

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

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### MEMORANDUM

June 10, 2019

**To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform**

**Fr: Majority Staff**

**Re: Committee Business Meeting**

**On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building,** the Committee will hold a business meeting to consider the following:

1. A resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find the Attorney General and the Secretary of Commerce in contempt of Congress for their refusal to comply with duly authorized subpoenas relating to the 2020 Census;
2. H.R. 391, White House Ethics Transparency Act of 2019;
3. H.R. 2003, Ensuring FEHBP Coverage During Shutdowns Act;
4. H.R. 2004, Ensuring FEDVIP and FLTCIP Coverage During Shutdowns Act;
5. H.R. 2530, Interim Stay Authority To Protect Whistleblowers Act;
6. H.R. 1668, Internet of Things Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2019;
7. H.R. 2978, National Historical Publications and Records Commission Reauthorization Act of 2019; and
8. Postal naming measures.

#### **I. CENSUS CONTEMPT RESOLUTION**

The Committee will consider a resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find Attorney General William P. Barr and Secretary of Commerce William L. Ross, Jr. in contempt of Congress and that the Speaker of the House shall certify the Report of the Committee to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for further action. The resolution also finds that Chairman Elijah E. Cummings should seek to enforce subpoenas

authorized by the Committee and duly issued by the Chairman relating to the 2020 Census by all necessary means, including by seeking authority from the House of Representatives through a vote of the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group pursuant to clause 8(b) of rule II, and H. Res. 430, to file civil actions in the appropriate United States district courts.

Staff contacts: Russell Anello and Tori Anderson.

## **II. H.R. 391, WHITE HOUSE ETHICS TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2019**

H.R. 391, the White House Ethics Transparency Act of 2019, was introduced by Representative Stephen Lynch on January 9, 2019, and was included as Subtitle C of Title VIII of H.R. 1. The bill would require any official who issues a waiver or authorization under President Trump's Executive Order on ethics to provide a copy of the waiver to the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) within 30 days and publish the waiver or authorization on the White House or agency website. The bill also would require OGE to publish on its website any such waivers or authorizations received. Finally, the bill would require officials to provide written disclosures for any waivers issued on or after January 20, 2017.

Staff contact: Brandon Rios.

## **III. H.R. 2003, ENSURING FEHBP COVERAGE DURING SHUTDOWNS ACT**

H.R. 2003, the Ensuring FEHBP Coverage During Shutdowns Act, was introduced by Chairman Cummings on April 1, 2019, with bipartisan cosponsors. The bill would ensure that federal employees and their families continue to receive health insurance coverage during a lapse in appropriations in the event of a qualifying life event, such as the birth or adoption of a child.

Staff Contact: Lena Chang.

## **IV. H.R. 2004, ENSURING FEDVIP AND FLTCIP COVERAGE DURING SHUTDOWNS ACT**

H.R. 2004, the Ensuring FEDVIP and FLTCIP Coverage During Shutdowns Act, was introduced by Chairman Cummings on April 1, 2019, with bipartisan cosponsors. The bill would ensure that federal employees continue to receive vision, dental, and long-term care insurance coverage during a lapse in appropriations.

Staff contact: Lena Chang.

## **V. H.R. 2530, INTERIM STAY AUTHORITY TO PROTECT WHISTLEBLOWERS ACT**

H.R. 2530, the Interim Stay Authority to Protect Whistleblowers Act, was introduced by Government Operations Subcommittee Chairman Connolly and Chairman Cummings on May 7, 2019. The legislation would address the current lack of members on the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) by authorizing the MSPB general counsel to issue stays in actions

brought by agencies against whistleblowers. The general counsel's authority would expire once one Board member is nominated and confirmed by the Senate.

Staff contact: Lena Chang.

## **VI. H.R. 1668, INTERNET OF THINGS CYBERSECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2019**

H.R. 1668, the Internet of Things (IoT) Cybersecurity Improvement Act, was introduced by Representatives Robin Kelly and Will Hurd on March 11, 2019. The bill would require the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop guidelines for managing cybersecurity risks of IoT devices by June 30, 2020. The bill would require the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue standards for implementing those guidelines by December 31, 2020. The bill also would require similar guidelines from NIST and standards from OMB on reporting, coordinating, and publishing security vulnerabilities of IoT devices.

Staff contact: Mark Stephenson.

## **VII. H.R. 2978, NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019**

H.R. 2978, a bill to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, was introduced by Subcommittee on Government Operations Chairman Connolly and Ranking Member Meadows on May 23, 2019. The bill would authorize appropriations of \$15,000,000 per year for the Commission and would add a representative of the Council of State Archivists as a member.

Staff contact: Kristine Lam.

## **VII. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES**

- H.R. 1250, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the "Lucas Lowe Post Office."
- H.R. 1526, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Israel Road Southeast in Tumwater, Washington, as the "Eva G. Hewitt Post Office."
- H.R. 1833, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building."
- H.R. 1844, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Grove Court in Elgin, Illinois, as the "Corporal Alex Martinez Memorial Post Office Building."

- H.R. 2451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 575 Dexter Street in Central Falls, Rhode Island, as the “Elizabeth Buffum Chace Post Office.”
- H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Calle Alondra in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “65th Infantry Regiment Post Office Building.”
- H.R. 3144, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8520 Michigan Avenue in Whittier, California, as the “Jose Ramos Post Office Building.”
- H.R. 3152, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 456 North Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Richard G. Lugar Post Office.”

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