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H.R. 136 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the "Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office" (Rep. Issa, R-CA)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 136](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the "Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office".

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

[Camp Pendleton](#) serves as a United States Marine Corps base on the West Coast. The base was established in 1942 in order to train Marines during World War II. Since then, four Marines from Camp Pendleton have received the Medal of Honor.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the "Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office".

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 136 was introduced on October 9, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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, Clause 7.

H.R. 1132 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the "W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building" (Rep. McNerney, D-CA)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 1132](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the "W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building".

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

[Ronald Coale](#), a veteran of the Korean War and the former Stockton Transit Board Member, passed away on April 17, 2014. Coale played an integral role in developing the Stockton Metro transportation facility and served as Chair of the Board from 1975-1983.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the "W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building".

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 1132 was introduced on December 9, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress in Article I, Section 8, Clause 7.

H.R. 2458 – To Designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the "Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building" (Rep. Richmond, D-LA)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 2458](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the "Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building".

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

Lionel Collins was a civil rights lawyer who served as Judge to the 24th Judicial District Court in Gretna, Louisiana. Many schools in Louisiana have also adopted his name. Judge Collins passed away in 1988 at the age of 68.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the "Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building".

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 2458 was introduced on December 9, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, allows for the regulation of commerce between states and foreign nations. While such regulatory power could apply to commerce conducted through the U.S. Postal Service, a more appropriate authority is found in Article I, Sections 8, Clause 7, which grants Congress the power “to establish Post Offices and Post Roads”.

H.R. 3082 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Daryle Holloway Post Office Building" (Rep. Richmond, D-LA)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 3082](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Daryle Holloway Post Office Building".

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

[Daryle Holloway](#) was a New Orleans Police Officer for 22 years. He was killed in the line of duty on June 20, 2015. Holloway was active in the local community, volunteering at youth summer camps and developing positive relationships between the police and the public.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Daryle Holloway Post Office Building".

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 3082 was introduced on October 9, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, , the Commerce Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 3), and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 18). Further, this statement of constitutional authority is made for the sole purpose of compliance with clause 7 of Rule XII of

the Rules of the House of Representatives and shall have no bearing on judicial review of the accompanying bill.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, allows for the regulation of commerce between states and foreign nations. While such regulatory power could apply to commerce conducted through the U.S. Postal Service, a more appropriate authority is found in Article I, Sections 8, Clause 7, which grants Congress the power “to establish Post Offices and Post Roads”.

H.R. 3274 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the "Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office" (Rep. H. Johnson, D-GA)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 3274](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the "Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office".

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

Officer [Francis Manuel Ortega](#) served as a part-time officer at the Pine Lakes Police Department. During this time, Ortega was also a student pursuing his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Ortega was killed in the line of duty in front of this Post Office in Pine Lake, Georgia.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the "Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office".

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 3274 was introduced on July 29, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7, "The Congress shall have Power to . . . Establish Post Offices and post Roads . . ." In the Constitution, the power possessed by Congress embraces the regulation of the Postal System in the country. Therefore, the proposed legislation in naming a post office would fall under the powers granted to Congress in the Constitution.

H.R. 3601 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building" (Rep. Langevin, D-RI)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 3601](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building".

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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 Honorable [Melvoid Benson](#) was born in Jackson, Tennessee in 1930. Upon completion of high school, Benson attended Lane College and received a degree in Social Science and a minor in education. Benson moved to Rhode Island and became a teacher in the North Kingstown School Department. In 1990 Benson was elected to the state House of Representatives, where he served for 14 years.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building".

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 3601 was introduced on September 24, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress in Article I, Section 8. No specific enumerating clause was included.

H.R. 3735 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office" (Rep. Adams, D-NC)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 3735](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office".

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

Some conservatives may be concerned about Maya Angelou's reported sympathy towards communism.

- **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:

Dr. [Maya Angelou](#) was a civil rights activist, an actress, a poet, and a singer. She has earned over 80 honorary degrees and was presented the Medal of Freedom. Dr. Angelou was also a close friend to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She died on May 28, 2014 at the age of 86.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 3735 was introduced on October 9, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress in Article I, Section 8, 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" No specific enumerating clause was included.

H.R. 4046 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office (Rep. Duffy, R-WI)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 4046](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office.

