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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform

Fr: Majority Staff

Re: Committee Business Meeting

On Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee will hold a business meeting to consider the following:

1. H.R. 2575, the AI in Government Act of 2019;
2. H.R. 3830, the Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act;
3. H.R. 3883, the Restore the Partnership Act;
4. H.R. 3941, the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program Authorization Act;
5. H.R. 5214, the Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act of 2019;
6. S. 375, the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019; and
7. Several postal naming measures.

I. H.R. 2575, THE AI IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2019

H.R. 2575, the Artificial Intelligence in Government Act, was introduced by Representatives Jerry McNerney and Mark Meadows on May 8, 2019. The bill would codify the Artificial Intelligence Center of Excellence (AI CoE) at the General Services Administration (GSA). The AI CoE would promote the innovative use and acquisition of artificial intelligence in the federal government, improve cohesion and competency pertaining to federal AI adoption, and improve the efficiency of federal government operations.

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II. H.R. 3830, THE TAXPAYERS RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT

H.R. 3830, the Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act, was introduced by Representatives Tim Walberg and Jim Cooper on July 18, 2019. The bill would require the creation of a functional federal program inventory, updated regularly and accessible by the public, that would help to improve program oversight and potentially reduce areas of duplication. In particular, the bill would require disclosure of information pertaining to federal program activities, including: assessments of performance, authorizing statutes, appropriated, obligated and outlaid funds, and regulations pertinent to the program activities.

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III H.R. 3883, THE RESTORE THE PARTNERSHIP ACT

H.R. 3883, the Restore the Partnership Act, was introduced by Representatives Gerry Connolly and Rob Bishop on July 23, 2019. The bill is based on three years of bipartisan work to identify effective ways for federal, state, local, and tribal governments to share ideas, best practices, and research. In May 2018 the Speaker's Task Force on Intergovernmental Affairs held a hearing on legislation similar to H.R. 3883. In July 2019 the Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing on the bill.

In the 115th Congress, Speaker Paul Ryan and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi created the Speaker's Task Force on Intergovernmental Affairs to examine ways to foster partnership across levels of government and seek ways to reduce the burdens that federal, state, local, and tribal governments may intentionally or unintentionally place on one another.

The task force, led by Reps. Bishop and Connolly, examined a variety of possible solutions to improve intergovernmental cooperation. The Restore the Partnership Act emerged as the most promising solution. The bill revives, with some improvements, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR), which operated from 1959 to 1996. During its 37-year tenure, ACIR catalyzed a variety of intergovernmental improvements.

This bill would reconstitute the ACIR as the 31-member Commission on Intergovernmental Relations of the United States to bring together federal, state, local, and—for the first time—tribal stakeholders to engage essential and complex issues that require cooperation among the levels of government in the United States. The bill would create a commission to convene experts, provide technical assistance, and recommend solutions that lead to more appropriate delegations of governmental functions.

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VI. H.R. 3941, THE FEDERAL RISK AND AUTHORIZATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION ACT

H.R. 3941, the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program Authorization Act was introduced by Subcommittee on Government Operations Chairman Connolly and Ranking

Member Meadows on July 24, 2019. This bill would codify the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program at GSA. It would authorize GSA to establish a governmentwide program to provide a standardized approach to security assessment and authorization for cloud computing products and services.

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V. H.R. 5214, THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT OF 2019

H.R. 5214, the Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act, was introduced by Representatives Rashida Tlaib and Mark Meadows on November 21, 2019. A similar measure (S. 1430) has been introduced by Senator James Lankford. The bill would improve the protection of recipients of federal pensions from caretakers who use the money for their own benefit instead of the retiree's. Embezzlement or conversion of Social Security and Veterans benefits by a representative payee is a federal felony, but the same actions for federal retirement benefits are not. The bill would close this loophole in current law.

