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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, December 29, 2008.

Hon. LORRAINE MILLER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: Pursuant to clause 1(d) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I hereby submit to the House a report on the activities of the Committee on House Administration for the 110th Congress.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. BRADY,
Chairman.

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IN MEMORIAM

Chairwoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, 1938-2007

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R E P O R T

INTRODUCTION

In the 110th Congress, the Committee on House Administration undertook to increase Member oversight of the activities of the legislative branch agencies, with an emphasis on providing public information regarding matters within the Committee's responsibility, and ensuring bipartisan participation in all aspects of House oversight. The Committee strove to reinvigorate its role in oversight of the officers of the House, the Architect of the Capitol, the U.S. Capitol Police, and others. In addition, the Committee re-dedicated itself to ensuring that House policies promote effective legislation by serving the needs of Members and offering appropriate support to the thousands of staffers who make it possible to operate the House of Representatives. In the area of election law, the Committee has also conducted vigorous oversight to support the rights of all American citizens to vote, and to ensure their votes are counted.

The Committee suffered an unfortunate blow near the beginning of the Congress, when Chairwoman Juanita Millender-McDonald passed away on April 22, 2007, following a long illness. Chairman Robert A. Brady took the reins of the Committee in May 2007, and has worked to expand upon her legacy of service to the Members of Congress, oversight of the legislative branch, and efforts to ensure the enfranchisement of all Americans.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

The Committee on House Administration, the smallest standing committee in the Chamber, has consisted of 9 Members since 1997. In the 110th Congress, the House retained the Committee's former size and two-to-one party ratio, and did not make any changes in the Committee's diverse areas of jurisdiction. The House elected Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald of California as chairwoman of the Committee on House Administration on Jan. 4, 2007, making her one the first African-American women to chair any House committee (the late Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones was simultaneously elected to chair the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct). Rep. Millender-McDonald had served on the Committee since 2003 and as Ranking Minority Member in the 109th Congress. Rep. Vernon J. Ehlers of Michigan, who had previously been elected chairman for the final eleven months of the 109th Congress, became the new Ranking Minority Member. Other returning majority Members were Representatives Robert A. Brady of Pennsylvania and Zoe Lofgren of California. The other three majority Members, Reps. Michael E. Capuano of Massachusetts, Charles A. Gonzalez of Texas and Susan A. Davis of California, and two minority Members, Reps. Daniel E. Lungren and Kevin McCarthy, both of California, joined as Members of the Committee for the first time.

At the organizational meeting of the Committee on February 16, 2007, Chairwoman Millender-McDonald appointed Rep. Brady as Vice Chair of the Committee. The Committee adopted modified committee rules for the 110th Congress (Committee Resolution 1), which created the Subcommittee on Elections, chaired by Rep. Lofgren with Rep. McCarthy as Ranking Minority Member, and the Subcommittee on Capitol Security, chaired by Rep. Brady with Rep. Lungren as Ranking Minority Member. Tracking the two-to-one party ratio of the full committee, which was unchanged since the 105th Congress, the Elections subcommittee was given a 4–2 party ratio and the Capital Security subcommittee a 2–1 ratio, assuring each Member a seat on a subcommittee. Members were then elected to the subcommittees based upon the recommendations of the respective party caucuses (Committee Resolution 2).

The Committee believes that an organizational structure that includes subcommittees enhances its ability to focus more intensively on major policy issues, to conduct additional hearings and necessary oversight, and to provide greater opportunities for all Members to contribute to Committee business and share in the workload. This is a critical consideration because the Committee has only 9 members. The ability of all Members to participate, and to specialize in certain policy areas, also potentially enhances the Committee's ability to craft necessary legislation on some of the more specialized areas in its jurisdiction.

On March 23, 2007, Chairwoman Millender-McDonald, pursuant to committee rules, appointed the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida, chaired by Rep. Gonzalez, to address the pending election contest in that district. Rep. Lofgren was added to the task force immediately; Rep. McCarthy was appointed by Acting Chairman Brady on April 25, 2007, following a recommendation from Rep. Ehlers on April 16.

