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S. 1638 — Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015 (Sen. Johnson, R-WI)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on April 18, 2016 suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[S. 1638](#) would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prepare a report to Congress on the implementation of the enhanced plan for the Department headquarters consolidation project within the National Capital Region. The bill would further direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the DHS estimates of project costs and schedules, and report its findings to Congress.

COST:

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that implementing S. 1638 would cost less than \$500,000; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Much of the information needed for the DHS and GAO reports has already been compiled. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

S. 1638 would require DHS to report to Congress on the implementation of the enhanced plan for the Department headquarters consolidation project within the National Capital Region, approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and included in the budget of the President for fiscal year 2016. The consolidation project, which originally aimed to domicile all DHS headquarters components at the St. Elizabeth West Campus in Southeast DC, is now projected to be more than a decade behind schedule and significantly over-budget.

The report would include: (1) a proposed occupancy plan for the consolidation project; (2) a comprehensive assessment of the difference between the current real property and facilities needed by the Department in the National Capital Region; (3) a current plan for construction of the headquarters consolidation at the St. Elizabeth's campus; (4) a current plan for the leased portfolio of the Department in the National Capital Region; and (5) an analysis that identifies the costs and benefits of leasing and construction alternatives for the remainder of the consolidation project.

The House passed similar legislation, H.R. 1640, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote in June of last year. The RSC bulletin for H.R. 1640 is available [here](#).

The bill would additionally require GAO to review the cost and schedule estimates submitted in the DHS report and present its findings to Congress. The Senate report (S. Rept. 114-227) accompanying S. 1638 can be found [here](#).

COMMITTEE ACTION:

S. 1638 was introduced on June 18, 2015 and was referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. On April 6, 2016 the bill passed the Senate with amendments by unanimous consent.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

A Statement of Administration Policy is not available.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

Bills originating in the Senate are not required to have a Constitutional Authority Statement.

H.R. 4618 — To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the "Sidney Oslin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (Rep. Doug Collins, R-GA)

CONTACT: [Matt Dickerson](#), 202-226-9718

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

April 18, 2016 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 4618](#) would rename a U.S. Courthouse in Gainesville, Georgia, after Judge Sidney Smith, Jr.

COST:

The [Congressional Budget Office](#) (CBO) estimates that enacting H.R. 4618 would "have no significant effect on the federal budget."

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.
- Encroach into State or Local Authority? No.
- Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch? No.
- Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

Judge [Sidney Smith](#) was appointed as a federal judge in 1965, where he served until 1974. After his service on the bench, he held a position as a board member of Brenau College in Gainesville, GA. Smith also served in the Army during World War II, as well as an assistant solicitor general and state court judge.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 4618 was introduced on February 25, 2016, and referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee marked up the bill on [March 2, 2016](#) and reported it by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

"Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, which states that Congress shall have the power "to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States or in any department or officer thereof."

H. Con. Res. 119 — Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (Rep. Hoyer, D-MD)

CONTACT: [Matt Dickerson](#), 202-226-9718

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

April 18, 2016 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H. Con. Res. 119](#) would authorize the annual Soap Box Derby on the Capitol grounds.

COST:

The [Congressional Budget Office](#) (CBO) estimates “result in no significant cost to the federal government.”

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

The resolution would authorize the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to sponsor the soap box derby races on the Capitol Grounds, on June 18, 2016, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association will assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities associated with the event. The event will be free of admission charge and open to the public. Additionally, the Capitol Police will provide for enforcement of [restrictions](#) concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds. The resolution would authorize the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to erect a stage and sound amplification system on the Capitol Grounds.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H. Con. Res. 119 was introduced on February 25, 2016, and referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee marked up the bill on [March 2, 2016](#) and reported it by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

A constitutional authority statement is not required.

H.R. 4570 — 100 Years of Women in Congress Act (Rep. Meng, D-NY)

CONTACT: [Nicholas Rodman](#), 202-226-8576

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on April 18, 2016 suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 4570](#) would designate certain agricultural research and extension grants as [Jeannette Rankin Women and Minorities in STEM Fields Program Grants](#).

COST:

No Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is available.

