

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Business Meeting Summary – 12-2-2025

Convened: 10:06 a.m.

Recessed: 12:05 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:22 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:49 p.m.

Members present: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill, Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, and Tlaib.

H.R. 151 (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) making the bill identical to that of the House passed text of H.R. 7109 in the 118th Congress. These changes simplify the citizenship question in Sec. 2 to direct the inclusion of a question for the respondent and each member of a household “whether that individual is a citizen of the United States” and related minor conforming changes. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 151, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 20-19 (Vote #1).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Donalds, Timmons, Boebert, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill.

NAYS: Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

H.R. 5750 (Gill), THE “ENSURING A QUALIFIED CIVIL SERVICE (EQUALS) ACT OF 2025”

A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions in the competitive service, to establish trial periods for positions in the excepted service, and for other purposes.

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making edits to the language in section 3(a) which allows for probationary periods longer than 2 years for

excepted service positions when otherwise specified in law, as was already included in subsection (a) of the bill. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

2. Mr. Lynch offered an amendment to the ANS striking all text after the enacting clause and replace it with a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States. The study and report would be on those agencies that have lengthened the employee probationary period from 1 to 2 years, and any impact of an existing 2-year probationary period at the agency. The amendment failed by a recorded vote of 19-23 (**Vote #2**).

YEAS: Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

NAYS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill.

The bill, H.R. 5750, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 24-19, (Vote #3).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill.

NAYS: Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

H.R. 5749 (Foxx), THE “OFFICIAL TIME REPORTING ACT”

A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees.

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. 5749, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 24-19, (Vote #4).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill.

NAYS: Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

H.R. 6329 (McClain), THE “INFORMATION QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT OF 2025”

A bill to ensure that Federal agencies rely on the best reasonably available scientific, technical,

demographic, economic, and statistical information and evidence to develop, issue or inform the public of the nature and bases of Federal agency rules and guidance, 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. 6329, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 43-0, (Vote #5).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill, Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

NAYS: None.

H.R. 3766 (Hageman), “TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FROM REQUIRING TRIBUNALS IN COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO DEFER TO THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA’S INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

A bill to prohibit the District of Columbia from requiring tribunals in court or administrative proceedings in the District of Columbia to defer to the Mayor of the District of Columbia’s interpretation of statutes and regulations, and for other purposes.

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) to change subsection (b) to repeal the fully enacted Agency Action Clarification Amendment Act of 2025 (D.C. Law 26-37) instead of the previously listed Review of Review of Agency Action Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024 (D.C. Law 25–290) which has since automatically timed out as D.C. Council emergency legislation. The amendment in the nature of a substitute passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3766, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 24-19, (Vote #6).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill.

NAYS: Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

H.R. 5810 (Timmons), THE “FEDERAL SUPERVISOR EDUCATION ACT OF 2025”

A bill to provide for mandatory training for Federal Government supervisors and the assessment of management competencies, 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. Walkinshaw offered an amendment to the ANS striking one reference in the bill which requires the established training program to include training on how to assess the needs and interests of the agency with respect to the probationary employee’s final appointment. The amendment passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 5810, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 43-0, (Vote #7).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill, Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

NAYS: None.

H.R. 6330 (Jack), THE “FEDERAL RELOCATION PAYMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT”

A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for lump-sum relocation payments for Federal employees relocated in the interest of the Government, and for other purposes.

The bill, H.R. 6330, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 37-6, (Vote #8).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill, Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Crockett, Ansari, Simon, Min.

NAYS: Lee, Randall, Subramanyam, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

H.R. 5457 (Brown), THE “STRENGTHENING AGENCY MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF SOFTWARE ASSETS (SAMOSA) ACT”

A bill to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, and for other purposes.

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) amending the Committee name to “Committee on Oversight and Government Reform” throughout the bill. The amendment passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 5457, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 43-0, (Vote #9).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill, Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

NAYS: None.

H.R. 5235 (Mace), THE “SKILLS-BASED FEDERAL CONTRACTING ACT”

A bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum 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 a minor technical edit. The amendment passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 5235, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 44-0, (Vote #10).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill, Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

NAYS: None.

H.R. 143 (Cammack), THE “UNAUTHORIZED SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”

A bill to establish a budgetary level reduction schedule, and for other purposes.

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) adding a new subsection (d) to section 3 authorizing the House and Senate Budget Committee’s to submit a revised budget level under subsection (c) as appropriate in order to ensure the Appropriators’ new 302a allocation reductions under the Act will be reflected in the relevant budget resolution’s aggregate spending levels. The amendment passed by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 143, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 25-19, (Vote #11).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill.

NAYS: Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

H.R. 5578 (Garcia), THE “EXPANDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS ACT OF 2025”

A bill to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, and for other purposes.

1. Mr. Comer offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) making a minor technical edit. The amendment passed by voice vote.
2. Ms. Pressley offered an amendment to the ANS authorizing and appropriating "such sums" to provide back pay for federal contractors involved in work during the shutdown. The amendment was ruled non germane.

The bill, H.R. 5578, as amended, was ordered favorably reported by Roll Call vote of 44-0, (Vote #12).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Grothman, Cloud, Palmer, Higgins, Sessions, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Burchett, Boebert, Luna, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill, Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

NAYS: None.

POSTAL NAMING EN BLOC

The following postal naming bills were offered en bloc: H.R. 5831, H.R. 5773, H.R. 5058, H.R. 4707, H.R. 4635, H.R. 3393, H.R. 2466, H.R. 2175, H.R. 1706, H.R. 1461, H.R. 1431, H.R. 6310, H.R. 6317, and H.R. 6332.

The en bloc was ordered favorably reported by recorded vote of 38-2 (**Vote #13**).

YEAS: Comer, Jordan, Turner, Gosar, Foxx, Higgins, Biggs, Mace, Fallon, Donalds, Perry, Timmons, Boebert, Langworthy, Burlison, Crane, Jack, McGuire, Gill, Garcia, Norton, Lynch, Krishnamoorthi, Khanna, Mfume, Brown, Stansbury, Frost, Lee, Crockett, Randall, Subramanyam, Ansari, Simon, Min, Walkinshaw, Pressley, Tlaib.

NAYS: Burchett, Luna.