

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Business Meeting Summary – 5-15-2024

Convened: 10:16 a.m.

Recessed: 11:54 a.m.

Reconvened: 2:35 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:51 p.m.

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

H.R. 8333 (Wenstrup), THE “BIOSECURE ACT”

A bill “to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making minor conforming changes by adding the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to the definition of “appropriate congressional committees” and adding the National Cyber Director to the list of coordinating agencies throughout the bill. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 8333, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 40-1 (Vote #1).

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

NAYS: Casar.

H.R. 5255 (Mace), THE “FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY VULNERABILITY REDUCTION ACT OF 2023”

A bill “to require covered contractors implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with NIST guidelines, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) extending the deadline for developing the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and corresponding Defense FAR from 60 to 180 days and clarifying that a contractor below the simple acquisition threshold that operates a Federal information system is covered by the requirements of this Act. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 5255, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 42-0, (Vote #2).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 8334 (Foxx), THE “GRANT INTEGRITY AND BORDER SECURITY ACT”

A bill “to require any applicant for a Federal grant to submit a certification that such applicant in not in violation of section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and for other purposes.”

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

The bill, H.R. 8334, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 23-20, (Vote #3).

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

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

H.R. 8276 (McClain), THE “REUSE EXCESS PROPERTY ACT”

A bill “to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, and for other purposes.”

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

The bill, H.R. 8276, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 44-0, (Vote #4).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 8335 (Miller-Meeks), THE “BILLION DOLLAR BOONDOGGLE ACT OF 2024”

A bill “to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule, and for other purposes.”

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

The bill, H.R. 8335, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 44-0, (Vote #5).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 6462 (Crockett), THE “RESILIENT EMPLOYMENT AND AUTHORIZATION DETERMINATION TO INCREASE THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OF SERVING SPOUSES (READINESS) ACT”

A bill “to retain Federal employees who are spouses of a member of the Armed Forces or the Foreign Service when relocating due to an involuntary transfer, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) establishing a process for the rehiring of separated individuals, modifying the definition of covered individuals, and modifying the required report to Congress. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

2. Mr. Cloud offered an amendment to the ANS to remove application of the bill's provisions to any federal employee who engages in DEI activities. The amendment passed by a Roll Call vote of 23-21. **(Vote #6)**

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

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

3. Mr. Cloud offered a second amendment to the ANS to remove application of the bill's provisions to spouses of Foreign Service members. The amendment failed by a Roll Call vote of 20-24. **(Vote #7)**

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

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

The bill, H.R. 6462, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 30-13, (Vote #8).

YEAS: Comer, Foxx, Palmer, Higgins, LaTurner, Timmons, Fry, Langworthy, Waltz, Raskin, Norton, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Ocasio-Cortez, Porter, Bush, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz, Tlaib, Pressley.

NAYS: Gosar, Grothman, Cloud, Session, Biggs, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Burchett, Greene, Boebert, Luna, Burlison.

POSTAL NAMING EN BLOC

The following postal naming bills were offered en bloc: H.R. 5985, H.R. 6810, and H.R. 7893.

The en bloc was considered under a unanimous consent request made by Mr. Comer. The en bloc was ordered favorably reported by voice vote.