

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Business Meeting Summary – 9-18-2024

Convened: 10:08 a.m.

Recessed: 12:23 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:10 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:31 p.m.

Members present: Comer, Jordan, 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, Mfume, Porter, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz, and Pressley.

H.R. 3642 (Langworthy), THE “EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT”

A bill “to require the Office of Government Ethics to establish and maintain a centralized database for executive branch ethics records of noncareer appointees.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making minor conforming changes to adopt the Senate version of the bill (S. 2270). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.
2. Ms. Norton offered an amendment to the ANS to add clarifying language regarding the coverage of D.C. government employees. The amendment failed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3642, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 36-0 with one voting present (Vote #1).

YEAS: Comer, Grothman, Cloud, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Fry, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Waltz, Raskin, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Porter, Brown, Stansbury, Garcia, Frost, Lee, Casar, Crockett, Moskowitz, Pressley.

NAYS: None.

PRESENT: Norton

H.R. 9598 (Comer), THE “OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024”

A bill “to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act to reauthorize such Office, 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.
2. Mr. Biggs offered an amendment to the ANS to add Fourth Amendment protections. The amendment passed by voice vote.
3. Mr. Raskin offered an amendment to the ANS on behalf of Ms. Stansbury to add reporting requirements regarding pill press machines. The amendment passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 9598, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 38-0, (Vote #2).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 9592 (Higgins), THE “FEDERAL REGISTER MODERNIZATION ACT”

A bill “to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, 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. 9592, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 38-0, (Vote #3).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 5300 (Garcia), THE “GAO INSPECTOR GENERAL PARITY ACT”

A bill “to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making minor conforming changes to adopt the Senate-passed version of the bill (S. 1510). The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 5300, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 39-0, (Vote #4).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 9597 (Comer), THE “FEDERAL ACQUISITION SECURITY COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2024”

A bill “to amend title 41, United States Code, to make changes with respect to the Federal Acquisition Security Council, 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. 9597, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 39-0, (Vote #5).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 9595 (Burlison), THE “FEDERAL IMPROVEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT ACT”

A bill “to improve Federal technology procurement, 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. 9595, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 39-0, (Vote #7).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 9566 (Langworthy), THE “SOURCE CODE HARMONIZATION AND REUSE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHARE IT) ACT”

A bill “to require governmentwide source code sharing, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) to list the type of information included in code repositories and streamline reporting requirements. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 9566, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 39-0, (Vote #8).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 9596 (Donalds), THE “VALUE OVER COST ACT OF 2024”

A bill “to amend title 41, United States Code, and title 10, United States Code, to provide best value through the multiple award schedule program, 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. 9596, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 39-0, (Vote #6).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 5536 (Fry), THE “GRANT TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023”

A bill “to require transparency in notices of funding opportunity, 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. 5536, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 39-0, (Vote #9).

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

NAYS: None.

H.R. 9593 (Sessions), THE “MANAGER ATTITUDES AND NOTIONS ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE RESPONSES (MANAGER) ACT”

A bill “to require annual surveys of Federal employee managers, 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. 9593, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 22-18, (Vote #11).

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

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

H.R. 8784 (Maloy), THE “FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPEDITED ENFORCEMENT (FREE) ACT”

A bill “to require each agency to evaluate the permitting system of the agency, to consider whether a permit by rule could replace that system, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) to streamline and clarify the information required in agency reports to Congress. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 8784, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 22-18, (Vote #12).

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

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

H.R. 9594 (Perry), THE “PROTECTING TAXPAYERS’ WALLETS ACT”

A bill “to amend chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code, to charge labor organizations for the agency resources and employee time used by such labor organizations, 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. 9594, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 21-18, (Vote #10).

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

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

H.R. 825 (Waltz), THE “BANNING OPERATIONS AND LEASES WITH THE ILLEGITIMATE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITARIAN REGIME (BOLIVAR) ACT”

A bill “to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes.”

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) to add a consultation requirement role for the Office of Management and Budget alongside the Department of State’s obligations, clarifying reports to Congress on exemptions may be classified if necessary, and an exemption to the prohibition for authorized intelligence activities. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 825, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 34-6, (Vote #13).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Grothman, Cloud, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, LaTurner, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Greene, McClain, Boebert, Fry, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Waltz, Raskin, Lynch, Connolly, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Crockett, Goldman, Moskowitz.

NAYS: Norton, Porter, Garcia, Lee, Casar, Pressley.

H.R. 7507 (Smith), THE “BILL BARRETT POST OFFICE BUILDING NAMING”

A bill “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’.”

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. 7507, as amended, was added to the postal naming en bloc.

POSTAL NAMING EN BLOC

The following postal naming bills were offered en bloc: H.R. 7507 (as amended), H.R. 6116, H.R. 7158, H.R. 7508, H.R. 8057, H.R. 8405, H.R. 8516, H.R. 8717, H.R. 8841, H.R. 8868, H.R. 8909, H.R. 8919, H.R. 8976, H.R. 9174, H.R. 9285, H.R. 9322, H.R. 9421, H.R. 9580, H.R. 9549, H.R. 9600 and H.R. 8641.

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