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**MEMORANDUM**

May 10, 2024

**To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Accountability**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Full Committee Business Meeting**

On **Wednesday, May 15, 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. 8333, the BIOSECURE Act
2. H.R. 5255, the Federal Cybersecurity Vulnerability Reduction Act of 2023
3. H.R. 8334, the Grant Integrity and Border Security Act
4. H.R. 8276, the Reuse Excess Property Act
5. H.R. 8335, the Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act
6. H.R. 6462, the Resilient Employment and Authorization Determination to Increase the National Employment of Serving Spouses (READINESS) Act
7. Several postal naming measures.

## **I. H.R. 8333, BIOSECURE ACT:**

### **A. Summary**

The bill prohibits a federal agency from procuring any biotechnology equipment or service from a biotechnology company of concern. This bill further prohibits a federal agency from contracting with an entity that uses such equipment or service in performance of the contract or contracting with an entity with subcontracts that will use such equipment or service in performance of the contract. This bill further prohibits federal loan or grant dollars from being used to procure, obtain, or use such equipment or service.

The bill defines a biotechnology company of concern as BGI, MGI, Complete Genomics, WuXi AppTec, and WuXi Biologics. The bill also tasks the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of Health and Human Services, and other relevant agencies to determine additional entities that should be defined as a biotechnology company of concern. Existing contracts with named biotechnology companies of concern are exempt from these prohibitions until January 1, 2032. Executive agencies may waive the prohibitions on a case-by-case basis with the approval of OMB and notification to Congress for one year, with the option to extend the waiver for another 6 months. The bill also includes limited exceptions for intelligence activities and overseas health care services.

### **B. Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

## **II. H.R. 5255, FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY VULNERABILITY REDUCTION ACT OF 2023:**

### **A. Summary**

The bill requires the Office of Management and Budget to recommend updates to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to ensure that federal contractors have Vulnerability Disclosure Programs (VDPs) consistent with standards developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. VDPs outline how third-parties can notify contractors about a potential security vulnerability relating to an information system owned or controlled by the contractor.

### **B. Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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### **III. H.R. 8334, GRANT INTEGRITY AND BORDER SECURITY ACT:**

#### **A. Summary**

The bill requires applicants for federal grants to certify that they will not violate section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)), which is a criminal statute prohibiting unlawfully bringing in or harboring aliens. Applicants must certify that they and their employees have not violated, are not in violation of, and will not violate this statute. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may withhold funds from any grantee in violation of this requirement. After an investigation into an alleged violation is completed, the Attorney General will submit to OMB any information relating to the conviction of an individual.

#### **B. Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

### **IV. H.R. 8276, REUSE EXCESS PROPERTY ACT:**

#### **A. Summary**

The bill amends Title 5 of the U.S. Code to adjust federal agencies reporting requirements to the General Services Administration (GSA) on excess personal property. The bill requires GSA to make such reports publicly available and requires agencies to create and publicly disclose guidance for use of excess personal property. The bill requires agencies to designate an employee responsible for managing excess property needs. The bill also requires the GSA's interagency working group on excess property to make public the findings of the working group. The bill requires the Government Accountability Office to submit to Congress a report evaluating the frequency with which agencies acquire personal property made, produced, or manufactured by a Chinese entity.

#### **B. Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

### **V. H.R. 8335, BILLION DOLLAR BOONDOGGLE ACT:**

#### **A. Summary**

This bill directs the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance requiring federal agencies to report annually to Congress regarding certain federally funded

projects that are more than five years behind schedule or have expenditures that are at least one billion more than the original cost estimate for the project.

**B. Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

**VI. H.R. 6462, READINESS ACT:**

**A. Summary**

The bill requires federal agencies to provide a federal employee who is the spouse of a military or Foreign Service member that has received a permanent change of duty station the opportunity to work remotely. The agency may also identify a remote position or in-person position of equal grade at the new duty location. If none of these options are feasible, the agency shall place the individual into leave-without-pay status for the position. This position may be backfilled by a permanent employee. The bill includes a reporting requirement to the Office of Personnel Management and Congress regarding such actions.

**B. Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

**VII. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES:**

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

H.R. 5985 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the "Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building". – Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA)

H.R. 6810 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 518 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, Florida, as the "U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building". – Rep. Scott Franklin (R-FL)

H.R. 7893 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 Pickens Street in Marion, Alabama, as the "Albert Turner, Sr. Post Office Building". – Rep. Terri Sewell (R-AL)

## VIII. 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](mailto:GOP.Oversight.Clerks@mail.house.gov) and Lauren Hassett at [Lauren.Hassett@mail.house.gov](mailto: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.