Chairwoman Millender-McDonald presided over hearings and the Committee markup of the biennial committee funding resolution for the House for the 110th Congress, which was reported on March 5, 2007. The funding resolution passed the House on March 8. Upon Chairwoman Millender-McDonald's passing, pursuant to clause 2(d) of rule XI, Vice Chairman Brady acted as chairman of the committee pending his election by the House as permanent chairman on May 24, 2007. He then appointed Rep. Lofgren as Vice Chair of the committee. The membership roster of the full committee for the 110th Congress was completed with the election of Rep. Artur Davis of Alabama as the sixth majority member on May 2, 2007, and he was subsequently elected to fill the vacancy on the Subcommittee on Elections left by Rep. Millender-McDonald. In a later modification of the subcommittee structure, two majority members switched rankings as Rep. Capuano was elected to replace Chairman Brady as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Capitol Security on April 2, 2008.

OVERSIGHT

COMMITTEE FUNDING

The Committee on House Administration processes the resolution by which standing and select committees of the House (except the Committee on Appropriations) are authorized operating funds each Congress. During the first three months of each new Congress, House Rule X, clause 7, authorizes House committees to continue operations based on their funding authorizations from the preceding session. This continuing authorization allows committees to operate until the House adopts a primary expense resolution.

The funding process begins when each House committee introduces a House resolution seeking operating funds for the Congress. After all committee expense resolutions have been introduced, the Committee combines the resolutions into a single, omnibus primary expense resolution. After reviewing committee budget submissions, the Committee recommends to the full House an appropriate allocation of the available funds. H. Res. 202, introduced on February 28, 2007, by Chairwoman Millender-McDonald and Ranking Member Ehlers, constituted the omnibus primary expense resolution incorporating the amounts requested by the committees ($287,969,121 over two years). A correction to one committee's second session request reduced the above total to $284,569,121.

The Committee conducted a hearing on February 28, 2007, and on March 1, 2007, agreed to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and ordered H. Res. 202 favorably reported to the House (H. Rpt. 110–29). Unfortunately, when the 109th Congress adjourned sine die, it had left the fiscal 2007 appropriations process unfinished, leading to the enactment of a year-long continuing resolution for many federal accounts, including the House. This situation greatly limited the Committee's options in the authorization process for the 110th Congress. Under these circumstances, and with the limited resources available, the Committee was only able to recommend across-the-board inflationary adjustments of 2.64% for personnel expenses, and 2.2% for operating expenses in the first session, and 3.0% for personnel expenses, and 2.4% for operating

expenses in the second session. Without additional appropriations, no further adjustments could be made.

The Committee's amended resolution authorized a total of $276,509,023 over the two years of the 110th Congress, more than $10 million less than requested by the House committees. The lone panel to receive an amount larger than its initial request ($500,000 for 2007), the Armed Services Committee, was a special case because of its responsibility to oversee America's military policy in Iraq and around the world. The amounts authorized for each committee were as follows:

	1st Session	2nd Session	110th Total
Agriculture	$5,910,765	$6,084,541	$11,995,306
Armed Services	7,203,581	7,415,366	14,618,946
The Budget	6,169,343	6,350,721	12,520,064
Education and Labor	7,989,475	8,224,365	16,213,840
Energy and Commerce	10,375,603	10,680,646	21,056,249
Financial Services	7,977,303	8,211,835	16,189,138
Foreign Affairs	8,569,776	8,821,728	17,391,504
Homeland Security	8,105,057	8,343,346	16,448,403
House Administration	5,033,242	5,181,219	10,214,461
Select Intelligence	5,157,724	5,309,361	10,467,084
The Judiciary	8,055,250	8,292,074	16,347,324
Natural Resources	7,533,355	7,754,836	15,288,192
Oversight and Government Reform	10,644,994	10,957,956	21,602,950
Rules	3,376,815	3,476,093	6,852,908
Science and Technology	6,387,984	6,575,791	12,963,775
Small Business	2,939,758	3,026,187	5,965,945
Standards of Official Conduct	2,460,915	2,533,266	4,994,181
Transportation and Infrastructure	9,491,374	9,770,421	19,261,795
Veterans' Affairs	3,486,916	3,589,431	7,076,347
Ways and Means	9,382,384	9,658,226	19,040,609
Grand Total	136,251,613	140,257,410	276,509,023

