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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Accountability

From: Committee Staff

Re: Committee Business Meeting

On **Wednesday, September 18, 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. 3642, the Executive Branch Accountability and Transparency Act of 2023
2. H.R. ____, the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2024
3. H.R. ____, the Federal Register Modernization Act
4. H.R. 5300, the GAO Inspector General Parity Act
5. H.R. ____, the Federal Acquisition Security Council Improvement Act of 2024
6. H.R. ____, the Value Over Cost Act
7. H.R. ____, the Federal Improvement in Technology (FIT) Procurement Act
8. H.R. 9566, the Source Code Harmonization And Reuse in Information Technology (SHARE IT) Act
9. H.R. 5536, the Grant Transparency Act of 2023
10. H.R. ____, the Protecting Taxpayers Wallet Act
11. H.R. ____, the Manager Attitudes and Notions According to Government Employee Responses (MANAGER) Act
12. H.R. 8784, the Full Responsibility and Expedited Enforcement (FREE) Act
13. H.R. 825, the Banning Operations and Leases with the Illegitimate Venezuelan Authoritarian Regime (BOLIVAR) Act
14. Several postal naming measures.

I. H.R. 3642, EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023:

A. Summary

The bill requires the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) to create an online public repository for ethics records of high-level political appointees. OGE has created an online portal for accessing a variety of records, but the bill would require OGE to go further by comprehensively including other records held by agencies. The bill would also make procedural improvements to increase accessibility of these records (e.g., bulk downloadable records, Rehabilitation Act section 508 compliant websites) and ensure publicly availability for 10 years. It would eliminate the requirement to submit written requests for financial disclosures of covered officials, a requirement Congress has already eliminated for access to the disclosures of Members of Congress and judges. Since agencies would proactively upload their respective records, they would no longer have to devote resources to responding to public requests for ethics records.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

II. H.R. ____, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024:

A. Summary

This bill reauthorizes the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) (\$20,000,000), High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program (\$298,579,000), and the ONDCP Drug-Free Communities (DFC) program (\$109,000,000). The bill would also reauthorize smaller related ONDCP programs including the Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance program (\$3,000,000), the Model Acts Program (\$1,250,000), and the Community-Based Coalition Enhancement Grants (CARA) program (\$5,200,000) at their respective FY 2024 enacted levels through 2031 (seven years). The bill streamlines and modernizes outdated language leftover from previous authorizations. It provides necessary updates to the HIDTA and DFC grant programs and codifies the Caribbean Counter Narcotics Strategy.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Sloan McDonagh, Christian Hoehner, Dan Ashworth at (202) 225-5074.

III. H.R. ____, FEDERAL REGISTER MODERNIZATION ACT:

A. Summary

This bill revises the authorizing provisions of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to replace requirements that documents are printed with requirements that the documents be published. The bill provides that in a continuity of operations event in which the Government Publishing Office (GPO) does not fulfill its publication requirements, the Office of the Federal Register may establish a website to publish the Federal Register until such time that GPO resumes publication.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

IV. H.R. 5300, GAO INSPECTOR GENERAL PARITY ACT:

A. Summary

This bill makes changes to provisions relating to the Inspector General (IG) of the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Specifically, if the IG is removed from office or transferred to another position or location within GAO, GAO must communicate in writing the substantive rationale, including detailed and case-specific reasons, for any such removal or transfer to both chambers of Congress not later than 30 days before the removal or transfer. Only the Comptroller General may place the IG on non-duty status, subject to specified requirements. GAO must include the annual budget request of the IG in the GAO budget without change. The bill also requires the GAO IG to only obtain legal advice from a counsel reporting directly to the IG as is the case for all executive branch IG's under the IG Act.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

V. H.R. ____, FEDERAL ACQUISITION SECURITY COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2024:

A. Summary

The bill strengthens the governing structure of the Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC) by moving the FASC into the Executive Office of the President and increasing FASC membership requirements. This bill expands the FASC's focus on covered articles to include acquisition security more broadly, requires the FASC to proactively monitor and evaluate certain covered articles for ongoing risk, and authorizes

the FASC to designate the issuance of removal or exclusion orders when Congressionally directed. This bill also establishes a FASC program office within the Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD) to provide the FASC operational, legal, and policy support. Further, the bill creates a streamlined process for Congress to designate sources of concern and requires the FASC to initiate an investigation into these Congressionally-designated sources, with appropriate due-process, government-wide agency inclusion, and processes to consider including second-order prohibitions, case-by-case agency waivers, or grandfathering provisions. Agencies are required to issue, as applicable, any FASC removal or exclusion order pertaining to a Congressional-designated source.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

VI. H.R. ____, VALUE OVER COST ACT:

A. Summary

This bill changes a requirement pertaining to how the General Service Administration's (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) program awards contracts and how agencies place orders against those contracts. This bill provides the Administrator of GSA the ability to determine that obtaining best value, rather than just achieving lowest overall price, is necessary to promote the best interest of the Federal Government.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

VII. H.R. ____, FEDERAL IMPROVEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY (FIT) PROCUREMENT ACT:

A. Summary

The bill would streamline and simplify federal procurement, to help agencies acquire commercial technology in a timely way and make it easier for innovative businesses to compete for contracts. It would require cross-functional training for the acquisition workforce, increase the simplified acquisition threshold and the minimum purchase threshold, and allow for advanced payment of cloud computing for federal agencies.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

