

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Business Meeting Summary – 3-7-2024

Convened: 10:04 a.m.

Recessed: 1:10 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:02 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:46 p.m.

Members present: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Session, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Tlaib, and Pressley.

H.R. 4552 (Mace), THE “FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023”

A bill “to improve the cybersecurity of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) removing seven bill sections from the introduced text and making substantive edits including to the contractor vulnerability and disclosure policies and federal cybersecurity requirements. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.
2. Mr. Sessions offered an amendment to the ANS to revise contractor incident reporting requirements. The amendment was offered and withdrawn.

The bill, H.R. 4552, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 32-7 (Vote #1).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Greene, McClain, Langworthy, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Tlaib, Pressley.

NAYS: Cloud, Biggs, Perry, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Burlison.

H.R. 7523 (Timmons), THE “GOVERNMENTWIDE EXECUTIVE COUNCILS REFORM ACT”

A bill “to establish the Office of Executive councils, and for other purposes.”

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

The bill, H.R. 7523, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 40-0, (Vote #2).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crocket, Goldman, Tlaib, Pressley.

NAYS: none.

H.R. 7532 (Comer), THE “FEDERAL AI GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY ACT”

A bill “to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to establish Federal AI system governance requirements, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making minimal technical and conforming edits. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 7532, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 36-3, (Vote #3).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Tlaib, Pressley.

NAYS: Perry, Boebert, Luna.

H.R. 7528 (Higgins), THE “COMMENT INTEGRITY AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2024”

A bill “to amend section 206 of the E–Government Act of 2002 to improve the integrity and management of mass comments and computer-generated comments in the regulatory review process, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) adding a purpose statement and making minimal technical and conforming edits. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 7528, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 31-9, (Vote #4).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Crockett, Goldman.

NAYS: Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Frost, Lee, Casar, Tlaib, Pressley.

H.R. 7533 (Biggs), THE “MODERNIZING RETROSPECTIVE REGULATORY REVIEW ACT”

A bill “to improve retrospective reviews of Federal regulations, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making minimal technical and conforming edits. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 7533, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 21-19, (Vote #5).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison.

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

H.R. 7525 (Fallon), THE “SPECIAL DISTRICT GRANT ACCESSIBILITY ACT”

A bill “to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations.”

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

The bill, H.R. 7525, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 38-2, (Vote #6).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Tlaib.

NAYS: Perry, Pressley.

H.R. 7530 (Donalds), THE “D.C. CRIMINAL REFORMS TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE EVERYONE SAFER (D.C. CRIMES) ACT”

A bill “to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making a technical edit. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.
2. Ms. Mace offered an amendment to the ANS to strike section 2(b), the provision that prevents judges from sentencing youth offenders below the mandatory minimum. The amendment passed by a Roll Call vote of 20-19, with 1 present. **(Vote #7)**

YEAS: Mace, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Tlaib, Pressley.

NAYS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Langworthy, Burlison.

PRESENT: Luna.

The bill, H.R. 7530, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 21-19, (Vote #8).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison.

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

H.R. 7526 (Luna), THE “D.C. COMSUMER VEHICLE CHOICE PROTECTION ACT”

A bill “to repeal the final rule adopted by the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment relating to “Adoption of California Vehicle Emission Standards.”

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

The bill, H.R. 7526, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 21-19, (Vote #9).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison.

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

H.R. 7527 (Connolly), THE “MAIL TRAFFIC DEATHS REPORTING ACT”

A bill “to direct the United States Postal Service to issue regulations requiring Postal Service employees and contractors to report to the Postal Service traffic crashes involving vehicles carrying mail that result in injury or death, and for other purposes.”

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

The bill, H.R. 7527, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 40-0, (Vote #10).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crocket, Goldman, Tlaib, Pressley.

NAYS: none.

H.R. 5301 (Garcia), THE “ELIMINATE USELESS REPORTS ACT OF 2023”

A bill “to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making substantive changes to harmonize the bill with existing requirements in law for the centralized publication of congressionally mandated reports. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 5301, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 40-0, (Vote #11).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crocket, Goldman, Tlaib, Pressley.

NAYS: none.

POSTAL NAMING EN BLOC

The following postal naming bills were offered en bloc: H.R. 1555, H.R. 3354, H.R. 5867, H.R. 7180, H.R. 7199, H.R. 7385, H.R. 7423, and H.R. 7417. The en bloc was considered under a unanimous consent request made by Mr. Comer. The en bloc failed after an objection to the unanimous consent request.