The Committee also continued a fairness principle known as the "1/3 rule," consistent with policy and practice for more than two decades, anticipating the allocation of 1/3 of each committee's funding for use by the minority. While this fairness principle is well established, each committee implemented the principle in a manner consistent with its own operating practices and procedures. Each ranking minority member was asked during the Committee hearing whether he or she was being treated fairly, and with only one exception, which was later addressed to the satisfaction of the ranking minority member, all committee minorities appeared to be satisfied. As chairs and ranking members change from Congress to Congress, the Committee expects that the fairness principle will continue to address the needs of the minority.

The resolution was adopted by the full House with an amendment that, inter alia, created and funded a new Select Committee on Global Warming and Energy Independence for the 110th Congress.

MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE

The Committee has jurisdiction over the use of appropriations from the accounts of the U.S. House of Representatives for the Members' Representational Allowance as well as official travel by Members and staff, and compensation, retirement and other benefits of Member office employees. A Member's Representational Al-

lowance (MRA) is the annual authorization made to each Member of the House to obligate U.S. Treasury funds not to exceed a certain amount. These funds may be used by the Member to pay ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred by the Member and his or her congressional office employees in support of the conduct of the Member's official and representational duties on behalf of the district from which the Member is elected. The annual MRA is available for one Legislative Year, i.e., January 3 of one year through January 2 of the following year.

The MRA is made up of three primary expense components: personnel compensation, official expenses, and official (franked) mail expenses. The amount of the MRA varies from Member to Member based on the distance of a Member's district from Washington, D.C., the cost of federal office space serving a Member's district, and the number of U.S. Postal Service Private Delivery Stops in a Member's district. The use of funds in any expense category is not limited by the amount factored into a corresponding expense component, e.g., a Member may spend more or less than the amount of the personnel component to compensate his or her staff. Each Member has complete discretion in budgeting the total amount of his or her MRA as he or she determines to support the operation of his or her Washington, D.C., congressional and district offices, consistent with applicable federal law and House Rules and regulations.

Federal law authorizes the Committee, by order of the Committee, to fix and adjust the amounts, terms, and conditions of, and other matters relating to the MRA (including all aspects of official mail) by reason of:

1. A change in the price of materials, services, or office space;
2. A technological change or other improvement in office equipment; or
3. An increase in rates of pay under the General Schedule, e.g., a comparability and/or locality wage adjustment.

On March 27, 2007, the Committee authorized the following adjustments to the 2007 MRA:

1. An increase in the amount of funds factored into the MRA for personnel compensation totaling $10,973;
2. An increase of $691 to fund the increased cost of the House Transit Benefit Program (an entitlement program), as well as a 2.2% inflation adjustment to the official expenses component; and
3. An adjustment to the official mail component to reflect any increase or decrease in the number of private postal delivery stops in a Member's district.

The average MRA for 2007 was $1,357,733.

In January 2008, the Committee authorized the following adjustments to the 2008 MRA:

1. An increase in the amount of funds factored into the MRA for personnel compensation totaling $32,727; and
2. Due to changes in the price of materials and services, an increase of $4,500 to the base subcomponent of the official expenses component.

The average MRA for 2008 was $1,394,960.

During the 110th Congress, the regulations promulgated by the Committee governing the use of the MRA were amended to reflect revisions required pursuant to changes in federal law, House Rules, and/or Committee regulations as follows:

• Effective February 1, 2007, the maximum per-mile reimbursement rate for official business travel via a personally owned or leased automobile was increased to $0.485.

• Effective May 2, 2007, the regulations governing official business travel via commercial or privately owned aircraft were revised to reflect the requirements of House Resolution 363.

• Effective December 20, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of Pub. L. 110–140, the regulations governing the long-term lease of a light- or medium-duty or passenger vehicle to be used for official business travel, the lease and operating costs of which will submitted for payment from the MRA, were amended to require that such vehicle must be selected from the list of vehicles designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as "low greenhouse gas emitting vehicles."

