

Committee on Oversight and Reform

Business Meeting Summary – 3-26-19

Convened: 10:10 a.m.

Recess for votes: 1:28-3:02 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:26 p.m.

Members present: Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Sarbanes, Welch, Kelly, DeSaulnier, Lawrence, Khanna, Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, Tlaib, Jordan, Amash, Gosar, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Hice, Grothman, Comer, Cloud, Gibbs, Higgins, Norman, Roy, Miller, Green, Armstrong, Steube.

H.R. 1847 (Lieu), the Inspector General Protection Act

1. Mr. Cummings offered an Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) which passed by voice vote.
2. Mr. Gomez offered an amendment to the ANS that would have added a new section regarding vacancy of inspector general positions. He later **withdrew** his amendment.

H.R. 1847, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

H.R. 1076 (Cummings), the Fair Chance Act

1. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) which passed by voice vote.
2. Mrs. Miller offered an amendment to the ANS that would have exempted federal contractors from liability from provisions of the Act. The amendment failed by a recorded vote of 18-13.

YEAS: Jordan, Gosar, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Hice, Grothman, Gibbs, Higgins, Roy, Miller, Armstrong, and Steube.

NAYS: Cummings, Maloney, Clay, Cooper, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Sarbanes, Welch, Kelly, DeSaulnier, Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, Tlaib, and Amash.

3. Mr. Roy offered an amendment to the ANS which would have created new disciplinary standards for all Federal employees. The amendment was ruled non-germane by the Chairman.
 - a. Mr. Roy appealed the ruling of the Chairman.

- b. Ms. Wasserman-Schultz moved to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chairman, which passed by a recorded vote of 17-14.

YEAS: Cummings, Maloney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Sarbanes, Welch, DeSaulnier, Khanna, Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, and Tlaib.

NAYS: Jordan, Amash, Gosar, Hice, Grothman, Comer, Cloud, Gibbs, Norman, Roy, Miller, Green, Armstrong, and Steube.

4. Mr. Roy offered an amendment to the ANS which would strike all provisions of the bill related to Federal contractors. The amendment failed by voice vote.

H.R. 1076, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House by voice vote.

[Mr. Cummings U.C.s for the record: Statement from the National Urban League; Report by the Office of The District of Columbia Auditor entitled, “The Impact of ‘Ban the Box’ In the District of Columbia;” Statement from Walmart’s Vice President of Federal Government Affairs; Statement from Freedom Works Supporting the Fair Chance Act; Policy Brief from The National Employment Law Project; Joint Statement by representatives of various policy institutes and universities in support of The Fair Chance Act; Joint Statement from The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, The National Employment Law Project, and the ACLU urging Members to vote “Yes” on H.R. 1076; Report from The Southern Coalition for Justice entitled, “The Benefits of Ban the Box;” and a Study from Dr. Terry-Ann Craigie entitled, “Ban the Box, Convictions, and Public Employment.”]

H.R. 745 (Raskin), the Executive Branch Comprehensive Ethics Enforcement Act

1. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) which passed by voice vote.
2. Mr. Steube offered an amendment to the ANS which would Authorize \$17,019,000 for OGE, which is less than President Trump requested for the FY2020 budget. The amendment failed by voice vote.
3. Mr. Green offered an amendment to the ANS which referred Michael Dean Cohen to DOJ for a criminal investigation. The amendment was ruled non-germane by the Chairman.
 - a. Mr. Green appealed the ruling of the Chairman.
 - b. Mr. Raskin moved to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chairman, which passed by a recorded vote of 18-6.

YEAS: Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Welch, Kelly, Khanna, Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, , and Amash.

NAYS: Jordan, Meadows, Hice, Comer, Higgins, and Green.

4. Mr. Meadows offered an amendment to the ANS which adds “unprofessional political communication” to a list of reasons for cause for removal of the OGE Director. The amendment failed by a recorded vote of 14-17.

YEAS: Jordan, Amash, Gosar, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Hice, Grothman, Gibbs, Higgins, Roy, Miller, Armstrong, and Steube.

NAYS: Cummings, Maloney, Clay, Cooper, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Sarbanes, Welch, Kelly, Desaulnier, Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, and Tlaib.

5. Mr. Meadows offered another amendment to the ANS which would strike from the bill provisions providing certain authorities to the Director of OGE. The amendment failed by voice vote.
6. Mr. Hice offered an amendment to the ANS which would strike the subpoena authority of the OGE Director, which failed by recorded vote 14-17.

YEAS: Jordan, Amash, Gosar, Foxx, Massie, , Hice, Grothman, Gibbs, Higgins, Roy, Miller, Green, Armstrong, and Steube.

NAYS: Cummings, Maloney, Clay, Cooper, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Sarbanes, Welch, Kelly, Desaulnier, , Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, and Tlaib.

7. Mr. Hice offered another amendment to the ANS to strike the investigatory authority of the Director of OGE, which failed by a recorded vote of 15-18.

YEAS: Jordan, Amash, Gosar, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Hice, Grothman, Gibbs, Higgins, Roy, Miller, Green, Armstrong, and Steube.

NAYS: Cummings, Maloney, Clay, Cooper, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Sarbanes, Welch, Kelly, Desaulnier, Khanna, Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, and Tlaib.

H.R. 745, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House by a recorded vote 18-15.

YEAS: Cummings, Maloney, Clay, Cooper, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Sarbanes, Welch, Kelly, Desaulnier, Khanna, Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, and Tlaib.

NAYS: Jordan, Amash, Foxx, Massie, Meadows, Hice, Grothman, Comer, Gibbs, Higgins, Roy, Miller, Green, Armstrong, and Steube.

[Mr. Jordan U.C.s for the record: 12-12-17 letter from DOJ to the Census Bureau.]

H.R. 964 (Cummings), Transition Team Ethics Improvement Act

1. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) which was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 964, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House by Recorded Vote 18-12.

YEAS: Cummings, Maloney, Clay, Cooper, Krishnamoorthi, Raskin, Rouda, Hill, Wasserman Schultz, Sarbanes, Welch, Kelly, Desaulnier, Khanna, Gomez, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, and Tlaib.

NAYS: Jordan, Amash, Foxx, Hice, Grothman, Gibbs, Higgins, Roy, Miller, Green, Armstrong, and Steube.

The following bills were approved by the Committee and ordered favorably reported to the House, by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1496 (Hice), the Presidential Allowance Modernization Act, **as amended**;

H.R.540 (Morelle), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the “Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office”;

H.R. 828 (Zeldin), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the “Congressman Bill Carney Post Office”;

H.R. 829 (Zeldin), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the “Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building”;

H.R 1198(Lee-NV), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 South Boulder Highway in Henderson, Nevada, as the “Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”;

H.R.1449 (Kelly-IL), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3033 203rd Street in Olympia Fields, Illinois, as the “Captain Robert L. Martin Post Office”; and

S. 725, A bill to change the address of the postal facility designated in honor of Captain Humayun Khan.