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MEMORANDUM

February 1, 2024

To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Accountability

From: Committee Staff

Re: Full Committee Business Meeting

On **Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability will hold a business meeting to consider the following:

1. H.R. 5798, the Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act of 2023
2. H.R. 262, the All Economic Regulations are Transparent (ALERT) Act of 2023
3. H.R. ____, the Information Quality Assurance Act of 2024
4. H.R. 7184, the Congressional Budget Office Data Access Act
5. H.R. 6972, the Securing Chain of Command Continuity Act
6. H.R. 6283, the Delinking Revenue from Unfair Gouging (DRUG) Act
7. H.R. 5658, the Vote by Mail Tracking Act
8. H.R. 5887, the Government Service Delivery Improvement Act
9. Several postal naming measures.

I. H.R. 5798, PROTECTING OUR NATION’S CAPITAL EMERGENCY ACT OF 2023:

A. Summary

H.R. 5798 amends the D.C. Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to restore two provisions recently removed by the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-345), including Metro Police Department (MPD) officer union bargaining in matters of officer discipline as well as the timeline under which such discipline must be carried out for alleged wrongdoing.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Ryan Giachetti and Lauren Hassett at (202) 225-5074.

II. H.R. 262, ALL ECONOMIC REGULATIONS ARE TRANSPARENT (ALERT) ACT OF 2023:

A. Summary

H.R. 262 agencies to submit monthly updates to the Office of Information Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) on their regulatory plans—including specific information on expected costs and other economic effects such as jobs—which will be published online within thirty days, yielding monthly updates on the complete federal regulatory agenda. The bill also prohibits agencies from promulgating new rules for which online updates have not been available for at least six months. Finally, OIRA must publish annually an assessment of all new agency rules and agencies’ cost and benefit analyses of new rules.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Daniel Flores and Jeanne Kuehl at (202) 225-5074.

III. H.R. ____, INFORMATION QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT OF 2024:

A. Summary

This legislation builds upon the Information Quality Act (P.L. 106-554, Sec. 515) and the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-435) by requiring agencies to rely on the best, reasonably available scientific, technical, demographic, economic, financial, and statistical information to support new rules and guidance. This bill also requires agencies to publish any model, methodology, or source of information on which the agency relies before issuing a final rule or guidance

document and to certify compliance with the bill in notices of final rules and guidance documents.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Daniel Flores and Kim Waskowsky at (202) 225-5074.

IV. H.R. 7184, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE DATA ACCESS ACT:

A. Summary

H.R. 7184 provides the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a Legislative Branch agency, with an exemption to the Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579), allowing CBO to more easily access data and information maintained by federal agencies that it needs to conduct its assessments. The bill authorizes agencies to disclose records in their systems to CBO without requiring prior written consent of individuals to whom a system of records pertains under the Privacy Act.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Lombardo at (202) 225-5074.

V. H.R. 6972, SECURING CHAIN OF COMMAND CONTINUITY ACT:

A. Summary

H.R. 6972 amends the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-277) to require members of the National Security Council (NSC) that are also the head of an Executive Branch agency (e.g., Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense) to specifically provide notification to the President, the Comptroller General of the United States (GAO), and to House and Senate leadership within 24 hours of any planned or unplanned medical incapacity impeding the ability of the NSC member to perform the function and duties of their office. Violation would require an extensive report within 30 days of the date of initial medical incapacitation to the President, GAO, and Congress detailing the failure to comply.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Brandon Renz at (202) 225-5074.

VI. H.R. 6283, DELINKING REVENUE FROM UNFAIR GOUGING (DRUG) ACT:

A. Summary

Subsection (d) of H.R. 6283 adds to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act (5 U.S.C. 8901 et seq.) a new section which would: (1) implement de-linking policies and require a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) to only charge a flat fee for drug placement versus letting them continue to charge a percentage of the drug; (2) prohibit ‘spread pricing,’ when a PBM charges the health plan more than they paid for a medicine; (3) prevent PBMs from paying affiliated pharmacies more than competing pharmacies for the same services; and (4) ban ‘patient steering,’ whereby a PBM encourages or requires patients to use its affiliated pharmacies instead of the pharmacy that is most convenient for them. The bill goes into effect beginning with the 2026 plan year and subsection (d) is to be implemented by OPM (which may prescribe implementing regulations) with potential civil monetary penalties of \$10,000 for each day of a PBM’s violation. The rest of the bill’s subsections (a) through (c) effectuate similar reforms within Part D of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-111 et seq), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) (29 U.S.C. 1185 et seq), and the Internal Revenue Code (chapter 100, sub-chapter B) and are outside of the jurisdiction of the Committee.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Dan Ashworth and Brandon Renz at (202) 225-5074.

VII. H.R. 5658, VOTE BY MAIL TRACKING ACT:

A. Summary

H.R. 5658 amends Title 39 of the U.S. Code (Postal Service) to require ballots mailed within the United States for all federal elections be mailed in an envelope with a unique Postal Service barcode that allows the ballot to be tracked in the mail.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Hassett and Ryan Giachetti at (202) 225-5074.

VIII. H.R. 5887, GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT ACT:

A. Summary

The Government Service Delivery Improvement Act tasks the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with designating a senior OMB official as the Federal Government Service Delivery Lead and tasking them with the primary responsibility of coordinating government-wide efforts to improve service delivery. This official would also be responsible for developing government service delivery standards, policies, and

guidelines for services and programs provided by federal agencies and establishing metrics to evaluate the quality of government service delivery. This bill also requires federal agencies to designate a senior official responsible for improving service delivery.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Lauren Lombardo at (202) 225-5074.

IX. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES:

Staff contacts: Sarah Feeney at (202) 225-5074.

X. 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 directly to GOP Oversight Clerks at GOP.Oversight.Clerks@mail.house.gov and Lauren Hassett at Lauren.Hassett@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.