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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Accountability

From: Committee Staff

Re: Full Committee Business Meeting

On **Wednesday, April 10, 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. 7109, the Equal Representation Act
2. H.R. 7868, the FEHB Protection Act.
3. H.R. 7524, the GSA Technology Accountability Act
4. H.R. _____, the Allowing Contractors to Choose Employees for Select Skills (ACCESS) Act
5. H.R. 7867, the Renewing Efficiency in Government by Budgeting Act
6. H.R. 272, the Astronaut Safe Temporary Ride Options (ASTRO) Act
7. H.R. 3019, the Federal Prison Oversight Act
8. H.R. 7869, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer CBPO Retirement Technical Corrections Act
9. Several postal naming measures.

H.R. 7109, EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACT:

A. Summary

The bill amends title 13 to add a citizenship inquiry to the decennial census and exclude noncitizens from the apportionment base. Specifically, the bill requires for the 2030 decennial census and each subsequent census, the inclusion of a checkbox or similar option for the respondent and each member of the respondent's household to indicate whether that individual is a citizen of the United States. The bill would also exclude from the apportionment base "individuals who are not citizens of the United States" for the 2030 census and any future decennial census.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: James Rust and Daniel Flores at (202) 225-5074.

II. H.R. 7868, FEHB PROTECTION ACT:

A. Summary

The bill requires federal agencies to verify that an employee is eligible to add a family member to their Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) health coverage plan. This bill also requires the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to consider coverage of ineligible individuals when conducting FEHBP fraud risk assessments. The bill further requires a comprehensive audit be conducted of employee family members currently enrolled in the FEHBP, including a review of eligibility verification documentation such as marriage certificates and birth certificates. Finally, the bill requires OPM to disenroll or remove from enrollment any ineligible individual found to be receiving FEHBP coverage.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

III. H.R. 7524, GSA TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:

A. Summary

The bill amends Section 321 and 323 of Title 40 to require the General Services Administration (GSA) to provide an annual report to Congress regarding expenditures made through the Citizen Services Fund (CSF) and some expenditures made through the

Acquisition Services Fund (ASF) by the end of each fiscal year. This report must include information about how the funds were allocated, including information about funded programs and projects.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

IV. H.R. ____, ALLOWING CONTRACTORS TO CHOOSE EMPLOYEES FOR SELECT SKILLS (ACCESS) ACT:

A. Summary

The bill amends Chapter 33 of title 41 (Public Contracts—Procurement—Planning and Solicitation) to prohibit the use of minimum education or experience requirements for proposed contractor personnel in federal contract solicitations, except when the needs of the agency cannot be met without such requirements. When any such requirements are included in a solicitation, the contracting officer must include a written justification explaining why the needs of the agency cannot be met without the requirements. Requires that within 60 days of enactment the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issue guidance to executive agencies for implementing this law. Requires that within 18 months of enactment Government Accountability Office (GAO) submit an evaluation of agency compliance with this law to Congress.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Peter Warren at (202) 225-5074.

V. H.R. 7867, RENEWING EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT BY BUDGETING ACT:

A. Summary

The bill builds on Executive Order 13771 by amending the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-4) with requirements that federal regulatory agencies constrain unfunded new costs imposed by federal regulations. The bill requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to set an annual, government-wide budget that restricts the amount of new, unfunded regulatory costs agencies can impose each fiscal year. The annual budget must preclude increases in the total unfunded costs of all federal regulations unless Congress approves the increase. The annual budget may provide for net reductions in total regulatory costs. The bill also allows agencies to rescind old rules to offset costs of new rules in order to stay within yearly caps. Further, this bill requires OMB to submit each annual budget to Congress and annually report on compliance with

the budget. If OMB fails to submit an annual budget at the start of a fiscal year, the bill imposes a regulatory moratorium for that year until OMB complies.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

VI. H.R. 272, ASTRONAUT SAFE TEMPORARY RIDE OPTIONS (ASTRO) Act:

A. Summary

The bill amends existing law pertaining to passenger carrier use and transportation for an official purpose under chapter 13 of title 31 (Money and Finance—Appropriations) by authorizing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to use federal funds for the transportation of government astronauts who have returned from space, for the purpose of monitoring, diagnosis, treatment, or other official duties prior to their receiving post-flight medical clearance to operate motor vehicles.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

VII. H.R. 3019, FEDERAL PRISON OVERSIGHT ACT:

A. Summary

The bill amends the Inspector General Act of 1978's special provisions for the Department of Justice (DOJ) under 5 USC 413 with a new inspections regime for the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). Specifically, the DOJ's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) would be required to conduct risk-based assessments of BOP correctional facilities, including requirements to visit facilities with higher risk scores more frequently to evaluate conditions for staff and inmates. After every inspection, the OIG will release a public report and BOP must respond within 60 days. The bill also creates an ombudsman within DOJ tasked with handling complaints from incarcerated individuals, friends and family of incarcerated individuals, staff, or others regarding safety and health issues. The bill provides both the OIG and Ombudsman access to BOP facilities and relevant documents and specifies that all communication with the OIG and Ombudsman is confidential. These activities will be funded with between 0.2%-0.5% of BOP's existing annual appropriations.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

VIII. H.R. 7869, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICER RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT:

A. Summary

This bill modifies the calculation of retirement benefits for a group of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers. Effective July 6, 2008, Congress authorized enhanced retirement benefits for CBP officers that met maximum age and minimum service requirements. A small group of officers received tentative offers of employment before July 6, 2008, but started work on or after that date. This bill specifies that officers who received a tentative employment offer before July 6, 2008, but started work on or after that date are entitled to proportional annuity. This bill also directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report on CBP processes regarding the enhanced benefit to ensure proper management and implementation.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

IX. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES:

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

H.R. 1555 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the "Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building". (Rep. McClintock, R-CA)

H.R. 3354 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the "Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building". (Rep. Wexton, D-VA)

H.R. 5867 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Live Oaks Boulevard in Casselberry, Florida, as the "Colonel Joseph William Kittinger II Post Office Building". (Rep. Mills, R-FL)

H.R. 7180 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the "Kingsland 'Johnny Cash' Post Office". (Rep. Westerman, R-AR)

H.R. 7199 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at S74w16860 Janesville Road, in Muskego, Wisconsin, as the "Colonel Hans Christian Heg Post Office". (Rep. Fitzgerald, R-WI)

H.R. 7385 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "John Mercer Langston Post Office Building". (Rep. McClellan, D-VA)

H.R. 7423 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Benedette Street in Rayville, Louisiana, as the "Luke Letlow Post Office Building". (Rep. Scalise, R-LA)

H.R. 7417 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Spring Street in Titusville, Pennsylvania, as the "Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building". (Rep. Kelly, R-PA)

H.R. 6633 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9355 113th Street in Seminole, Florida as the "Army SSG Ryan Christian Knauss Memorial Post Office Building". (Rep. Luna, R-FL)

H.R. 1823 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 East Fort Dade Avenue in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building". (Rep. Bilirakis, R-FL)

H.R. 7606 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1087 Route 47 South in Rio Grande, New Jersey, as the "Carlton H. Hand Post Office Building". (Rep. Van Drew, R-NJ)

H.R. 7607 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Block 1025, Lots 18 & 19, Northeast Corner of US Route 9 South and Main Street in the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, New Jersey, as the "George Henry White Post Office Building". (Rep. Van Drew, R-NJ)

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.