• Effective January 1, 2008, the maximum allowable gross annual salary rate for an employee on the staff of a Member office was increased to $163,795 (Speaker's 2008 Pay Order).

• Effective March 19, 2008, the maximum per-mile reimbursement rate for official business travel via a personally owned or leased automobile was increased to $0.505.

• On and effective April 2, 2008, the Committee established an Alternate Ride Home Program for all House offices. This program authorizes Members (as well as all other employing authorities of the House) to reimburse an employee for an alternate means of transportation if that employee regularly commutes to work by other than a vehicle of the employee that has been issued a House parking permit, when the employing authority certifies that the employee had to work longer than normal working hours and the usual means of transportation was not available.

• Effective July 24, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of Pub. L. 110–28, the Committee authorized an increase in the Minimum Wage Rate from $5.15 to $6.55 per hour.

• Effective August 1, 2008, the maximum per-mile reimbursement rates for official business travel via a personally owned/leased vehicles were increased as follows:

Automobile—not to exceed $0.585 per mile
Motorcycle—not to exceed $0.585 per mile
Airplane—not to exceed $1.26 per mile.

• At its meeting on September 25, 2008, the Committee adopted a change requiring the quarterly reporting and publication in the Statement of Disbursements by the House of the total number and cost of mass communications distributed by each Member during the reporting period, regardless of media, as well as the average number and cost of mass communications distributed to households in the Member's district. This regulation mirrors the reporting requirement applicable to mass mailings, as required by 2 U.S.C. § 59h(b). This reporting requirement is effective January 3, 2009.

• On and effective September 30, 2008, the Committee adopted an amendment to the regulations governing Member web sites authorizing Members to establish, in addition to their primary official web site located in the House.gov domain, secondary web sites to

be located in third party domains and/or to post official communications content on third party sites.

Throughout the 110th Congress, the Committee's majority and minority offices of Member and Committee Services provided ready and reliable information, advice, and training on the appropriate use of official funds and resources. During the 110th Congress, these offices, in the aggregate, responded to an average of 300 phone calls per week, or more than 8,000 calls during the two-year period, from Members and staff. Committee staff also participated in the District/State Institutes sponsored by the Congressional Research Service over the course of the 110th Congress, presenting training sessions addressing the use of official resources.

House staff employment

The Committee spent considerable time during the 110th Congress reviewing the terms of employment and benefits offered to House staff and other employees of legislative branch agencies supporting the House. With long working hours dictated by the needs of the House, and staff salaries limited by the Speaker's Pay Order, the Committee believes it is important to ensure that the House offers adequate benefits to compensate its employees for their efforts, and to recruit and retain the best people. Working with the Chief Administrative Officer, the Committee reviewed an array of measures that might best serve House staff; some new policies were implemented, and others will be taken up in the 111th Congress.

The Chief Administrative Officer provided the Committee with reviews of the benefits offered to House employees relative to private employers of comparable size, the executive branch, and other legislative branch employing authorities. Based upon these reviews and other research, the Committee adopted numerous policies to improve working conditions for House employees; for example, the transit benefit and student loan repayment program were increased in accordance with increases in the general federal limits, a policy was developed to allow employees reimbursement for an "alternate ride home" (generally by taxi) when they have to work late due to the exigencies of the House, and a House resolution, H. Res. 1207, was adopted allowing employees to receive their pay receipts electronically. In addition, the Committee passed a resolution giving military liaisons working in House offices access to the House staff gym. Another legislative initiative to give the Committee authority to change the timing of staff paychecks from once per month to twice per month or biweekly passed the House, but ultimately was not enacted; the Committee expects to pursue this initiative again in the 111th Congress, in addition to other employee benefit proposals.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

One of the key responsibilities of the Committee is oversight of the Officers of the House, whose organizations serve primary roles in the operation of the legislative process and implementing changes for the institution.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The Committee's oversight of the Clerk's office reflected her office's importance to the House. Her primary duties involve the legislative operations of the House, but she is also responsible for other areas, including many House publications and for operating the House page program under the direction of the Page Board. During the session, it became clear to the Committee that the Clerk spent a large portion of her time monitoring the House pages, and the Committee approved her proposal to establish a new position of deputy clerk to direct operations of the page program.

