

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Business Meeting Summary – 7-12-2023

Convened: 10:03 a.m.

Recessed: 1:19 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:12 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:02 p.m.

Members present: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Higgins, Session, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, and Moskowitz.

H. R. 4435, THE “UNAUTHORIZED SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”

A bill “to establish a budgetary level reduction schedule, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.
2. Mr. Raskin offered his first amendment to the ANS that would prohibit any budgetary reductions from taking place and prohibit legally authorized programs from being terminated, unless the termination will have no negative effect on any population served by the program. The amendment failed by a Roll Call vote of 13-21 (Vote #1).

YEAS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Gomez, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett.

NAYS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Burlison.

3. Mr. Garcia offered an amendment to the ANS that would strike "unauthorized program" and insert "legally authorized program." The amendment would exempt every program that has been appropriated less than \$10,000,000,000 from the requirement to be reauthorized. The amendment failed by a Roll Call vote of 16-23 (Vote #2).

YEAS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Gomez, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Moskowitz.

NAYS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison.

4. Ms. Crockett offered an amendment to the ANS that would exempt FEMA from the

potential budgetary reductions under the USA Act. The amendment failed by Roll Call vote of 18-23 (Vote #3).

YEAS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

NAYS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison.

5. Mr. Raskin offered his second amendment to the ANS that would exempt any program that pertains to the defense of Ukraine from a potential budgetary reduction. The amendment failed by a Roll Call vote of 17-23 (Vote #4).

YEAS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Porter, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

NAYS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison.

6. Mr. Lynch offered an amendment to the ANS that would exempt any program related to veterans' medical care from budgetary decreases under the bill. The amendment failed by Roll Call vote of 19-23 (Vote #5).

YEAS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

NAYS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison.

[Mr. Comer, Ms. Foxx U.C. for the record: Letter from National Taxpayers Union dated July 12, 2023]

The bill, H.R. 4435, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 23-20 (Vote #6).

YEAS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison.

NAYS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

H. R. 1209 (Comer), THE “FAIR AND OPEN COMPETITION (FOCA) ACT”

A bill “to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 1209, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 22-20 (Vote #7).

YEAS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Burlison.

NAYS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

[Mr. Comer U.C. for the record: Letter from AGC dated July 10, 2023]

[Mr. Comer U.C. for the record: Letter from Associated Builders and Contractors dated July 10, 2023]

[Mr. Comer U.C. for the record: Coalition Letter dated July 10, 2023]

[Mr. Comer U.C. for the record: Letter from Independent Electrical Contractors dated July 11, 2023]

[Mr. Comer, Ms. Foxx U.C. for the record: Letter from National Taxpayers Union dated July 12, 2023]

[Mr. Connolly U.C. for the record: Letter from Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association dated July 10, 2023]

[Mr. Connolly U.C. for the record: Report from the Independent Project Analysis dated December 2022]

H. R. 192

A bill “to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia.

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 192, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 23-19 (Vote #8).

YEAS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison.

NAYS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman.

H. R. 3230 (Foxx), THE “UNFUNDED MANDATES ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”

A bill “to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3230, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 23-20 (Vote #9).

YEAS: Comer, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison.

NAYS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

[Mr. Comer U.C. for the record: Letter from Heritage Action dated July 12, 2023]

[Mr. Comer, Ms. Foxx U.C. for the record: Letter from Competitive Enterprise Institute dated July 11, 2023]

[Mr. Comer, Ms. Foxx U.C. for the record: Letter from National Taxpayers Union dated July 12, 2023]

H. R. 3358, THE “MISSION NOT EMISSIONS ACT”

A bill “to prohibit any requirement for recipients of Federal contracts to disclose greenhouse gas emissions and climate-related financial risk, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3358, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 22-20 (Vote #10).

YEAS: Comer, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison.

NAYS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

[Mr. Comer, Ms. Foxx U.C. for the record: Letter from Competitive Enterprise Institute dated July 11, 2023]

H. R. 890 (Comer), THE “GUIDANCE OUT OF DARKNESS (GOOD) ACT”

A bill “to increase access to agency guidance documents.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 890, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 41-0 (Vote #11).

YEAS: Comer, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

NAYS:

[Mr. Comer U.C. for the record: Letter from NFIB dated July 7, 2023]

[Mr. Comer U.C. for the record: Letter from Heritage Action dated July 12, 2023]

[Mr. Comer, Ms. Foxx U.C. for the record: Letter from Competitive Enterprise Institute dated July 11, 2023]

[Mr. Comer, Ms. Foxx U.C. for the record: Letter from National Taxpayers Union dated July 12, 2023]

H. R. 4502 (Mace), THE “MODERNIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CYBERSECURITY EXPERTS ACT”

A bill “to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow Federal agencies to establish educational requirements for certain cybersecurity positions in the competitive service, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 4502, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 40-0 (Vote #12).

YEAS: Comer, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, McClain, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

NAYS:

H. R. 4503 (Mace), THE “AI TRAINING EXPANSION ACT OF 2023”

A bill “to amend the Artificial Intelligence Training for the Acquisition Workforce Act to expand AI training within the executive branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 4503, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 39-2 (Vote #13).

YEAS: Comer, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Armstrong, Timmons, Burchett, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

NAYS: Biggs, Perry.

H. R. 1695, THE “STRENGTHENING AGENCY MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF SOFEWARE ASSETS ACT”

A bill “to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 1695, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 39-0 (Vote #14).

YEAS: Comer, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Armstrong, Perry, Burchett, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Edwards, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Gomez, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

NAYS:

[Ms. Mace U.C. for the record: Letter from various industry organizations dated July 11, 2023]

POSTAL NAMING EN BLOC

The following postal naming bills were offered en bloc: H.R. 292, 996, 1060, 1098, 1687, 2379, 2754, 3728, and 3944. The en bloc was ordered favorably reported by voice vote.