VIII. H.R. 9566, SOURCE CODE HARMONIZATION AND REUSE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHARE IT) ACT:

A. Summary

This bill requires federal agencies to share custom-developed code governmentwide or publicly. This bill includes exemptions for custom-developed code for national security systems, classified code, or code which could create an identifiable risk to privacy if disclosed. This bill requires annual reports to Congress documenting compliance with this Act.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

IX. H.R. 5536, GRANT TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023:

A. Summary

This bill would require federal agencies to disclose their selection methods for awarding competitive grants to grant applicants. The agencies would be directed to list their rating systems, evaluation and selection criteria, weighted-scoring methods, and other quantitative or qualitative approaches used to assess grant applications.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

X. H.R. ____, PROTECTING TAXPAYERS WALLET ACT:

A. Summary

This bill would charge federal labor organizations for their use of agency resources as well as any official time. Specifically, Federal agencies will assess public sector labor organizations a fee to utilize agency resources (e.g., office space, parking space, equipment, and expenses incurred while on union time or otherwise performing non-agency business) and any official union time used by all labor representatives affiliated with such labor organization (time an agency employee who is a labor representative spends performing non-federal agency business while being paid by the Federal government). Any labor representative who uses union time without recording such use shall be considered absent without leave and subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Daniel Flores, Christian Hoehner, and Alex Rankin at (202) 225-5074.

XI. H.R. ____, MANAGER ATTITUDES AND NOTIONS ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE RESPONSES (MANAGER) ACT:

A. Summary

The bill amends Title 5 to require an annual survey of federal managers is conducted using specific questions to provide insight into their views. The questions inquire about employee discipline, support and training for managers, and general morale among employees in supervisory positions.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

XII. H.R. 8784, FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPEDITED ENFORCEMENT (FREE) ACT:

A. Summary

Streamlines federal permitting government-wide by expanding use of ‘permits-by-rule’ (PBR) rather than case-by-case application for and review of individual permit applications. The FREE Act directs federal agencies to evaluate their permitting systems and report to Congress within 240 days, identifying for which types of permits PBR can replace current systems and thoroughly justifying any determinations that PBR cannot be used. Agencies must then adopt PBR within 12 months for identified types of permits. Under PBR, agencies must grant within 30 days all applications for coverage under a permit-by-rule that meet objective permit standards set forth in the rule. Agencies can still deny applications that do not meet requirements in the rule and may verify compliance.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

XIII. H.R. 825, BANNING OPERATIONS AND LEASES WITH THE ILLEGITIMATE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITARIAN REGIME (BOLIVAR) ACT:

A. Summary

This bill temporarily prohibits for a period of three years an executive agency from entering into a contract for the procurement of goods or services with any sanctioned person that it determines, with the concurrence of the Department of State, knowingly engages in significant business operations with the Maduro regime in Venezuela. The bill lists exceptions, including where vital to U.S. national security or national interests, or as necessary for purposes of providing humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, urgent lifesaving measures, or evacuations, and does not apply to contracts that support U.S. government activities in Venezuela.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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

XIV. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES:

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

H.R. 6116 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14280 South Military Trail in Delray Beach, Florida, as the "Benjamin Berell Ferencz Post Office Building". – Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL)

H.R. 7158 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office". – Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA)

H.R. 7507 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 East 6th Street in Lexington, Nebraska, as the "Bill Barrett Post Office Building". – Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE)

H.R. 7508 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1285 Emancipation Highway in Fredericksburg, Virginia, as the "Gladys P. Todd Post Office". – Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA)

H.R. 8057 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue in Westminster, California, as the "Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office". – Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA)

H.R. 8405 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 McCamly Street South in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the "Sojourner Truth Post Office". – Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)

H.R. 8516 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the "Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office". – Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)

H.R. 8717 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West Main Street in Santaquin, Utah, as the "SGT Bill Hooser Post Office Building". – Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT)

H.R. 8841 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Center Street East in Roseau, Minnesota, as the "Floyd B. Olson Post Office". – Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN)

H.R. 8868 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 609 Portsmouth Avenue in Greenland, New Hampshire, as the "Chief Michael Maloney Post Office Building". – Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH)

H.R. 8909 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82-6110 Mamalahoa Highway in Captain Cook, Hawaii, as the "Army 1st Lt. John Kuulei Kauhahao Post Office Building". – Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI)

H.R. 8919 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 Highway 74 South in Peachtree City, Georgia, as the "SFC Shawn McCloskey Post Office". – Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA)

H.R. 8976 – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West White Street in Millstadt, Illinois, as the "Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt Post Office". – Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL)

H.R. 9174 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 31143 State Highway 65 in Pengilly, Minnesota, as the "First Lieutenant Richard Arne Koski Post Office". – Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN)

H.R. 9285 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3913 Leland Avenue Northwest in Comstock Park, Michigan, as the "Captain Miguel Justin Nava Post Office". – Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI)

H.R. 9322 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 675 Wolf Ledges Parkway in Akron, Ohio, as the "Judge James R. Williams Post Office Building". – Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-OH)

H.R. 9421 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 North Main Street in Bucoda, Washington, as the "Mayor Rob Gordon Post Office". – Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA)

H.R. 9580 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Brentwood Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Millie Dunn Veasey Post Office". – Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC)

H.R. 9549 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 South 1st Avenue in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the "Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building". – Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)

XV. 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.