The Clerk and the Committee devoted considerable attention to the House's electronic voting system (EVS), which dates to the early 1970s. The EVS must be modified or replaced due to antiquated hard- and software, a challenge because of the limitations of the current EVS and the physical placement of its key display board above the House Press Gallery. The Committee authorized travel by Clerk and Committee staff to Topeka, Kan., and elsewhere in order to examine electronic voting systems used by other legislative bodies.

The Committee also approved of steps taken by the Clerk to establish safeguards to prevent errors in the enrollment process, including a request for staff support from the Government Printing Office (which has no operational role in the enrollment of legislation). The Committee anticipates continued efforts in the coming year to improve coordination of House and Senate legislative materials and to reduce the potential for errors.

In early 2007, the Committee worked with the Clerk to complete the House publication, Women in Congress, 1917–2006, which the House authorized in 2001 to update an earlier work. In 2008, the Committee again oversaw the Clerk's efforts on Black Americans in Congress, 1870–2006, also authorized by the House in 2001. A massive undertaking in each case, the Clerk's Office of History and Preservation (OHP) deserves the Committee's thanks for its efforts. The Committee held a public forum to accompany the publication of each of these volumes, which contain portraits and biographical profiles on each Member, historical images, essays, and comprehensive statistical data. In addition, OHP created a web site to accompany each volume. In addition to Member profiles, the Women in Congress site, *http://womenincongress.house.gov*, includes information about the career of Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the first woman to be elected Speaker of the House, a listing of educational resources, and the opportunity to view various historical artifacts from the House Collection related to the history of women in Congress. The Black Americans in Congress site, *http://BAiC.house.gov*, also includes photographs and descriptions of historical artifacts from the House Collection, as well as a list of related educational and reference resources. OHP is working on two additional publications authorized by the Committee: a new edition of Hispanic Americans in Congress, and a new publication to be entitled Asian and Pacific Islander-Americans in Congress. The Committee will continue its careful oversight of OHP's work and looks forward to developing a closer working relationship with OHP staff.

The Committee also worked with the Clerk in an examination of the largely unheralded role of slave labor in the construction of the

Capitol. The Committee held a hearing on November 7, 2007, at which the House's slave-labor task force, coordinated by the Clerk, and others presented historical information on this important topic. Certain recommendations of the task force have already been adopted by the Congress, including naming the central hall of the CVC "Emancipation Hall"; others will be completed in the coming year.

The Committee discussed with the Clerk's office key improvements in operations related to the coming of the next (111th) Congress, including the many activities related to orientation for freshman Members and providing stationery, preparation of key publications related to the convening of a new session (e.g., the Congressional Pictorial Directory), counting the 2008 electoral college votes, and other matters.

The Committee also consulted when necessary with the Clerk's Office of the House Employment Counsel (OHEC), which provides legal advice to Member offices on employment matters. In addition to individual day-to-day employment situations, the Committee sought advice from OHEC regarding the Office of Compliance's proposed veterans' preference regulations.

With the opening of the CVC and the reorganization of the Capitol Guide Service, under Pub. L. 110–437 the Clerk joined the board overseeing the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services. Her service on the Congressional Accessibility Services Board will ensure appropriate coordination between OHEC and the new Accessibility Services office. The Committee anticipates that this will be an area requiring increased oversight in the 111th Congress, as the Board works with the office to embark on its enhanced role in service to both houses.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

The Committee takes very seriously the Sergeant at Arms' (HSAA) responsibility for House security. Although many issues related to House security are not appropriate subjects for public hearings, the Committee and its Subcommittee on Capitol Security received several private briefings from the HSAA. In addition, the bipartisan Committee staff met with the Sergeant at Arms and his staff virtually every week throughout the session to discuss matters of concern to HSAA and the Committee.

