 6780 (Castor), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7521 Paula Drive in Tampa, Florida, as the “Major Andreas O’Keeffe Post Office Building.”

For questions about postal naming bills, contact Robert Brooks of the majority staff.

### **H.R. 5381, Government Risk and Taxpayer Exposure Reduction (GRATER) Act of 2018**

H.R. 5381 directs agencies, in coordination with the Office of Management and Budget, to identify areas where de-risking credit, insurance, and guarantee programs could be used to protect taxpayers from future losses. The bill encourages agencies to explore private sector risk sharing as part of the program risk management planning.

Sponsor: Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA)  
Majority Staff Contact: Ellen Johnson

### **H.R. 6787, Reforming Government Act of 2018**

H.R. 6787 reauthorizes for two years a process that expired in 1984 for expedited consideration of the Administration’s government reorganization plan. The Administration is allowed to submit the reorganization plan to Congress, whereby it will be considered by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee (OGR) and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) for 75 days. Both full chambers will then have 15 additional days to consider the resolutions reported by OGR and HSGAC. If approved, the reorganization plan can then take effect. The bill requires any reorganization plan submitted under this fast-track authority to either decrease the number of agencies or result in cost savings in performing the functions of the plan. The bill also amends the expired reauthorization process to allow for the creation of new agencies and the reorganization of Executive departments.

Sponsor: Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA)  
Majority Staff Contact: Kevin Ortiz

### **H.R. , Antideficiency Reform and Enforcement Act of 2018**

This bill strengthens the disciplinary actions agencies take against employees who commit violations of the Antideficiency Act. The bill prescribes a range of penalties agencies will take for certain, more serious violations, such as those caused by a failure to exercise reasonable care. The bill requires agencies to terminate employees who willfully violate the Act. The bill provides specific requirements, including transparency and timelines, for GAO to issue legal opinions on potential violations of the Act when requested by Congress. Finally, the bill authorizes agencies to provide cash awards to employees who disclose violations and requires Inspectors General to perform periodic audits to determine whether undisclosed violations may be occurring at their agency.

Sponsor: Rep. Mitchell (R-MI)  
Majority Staff Contact: Richard Burkard

**H.R. , to amend the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2016 to extend the Secret Service overtime pay exemption through 2019, and for other purposes.**

This bill extends the life of the premium pay cap waiver granted to the U.S. Secret Service through calendar year 2019. The waiver was originally granted for 2016 but was extended by the Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act (P.L. 115-435) to cover 2017 and 2018. An extended waiver would allow Secret Service personnel working on the agency's protective mission to receive pay up to the rate of basic pay payable for a position at level II of the Executive Schedule.

Sponsor: Rep. Steve Russell (R-OK)  
Majority Staff Contact: Kevin Ortiz

**H.R. , Federal CIO Authorization Act of 2018**

This bill reauthorizes and renames the Office of Electronic Government as the Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer. It codifies the positions of Federal Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Federal Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) as presidential appointees. The bill makes two organizational changes. The bill also codifies the Federal CISO as a direct report to the Federal CIO. The Federal CISO is assigned to lead OMB's cybersecurity efforts and carry out the duties assigned to the OMB Director by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA). Finally, the bill requires the Federal CIO to submit to Congress a proposal for consolidating information technology across the federal government and increasing the use of shared services, with a focus on small and medium agencies.

Sponsor: Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX)  
Majority Staff Contact: Meghan Green

**H.R. 6777, Settlement Agreement Information Database Act of 2018**

H.R. 6777 requires federal agencies to publish information regarding settlement agreements, including consent decrees, in a searchable, publicly-available record. The bill directs OMB to oversee and facilitate the creation of a centralized, electronic database of such information. In circumstances where settlement details are deemed confidential, the bill directs agency heads to issue a written public statement justifying the sealing of the information.

Sponsor: Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL)  
Majority Staff Contact: Kelsey Wall

### **H.R. 3154, Inspector General Access Act of 2017**

H.R. 3154 amends the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strike a provision requiring allegations of misconduct involving Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys, investigators, or law enforcement personnel to be referred to the DOJ Office of Professional Responsibility. This bill allows the DOJ Inspector General to investigate such allegations.

Sponsor: Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA)  
Majority Staff Contact: Drew Baney

### **H.R. 5759, 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (21st Century IDEA)**

H.R. 5759 requires federal agencies to modernize their public websites, services, and forms to improve the function of the website. An expected amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) to the bill will focus the bill on requiring new federal websites and digital services to comply with modernization requirements, including eliminating duplicative websites, offering a search function allowing users to easily search content for public use, and utilizing data analytics to ensure website users' needs are addressed. The bill also requires agency heads to submit a report on existing websites and digital services detailing which sites are most viewed and utilized by the public, which sites need to be updated to meet the modernization requirements, and a cost estimate and schedule to update the websites and digital services. Each agency head will report to the Director of OMB on progress in meeting the requirements of the legislation. The Director of OMB will also issue guidance to agencies on establishing a process for identifying public, non-digital transactions and processes that will make the greatest impact on public services. If an agency determines a service should not be digital, then the agency must provide documentation. Agencies will have two years to make any paper-based form digital including accelerating the use of electronic signatures. The CIO of each agency will coordinate implementation of the Act's requirements.

Sponsor: Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)  
Majority Staff Contact: Sarah Moxley

### **H.R. 1272, Cold Case Record Collections Act of 2017**

H.R. 1272 directs the National Archives and Records Administration to establish a civil rights cold case collection and creates a Review Board to ensure the timely disclosure of these records. Many civil rights cold cases remain unsolved. Public access to records related to these cases has allowed journalists and other advocates to find new information leading to a resolution for some of the cases. Currently, many civil rights cold case records are not subject to public disclosure because the records are classified. This bill creates an enforceable, independent, and accountable process for timely public disclosure of civil rights cold case records. An expected ANS modifies the bill to make necessary updates to the text, which was originally modeled after the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992. The ANS updates definitions in the bill to conform to current law, provides a definition for civil rights cold case,

and addresses recommendations from the JFK Review Board regarding time constraints imposed by the legislation that created the Board.

Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL)  
Majority Staff Contact: Caroline Nabity