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VI. S. 375, THE PAYMENT INTEGRITY INFORMATION ACT OF 2019

S. 375, the Payment Integrity Information Act, was introduced by Senator Tom Carper on February 7, 2019. Chairman Ron Johnson, Ranking Member Gary Peters, and Senator Michael Braun are original cosponsors. The bill passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent on July 16, 2019.

The bill would consolidate the existing improper payment laws into one place in the U.S. Code and make changes to help agencies better identify and reduce improper payments.

The bill would require agencies to develop plans to prevent improper payments and improve the way agencies identify programs with the highest risk and require the Office of Management and Budget and Inspectors General to issue guidance to improve annual reporting on compliance with improper payment laws. The bill also would create a working group of federal agencies and non-federal partners, such as state governments, to develop strategies for addressing key drivers of improper payments, such as fraud and eligibility determinations in state-managed federal benefits programs.

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VII. POSTAL NAMING BILLS

- H.R. 2454 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 East Sharpfish Street in Rosebud, South Dakota, as the "Ben Reifel Post Office Building" (Rep. Johnson).

- H.R. 2969 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1401 1st Street North in Winter Haven, Florida, as the “Althea Margaret Daily Mills Post Office Building” (Rep. Soto).
- H.R. 3275 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 Wetmore Avenue in Grand River, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Andy ‘Ace’ Nowacki Post Office” (Rep. Joyce).
- H.R. 2246 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Cherokee Street in Brookhaven, Mississippi, as the “Deputy Donald William Durr, Corporal Zach Moak, and Patrolman James White Memorial Post Office Building” (Rep. Guest).
- H.R. 3680 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 North Main Street in Henning, Tennessee as the “Paula Robinson and Judy Spray Memorial Post Office Building” (Rep. Kustoff).
- H.R. 3847 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 West Poythress Street in Hopewell, Virginia, as the “Reverend Curtis West Harris Post Office Building” (Rep. McEachin).
- H.R. 3976 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12711 East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Aretha Franklin Post Office Building” (Rep. Lawrence).
- H.R. 4034 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 602 Pacific Avenue in Bremerton, Washington, as the “John Henry Turpin Post Office Building” (Rep. Kilmer).
- H.R. 4200 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 South 1st Street in Montrose, Colorado, as the “Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office” (Rep. Tipton).
- H.R. 4725 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8585 Criterion Drive in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the “Chaplain (Capt.) Dale Goetz Memorial Post Office Building” (Rep. Lamborn).
- H.R. 4734 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the “Ernest ‘Ernie’ T. Pyle Post Office” (Rep. Bucshon).
- H.R. 4785 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1305 U.S. Highway 90 West in Castroville, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal Rhonald Dain Rairdan Post Office” (Rep. Hurd).

- H.R. 4975 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1201 Sycamore Square Drive in Midlothian, Virginia, as the “Dorothy Braden Bruce Post Office Building” (Rep. Spanberger).
- H.R. 5062 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9930 Conroy Windermere Road in Windermere, Florida, as the “Officer Robert German Post Office Building” (Rep. Demings).
- H.R. 4981 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the “Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office” (Rep. Adams).
- H.R. 3005 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13308 Midland Road in Poway, California, as the “Ray Chavez Post Office Building” (Rep. Peters).
- H.R. 4279 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 445 Main Street in Laceyville, Pennsylvania, as the “Melinda Gene Piccotti Post Office” (Rep. Keller).
- H.R. 4672 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 21701 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Cupertino, California, as the “Petty Officer 2nd Class (SEAL) Matthew G. Axelson Post Office Building” (Rep. Khanna).
- H.R. 5037 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the “Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office” (Rep. Murphy).
- H.R. 4279 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 445 Main Street in Laceyville, Pennsylvania, as the “Melinda Gene Piccotti Post Office” (Rep. Keller).
- H.R. 4794 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building” (Rep. Rose).
- H.R. 5384 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the “Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office” (Rep. Johnson, LA).
- H.R. 3317 - To permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones, and for other purposes (Rep. Hill).