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

Second Lt. [Ellen Ainsworth](#) was a Wisconsin native and served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps during World War II. She was stationed in Anzio, Italy when her camp came under heavy artillery fire. She sustained fatal injuries and died six days later. She was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the Red Cross Bronze Medal.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 4046 was introduced on November 17, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress in Article I, Section 8, The Congress shall have the Power to ... establish Post Offices and Post Roads." (The quoted language is found in Article I, Section 8, Clause 7)

S. 1596 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building" (Sen. Portman, R-OH)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[S. 1596](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building".

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

Specialist [Joseph W. Riley](#) was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on November 24, 2014. He was a Grove City, Ohio native and had always wanted to serve his country. He graduated from Towson University with a degree in Management and received his Masters from Central Missouri State University.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building".

COMMITTEE ACTION:

S. 1596 was introduced on June 17, 2015 and referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. On August 5, 2015 it passed Senate by UC. On September 8, 2015 the bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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.

S. 1826 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James "Maggie" Megellas Post Office (Sen. Johnson, R-WI)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[S.1826](#) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James "Maggie" Megellas Post Office.

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

Colonel [James "Maggie" Megellas](#), a Wisconsin native, served in the United States Army following completion of the ROTC program in Ripon, WI. He is currently 98 years old and a highly decorated veteran. He is the author of the book, *All the Way to Berlin*.

This bill would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James "Maggie" Megellas Post Office

COMMITTEE ACTION:

S. 1826 was introduced on July 22, 2015 and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. On August 5, 2015 it passed the Senate by UC. On September 9, 2015 the bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. 2814 - To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Sevierville, Tennessee, the Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic (Rep. Roe, R-TN)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on March 1, under suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 2814](#) would name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Sevierville, Tennessee, the Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic.

COST:

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

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no substantive 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:

Specialist Four [Dannie A. Carr](#) was killed in the line of duty on July 3, 1969, while serving in Vietnam. The Army awarded Carr the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

This bill would name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Sevierville, Tennessee, the Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 2814 was introduced on June 17, 2015 and referred to the House Committee on Veteran's Affairs.

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: This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress in Article I, Section 8. No specific enumerating clause was included.

H.R. 2347: Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments, as amended (Clay, D-MO)

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

FLOOR SCHEDULE:

March 1, 2016 under a suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

H.R. 2347 would amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to improve the transparency and accountability of federal advisory committees.

COST:

The [Congressional Budget Office](#) (CBO) estimates that implementing H.R. 2347 would cost \$70 million over the 2016-2020 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill could affect direct spending by agencies not funded through annual appropriations; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates, however, that any net increase in spending by those agencies would be negligible. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

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 amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act by increasing transparency in the appointment of candidates to advisory committees. Agencies would be required to publish potential candidates in the Federal Register and provide a mechanism for comment which must be considered prior to appointment. Appointed committee members who are not federal government employees would be designated as a special government employee if they are providing advice based on their expertise or a representative if they are representing views from outside entities. Agencies would not be allowed to deem members a representative in order to avoid subjecting them to federal ethics rules and requirements. The head of each agency would be prohibited from interfering with committee member participation. Individuals who regularly attend committee meetings, and are not federal government employees, will be considered a member of the committee even if they do not have the right to vote on committee recommendations.

Each advisory committee would be required to make publically available: (1)its charter; (2) how it appointed members; (3) a list of current members; (4) a list of members designated as special government employees; (5) any recusals made during the work of the committee; (6) how the committee made decisions; (7) detailed minutes of the meetings; (8) reasoning behind the closing of a meeting; and, (9) notices of future meetings. An advisory is not allowed to meet until a charter has been filed with the head of the agency it reports to. The charter would include its official designation and a description of the duties for which it is responsible.

The head of each agency that has an advisory committee would be directed to designate an Advisory Committee management Officer who would be responsible for the establishment and management of the advisory committees. The comptroller general would review compliance and ensure agencies are appropriately appointing advisory committee members.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This bill was introduced by Representative Clay on May 15, 2015, and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Ways and Means. The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a mark-up and the bill was reported out by unanimous consent. The Committee on Ways and Means discharged the bill.

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 18 of the Constitution of the United States grants the Congress the power to enact this law.