As always, the Committee focused heavily upon protection of the House's physical plant, comprised primarily of the House wing of the Capitol; the House office buildings, including the House's sundry parking facilities; the surrounding streets; and other support facilities on Capitol Hill and elsewhere. The Capitol and office buildings are both a workplace and tourist destination for millions of Americans and others from around the world, presenting a complicated safety and security challenge.

The Committee devoted significant attention to working with the HSAA, the Architect of the Capitol (through his Superintendent of the House Office Buildings), and the Capitol Police to improve safety in the office buildings, especially with respect to emergency evacuations. Upon recommendation from the Committee, the Speaker of the House designated the HSAA as the lead entity for coordinating evacuation procedures in House buildings. The Committee also approved the HSAA Senior Management Expansion/Reorganization

Plan in order for HSAA to better manage emergency evacuation planning and operations.

Under the Committee's oversight, the HSAA took on a lead role in a cross-jurisdictional approach to addressing the House's safety concerns. This emphasis has led to installation of improved signage, enhanced training for employees, and identification of a need for improved communications with evacuated employees. Committee staff oversaw evacuation drills and tabletop exercises conducted by the HSAA, and the Committee approved plans for conducting more frequent evacuation drills, both announced and unannounced. The Committee plans to continue its work in this key area in the next session. (See also the discussion of the Hallway Policy under the Architect of the Capitol.)

The Committee worked closely with the HSAA in the development of legislation (Pub. L. 110–437) providing for governance and operation of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC), which opened to the public in December 2008. The CVC, the largest addition ever made to the Capitol, was originally conceived to improve safety and security for Members, staff and visitors, in addition to improving visitor convenience. The bipartisan Committee staff spent countless hours on this subject (discussed in greater detail below under the Architect of the Capitol).

The Committee also spent considerable time and attention overseeing and providing policy direction for the HSAA in his role as the House's representative on the Capitol Police Board. The Board is a bicameral entity created by law, consisting of the HSAA, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Architect of the Capitol. The Board oversees and provides policy direction to the U.S. Capitol Police, who protect both houses. The Committee consulted regularly with the HSAA regarding policies adopted by the Board.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the House has wide-ranging responsibility to support operations of the House generally, and specific responsibilities in support of Member and committee operations. From issuing paychecks to tracking inventory to processing expenses to providing information technology, the CAO's office is intertwined with every aspect of day-to-day operations. The Committee devoted significant time to oversight of the CAO—reviewing and approving all policy changes, personnel actions and major contracts, as well as conducting bipartisan staff meetings to monitor all aspects of CAO operations.

A major contract affecting all those who work in and visit the House of Representatives provides food service operations in the House office buildings and the House side of the Capitol. During 2007, the CAO had the opportunity to exercise an option and retain Restaurant Associates, the food service provider selected to run the restaurant in the Capitol Visitor Center. The Committee determined that in exercising this option, the CAO would be able to provide improved quality and service in food operations. In addition, the CAO negotiated contract provisions that would assist with the "Green the Capitol Initiative," by reducing waste and composting most trash, including biodegradable containers, while also acquiring many organic and locally grown foods. The Committee has continued to oversee the CAO's contractual relationship with Res-

taurant Associates, ensuring fair treatment of employees transferred to the new provider and smooth operations of each of the restaurant facilities.

Another major CAO initiative supported by the Committee is the "Wounded Warrior" fellowship program. Chairman Brady was particularly instrumental in establishing this program to provide employment opportunities for wounded or disabled veterans within the House. House offices identify potential positions in Member, committee or leadership offices in Washington, D.C., or in district offices nationwide. Positions are filled by veterans with a 30 percent or greater service connected disability rating from either a military Physical Evaluation Board or the Department of Veterans Affairs. Wherever possible, those selected for the program are given the opportunity to transition into full-time employment, but full-time employment is not guaranteed at the conclusion of the two-year fellowship.

During the 110th Congress, the Committee closely observed the CAO's contributions to the security of House operations, including security of mail deliveries and continuity of operations in the event of an emergency. In addition to receiving regular reports on these operations, Committee staff have visited CAO facilities and overseen practical exercises intended to ensure that House operations can be maintained in any eventuality.

