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MEMORANDUM

June 9, 2022

To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Committee Business Meeting

On **Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and over Zoom**, the Committee on Oversight and Reform will hold a hybrid business meeting to consider the following:

1. H.R. 4176, the LGBTQ Data Inclusion Act;
2. H.R. 5815, the Honest Census Communications Act;
3. H.R. 7951, the Telework Metrics and Cost Savings Act;
4. H.R. 7941, “To permit the District of Columbia to transmit Acts of the District to Congress in electronic form;” and
5. Several postal naming measures.

I. H.R. 4176, THE LGBTQ DATA INCLUSION ACT

A. Summary

H.R. 4176, the LGBTQ Data Inclusion Act, was introduced by Rep. Raul Grijalva on June 25, 2021. The bill would require federal agencies that collect demographic survey data to assess methods for incorporating questions about sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) into existing surveys, where appropriate. Responses to SOGI inquiries would be voluntary.

Data on sexual orientation and gender identity would be published with the relevant agency data sets, while maintaining privacy and confidentiality standards. H.R. 4176 seeks to address existing data gaps in national SOGI information, which could expand programmatic services to the applicable demographics.

B. Amendments

The Chairwoman will offer an ANS.

Staff contact: Courtney Miller.

II. H.R. 5815, THE HONEST CENSUS COMMUNICATIONS ACT

A. Summary

H.R. 5815, the Honest Census Communications Act, was introduced by Rep. Anna Eshoo and Chairwoman Maloney on November 2, 2021. The bill would prohibit certain deceptive practices in relation to a census.

The bill defines a covered communication as a written communication, electronic or digital communication (i.e., website, application, online forum, social media platform, streaming service, or other means of communications using the internet or similar network) and telephonic communication (i.e., phone call, text message, or other communication relayed using a phone or phone network).

The bill prohibits communications that knowingly relay materially false census-related information, and communications intended to stop or delay a person's participation in any census. The bill establishes penalties for the communications prohibited by this legislation.

B. Amendments

The Chairwoman will offer an ANS.

Staff contact: Courtney Miller.

III. H.R. 7951, TELEWORK METRICS AND COST SAVINGS ACT

A. Summary

The Telework Metrics and Cost Savings Act was introduced by Government Operations Subcommittee Chairman Gerald E. Connolly on June 7, 2022. The bill would update current telework law for the federal workforce to improve work-life flexibility for employees and create reporting requirements that measure the cost savings to the federal government associated with telework.

The bill would broaden the current definition of telework in Title 5 of the United States Code to include periodic or full-time telework arrangements and remote work. It directs agencies to set agency goals for the number of employees who should be telework-eligible and develop methods for collecting cost savings data. Chief Human Capital Officers (CHCO) would ensure compliance with training requirements and the CHCO Council would annually study strategies for increasing telework where appropriate.

B. Amendments

The Chairwoman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Wendy Ginsberg and Christina Parisi.

IV. H.R. 7941, TO PERMIT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO TRANSMIT ACTS OF THE DISTRICT TO CONGRESS IN ELECTRONIC FORM

A. Summary

H.R. 7941, the District of Columbia Electronic Transmittal of Legislation Act, was introduced by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton on June 3, 2022. The bill would permit the District of Columbia to transmit legislation to Congress in electronic form.

Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, the Chair of the D.C. Council is required to transmit legislation enacted by D.C. to Congress for a review period, with limited exceptions.¹ D.C. legislation takes effect upon the expiration of the review period, unless a joint resolution of disapproval is enacted during the review period.² Neither the D.C. Home Rule Act nor the rules of the House or Senate prescribe the form of transmittal, but the House and Senate permit the Chair to transmit legislation only in paper form.

The bill would amend the D.C. Home Rule Act to permit the Chair of the D.C. Council to transmit legislation in such form as the Chair may choose, including electronic form. In addition, the bill would deem the amendment to the D.C. Home Rule Act a part of the rules of the House and Senate.

B. Amendments

The Chairwoman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ethan VanNess and Brad Truding.

V. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES

- H.R. 6218, “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 317 Blattner Drive in Avon, Minnesota, as the ‘W.O.C. Kort Miller Plantenberg Post Office.’”
- H.R. 6220, “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 3rd Avenue Northwest in Perham, Minnesota, as the ‘Charles P. Nord Post Office.’”

¹ Pub. L. No. 93-198 (1973).

² *Id.*

- H.R. 6221, “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 155 Main Avenue West in Winsted, Minnesota, as the ‘James A. Rogers Jr. Post Office.’”
- H.R. 7518, “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23200 John R Road in Hazel Park, Michigan, as the ‘Roy E. Dickens Post Office.’”
- H.R. 7519, “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2050 South Boulevard in Bloomfield Township, Michigan, as the ‘Dr. Ezra S. Parke Post Office Building.’”
- H.R.7899, “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 75 Commerce Drive in Grayslake, Illinois, as the ‘Army Specialist Joseph “Joey” W. Dimock II Post Office Building.’”

VI. AMENDMENT PROCESS

Committee Rule 2(g) authorizes the chair of the Committee to prioritize the consideration of amendments filed 24 hours in advance of the consideration of matters before the Committee or subcommittees. Pursuant to this rule, and at the chair’s discretion, the Committee may consider amendments that are pre-filed with the Committee clerk prior to amendments offered at a markup.

Members should pre-file amendments with the clerk of the Committee by emailing a searchable, electronic PDF copy of the amendment prepared by the House Legislative Counsel to Oversight_Clerks@mail.house.gov and to Christina Parisi at Christina.Parisi@mail.house.gov at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the business meeting. Members should include in the email accompanying the amendment text:

1. The name(s) of the Member(s) who will offer the amendment;
2. The name and number of the measure to be amended;
3. A brief, one-sentence description of the amendment; and
4. The name and phone number of a staff member who will serve as the point of contact for the amendment.

Pre-filed amendments will be compiled into a single roster, and the roster will be made available to Committee members prior to business meetings. Any amendment to a measure or matter before the Committee or a subcommittee should be germane to the measure or matter, including in scope, subject matter, and Committee consideration. Votes on amendments likely will be grouped together at a time determined by the chair, pursuant to Committee Rules.