

The Select Committee on the

Modernization of Congress

Business Meeting – 12/19/2019 AGENDA

Consideration of the following proposed recommendations:

1. Create a bipartisan Members-only space in the Capitol to encourage more collaboration across party lines.
2. Institute biennial bipartisan retreats for Members and their families at the start of each Congress.
3. Update committee policies to increase bipartisan learning opportunities for staff.
4. Establish bipartisan committee staff briefings and agenda-setting retreats to encourage better policy making and collaboration among Members.
5. Update House procedures to allow members to electronically add or remove their name as a bill cosponsor.
6. Require Members to undergo emergency preparedness training to ensure our government is fully prepared in the event of a crisis.
7. Identify ways the House and Senate can streamline purchases and save taxpayer dollars.
8. Encourage House-wide bulk purchasing of goods and services to cut back on waste and inefficiency.
9. Update travel expenditure policies to improve efficiencies, and boost accountability and transparency.
10. Consolidate the regulations governing Member office communications, including digital communications, into one easy to find place.
11. Rename the House Commission on Mailing Standards, also known as the Franking Commission, the House Communications Standards Commission to reflect 21st Century communications.
12. Increase opportunities for constituents to communicate with their Representatives.
13. Increase accountability and tracking for all Member-sponsored mail.
14. Allow for faster correspondence between Representatives and their constituents.
15. Update House social media rules to allow for better communication online between Members of Congress and their followers.
16. Allow the public to better access and view the types of communication sent by Members of Congress to their constituents.