Rule 28(a)(1) of the Rules of the Republican Conference prohibit measures from being scheduled for consideration under suspension of the rules without an accompanying cost estimate. Rule 28(b) provides that the cost estimate requirement may be waived by a majority of the Elected Leadership.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

H.R. 4570 would designate certain agricultural research and extension grants as Jeannette Rankin Women and Minorities in STEM Fields Program Grants to increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, with priority given to eligible institutions that carry out continuing programs funded by the Secretary of Agriculture. The bill would make no changes to the underlying program, funding, or eligibility requirements.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 4570 was introduced on February 12, 2016 and was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

A Statement of Administration Policy is not available.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

According to the sponsor: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution." No specific enumerating clause was listed.

S. 719 — A bill to rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center (Sen. Tester, D-MT)

CONTACT: [Nicholas Rodman](#), 202-226-8576

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on April 18, 2016 suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[S. 719](#) would rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the [Captain John E. Moran](#) and Captain [William Wylie Galt](#) Armed Forces Reserve Center.

COST:

No Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is available.

Rule 28(a)(1) of the Rules of the Republican Conference prohibit measures from being scheduled for consideration under suspension of the rules without an accompanying cost estimate. Rule 28(b) provides that the cost estimate requirement may be waived by a majority of the Elected Leadership.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

S. 719 would rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center. The corresponding House version of the bill (H.R. 1521) can be found [here](#). Both Captain Moran and Captain Galt were recipients of the Medal of Honor during the Philippine-American War and World War II respectively.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

S. 719 was introduced on March 11, 2015, and was referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee. On March 16, 2016, the bill was passed by the Senate by unanimous consent without an amendment. On March 17, 2016, the bill was referred to the House Armed Services Committee.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

A Statement of Administration Policy is not available.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

Bills originating in the Senate are not required to have a Constitutional Authority Statement.

H.R. 3866 — To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the “First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building” (Rep. Norcross, D-NJ)

CONTACT: [Rebekah Armstrong](#), 202-226-0678

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

April 18, 2016 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

H.R. 3866 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the “First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building”.

COST:

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is not available at this time.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.
- Encroach into State or Local Authority? No.
- Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch? No.
- Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the “First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building”.

Salvatore Corma II, a West Point graduate, was killed at the age of 24 in Afghanistan from wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using improvised explosive devices.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This bill was introduced by Representative Norcross on October 15, 2016, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on March 1, 2016, and the bill was reported out by unanimous consent.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

According to the sponsor, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution. While the sponsor of this bill failed to include it, Clause 7 explicitly gives Congress the power to designate post offices.

H.R. 2928 — To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the "Harold George Bennett Post Office" (Rep. Hill, R-AK)

CONTACT: [Rebekah Armstrong](#), 202-226-0678

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

April 18, 2016 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

H.R. 2928 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the 'Harold George Bennett Post Office'.

COST:

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is not available at this time.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.
- Encroach into State or Local Authority? No.
- Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch? No.
- Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the 'Harold George Bennett Post Office'.

[Harold George Bennet](#) was a prisoner of war in Southeast Asia, and was the first U.S. prisoner of war put to death during the Vietnam War. In 2006, his family was presented with his Combat Infantryman's Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Prisoner of War Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and Purple Heart, and in addition, in 2010, Sergeant Bennett's family was presented with his Silver Star.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This bill was introduced by Representative Hill on June 25, 2015, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on October 9, 2015, and the bill was reported out by unanimous consent.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

According to the sponsor, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 7: "The Congress shall have power . . . to establish post offices and post roads"

H.R. 4605 — To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the "Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building" (Rep. Blum, R-IA)

CONTACT: [Rebekah Armstrong](#), 202-226-0678

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

April 18, 2016 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

H.R. 4605 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the "Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building".

COST:

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is not available at this time.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.
- Encroach into State or Local Authority? No.
- Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch? No.
- Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the "Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building".

[Terryl Pasker](#) was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and served in the Iowa National Guard. He was killed in Afghanistan on July 9, 2011, when enemy forces attacked his unit.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This bill was introduced by Representative Blum on February 24, 2016, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The committee held a mark-up on March 1, 2016, and the bill was reported out by unanimous consent.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

According to the sponsor, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution of the United States.

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