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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 Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 10:30 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. 4894, the Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act;
2. H.R. 5885, the Federal Employee Paid Leave Technical Corrections Act;
3. H.R. 5901, the Modernization Centers of Excellence Program Act; and
4. H.R. 6020, a bill requiring a GAO study on Minor League Baseball;
5. Several postal naming measures.

I. H.R. 4894, THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET JUSTIFICATION TRANSPARENCY ACT

A. Summary

H.R. 4894, the Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act, was introduced on October 29, 2019, by Representatives Mike Quigley and Doug Collins. The Senate companion (S. 2560) was introduced by Senators Gary Peters and Rob Portman on September 26, 2019, and was ordered reported by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on November 6, 2019.

The bill would require congressional budget justifications to be posted online in a centralized, searchable database, as well as on the agency's website, starting with the second fiscal year after enactment. Congressional budget justifications are detailed, plain-language explanations of how agencies plan to spend the money they ask Congress to appropriate. Though some agencies make their justifications public, there is currently no legal requirement that they do so.

The bill also would require the Office of Management and Budget to maintain and regularly update a public list of agencies expected to submit congressional budget justifications, the date they are submitted to Congress, and when they are posted online.

B. Amendments

A substitute amendment may be offered.

Staff contact: Mark Stephenson at (202) 226-2510

II. H.R. 5885, THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAID LEAVE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

A. Summary

H.R. 5885, The Federal Employee Paid Leave Technical Corrections Act, was introduced on February 13, 2020, by Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney and Rep. Carol Miller with 14 other bipartisan cosponsors. The Senate companion (S. 3104) was introduced by Senator Charles Schumer on December 18, 2019, and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs.

The FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), was signed into law in December 2019 and provides 12 weeks of paid leave to federal employees to care for the birth, fostering, or adoption of a child. This bill would include employees who, because of statutory framing, were inadvertently not included in the NDAA provisions. The legislation would include:

- Federal Aviation Administration employees;
- Certain Veterans Affairs (VA) employees;
- District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Services employees;
- Employees of the Executive Office of the President and White House employees;
- Employees who work as health providers at the VA;
- Non-screener personnel at the Transportation Security Administration; and
- Article I judges, including bankruptcy and magistrate judges.

B. Amendments

A substitute amendment may be offered.

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III. H.R. 5901, THE MODERNIZATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM ACT

A. Summary

H.R. 5901, the Modernization Centers of Excellence Program Act, was introduced by Reps. Ro Khanna and Mark Meadows on February 13, 2020.

The General Services Administration (GSA) established Centers of Excellence (CoE) in 2017. The centers collect best technological and modernization practices and expertise to assist information technology modernization at executive agencies. There are currently six centers: artificial intelligence, cloud adoption, contact center, customer experience, data and analytics, and infrastructure optimization.

The bill would codify the CoE program by authorizing GSA, upon request by an executive agency, to provide the following services: modernizing information technology and customer service; improving cooperation between commercial and executive agency information technology sectors; assisting executive agencies with planning and adoption of a more efficient commercial cloud computing system; efficient use of data management, analysis, and reporting; and optimizing infrastructure (including data centers) to reduce operating costs.

B. Amendments

A substitute amendment may be offered.

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IV. H. R.6020, A BILL MANDATING A GAO STUDY ON MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

A. Summary

H.R.6020, was introduced by Rep. Lori Trahan on February 28, 2020. It would require the Government Accountability Office to issue a report on the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture.

B. Amendments

No amendments are expected.

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V. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES

- H.R.3870 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 West 165th Street in New York, New York, as the “Normandia Maldonado Post Office Building” (Rep. Espallat).
- H.R.4875 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2201 E. Maple Street in North Canton, Ohio, as the “Lance Cpl. Stacy ‘Annie’ Dryden Post Office” (Rep. Gonzalez).
- H.R.4971 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 East Market Street in Leesburg, Virginia, as the “Norman Duncan Post Office Building” (Rep. Wexton).
- H.R.5307 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 Nicol Avenue in Thomasville, Alabama, as the “Postmaster Robert Ingram Sr. Post Office” (Rep. Sewell).
- H.R.5317 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 315 Addicks Howell Road in Houston, Texas, as the “Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal Post Office Building” (Rep. Fletcher).
- H.R.5597 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 305 Northwest 5th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the “Clara Luper Post Office Building” (Rep. Horn).
- H.R. 5954 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West Maple Street in Holly, Michigan, as the “Holly Veterans Memorial Post Office”. (Rep. Slotkin).
- H.R. 5987 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the “Ralph Hall Post Office”. (Rep. Ratcliffe).
- H.R. 5988 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the “Audie Murphy Post Office Building”. (Rep. Ratcliffe).