

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Business Meeting Summary – 4-10-2024

Convened: 10:07 a.m.

Recessed: 12:08 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:16 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:39 p.m.

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

H.R. 7109 (Edwards), THE “EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACT”

A bill “to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all persons.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) simplifying the citizenship question in Sec. 2 to direct the inclusion of a question for the respondent and each member of a household that asks “whether that individual is a citizen of the United States” and making related minor conforming changes. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 7109, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 22-20 (Vote #1).

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

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

H.R. 7868 (Waltz), THE “FEHB PROTECTION ACT”

A bill “to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to take certain actions with respect to the health insurance program carried out under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making minor clarifying edits. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.
2. Mr. Raskin offered an amendment to the ANS to add "such sums as necessary" appropriations authorization language to the bill to fund the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) costs to implement the government-wide audit required under subsection 2(d). The amendment failed by a Roll Call vote of 20-23. **(Vote #2)**

YEAS: Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crocket, Goldman, Moskowitz, Tlaib, Pressley.

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

The bill, H.R. 7868, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 37-6, (Vote #3).

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

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

H.R. 7524 (Sessions), THE “GSA TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”

A bill “to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making changes to the type of information to be reported by the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) to Congress. The ANS mandates reporting at the program level and requests reporting at the project and initiative level, in accordance with GSA’s current financial management and employment policies. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 7524, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 43-0, (Vote #4).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 7887 (Mace), THE “ALLOWING CONTRACTORS TO CHOOSE EMPLOYEES FOR SELECT SKILLS (ACCESS) ACT”

A bill “to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum experience or educational requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations, and for other purposes.”

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

The bill, H.R. 7887, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 43-0, (Vote #5).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 7867 (Fallon), THE “RENEWING EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT BY BUDGETING ACT”

A bill “to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish a limit for the total amount of additional unfunded regulatory costs that may be imposed in a fiscal year, and for other purposes.”

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

The bill, H.R. 7867, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 24-19, (Vote #6).

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

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

H.R. 272 (Babin), THE “ASTRONAUT SAFE TEMPORARY RIDE OPTIONS (ASTRO) ACT”

A bill “to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations, and for other purposes.”

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

The bill, H.R. 272, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 42-0, (Vote #7).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 3019 (McBath), THE “FEDERAL PRISON OVERSIGHT ACT”

A bill “to establish an inspections regime for the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) amending and expanding multiple definitions within the bill and increasing the timeline for Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to produce records. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.
2. Mr. Higgins offered an amendment to the ANS to require BOP to report on staff augmentation. The amendment was offered and withdrawn.
3. Mr. Cloud offered an amendment to the ANS to strike the term “gender-appropriate” and insert “sex-specific.” The amendment passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3019, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 41-1, (Vote #8).

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

NAYS: Gosar.

H.R. 7869 (Fitzpatrick), THE “U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICER RETIREMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT”

A bill “to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers.”

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

The bill, H.R. 7869, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 41-0, (Vote #9).

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

NAYS: None.

POSTAL NAMING EN BLOC

The following postal naming bills were offered en bloc: H.R. 1555, H.R. 1823, H.R. 3354, H.R. 5867, H.R. 6633, H.R. 7180, H.R. 7199, H.R. 7385, H.R. 7417, H.R. 7423, H.R. 7606, and H.R. 7607.

The postal naming en bloc was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 37-1, (Vote #10).

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

NAYS: Perry.