The Committee has also devoted considerable time to overseeing the operations of the CAO's Finance Office and its efforts to ensure accurate, timely financial data while offering maximum flexibility to Members for their office management. The CAO has undertaken a major initiative to upgrade the central accounting system for the House, and the Committee, with the assistance of the House Inspector General, has monitored closely the CAO's progress in the acquisition and implementation of this system. The transition into the new system was postponed from the 110th Congress into the 111th, and the Committee will continue to oversee the CAO's efforts. Once established, this "Atlas" financial system should prove more user-friendly, offering greater transparency and improved financial reporting to all users.

Computer services to House offices are coordinated, and partially provided, by the CAO's office of House Information Resources. The Committee's oversight of this aspect of CAO operations is discussed more fully in the Technology section below.

Inspector General

House Rules creating the office of Inspector General (IG) give the Committee general responsibility for oversight and policy direction of the work of that office. In order to promote bipartisanship and secure the IG's independence, the Committee and Committee staff oversee the IG's work in a bipartisan manner; generally, bipartisan staff meet with the IG each week.

Under the Committee's direction in the 110th Congress, the IG's work has expanded to provide more management advisory services as well as audits of the work of the Officers of the House. These services have assisted the Committee tremendously in supervising many of the activities of the Officers, from development of a new House accounting system to securing the information systems of the Sergeant at Arms to "greening" the Capitol. In addition, the

Committee believes that these services have assisted the Officers in their efforts to support the House of Representatives.

In addition to these management advisory services, the Committee has overseen the IG's conduct of more traditional audits and investigations of the House of Representatives, receiving numerous reports from the IG throughout the Congress. The House accounts maintained by the CAO received a clean opinion from the outside audit firm contracted by the IG for both FY06 and FY07. One notable investigation authorized by the Committee in the 110th Congress led to the criminal conviction of an employee who had embezzled funds. It also led to a further IG assessment of the risks posed by the House's existing system of shared employees. The IG's findings on this issue were disclosed in a public hearing on May 21, 2008, and the Committee adopted new regulations to reduce the risks of financial loss and information security breaches in the House's use of shared employees.

The work of the IG's office can be quantified in terms of dollars saved through both efficiencies implemented and problems avoided. However, to quantify the work of the IG would oversimplify the crucial role this office plays in optimizing the use of tax dollars to run the House, a large institution with a complex organizational structure. The IG's office regularly assists the Committee by providing expertise that assists in reconciling conflicting views regarding the appropriate course of action in House management.

"Honor the Fallen"

In 2006, at the direction of the House Office Building Commission, the Committee established a memorial to honor the men and women of America's Armed Services who have lost their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. This memorial, "Honor the Fallen," was dedicated on June 27, 2006. The Memorial is located on the East and South walls of the First Floor Foyer of the Rayburn House Office Building, immediately adjacent to the visitors' entrance. This location provides a stately venue that is easily accessible to the public.

The Memorial consists of a wall mounted display that lists the name of each of the fallen within the year and month in which he or she died (or in which his or her death was confirmed), in alphabetical order. The names, in gold lettering, are displayed on marbled "congressional" blue placards. The placards are mounted in a wood frame made of American walnut and decorated with the American patriot five-pointed stars, a recurring architectural element throughout the U.S. Capitol and the congressional office buildings. The placards were designed by Cari Knowles, a graphic artist on the staff of the CAO; the frame was designed by Douglas Morey, a carpenter on the staff of the Superintendent of the House Office Buildings.

The Committee is responsible for updating the Memorial. In the 110th Congress, as of October 15, 2008, 1,478 new names had been added to the Memorial, bringing the total number displayed to 4,756. During the second session of the 110th Congress, the Committee initiated a study of ways in which the experience of visitors to the Memorial might be enhanced. One proposal would direct publication of a pamphlet for distribution to visitors at the Memorial site describing the Memorial and its purpose. In addition, the

Committee is considering the installation at the site of an electronic searchable directory, which would provide information about the men and women honored by the Memorial and a means to readily identify the location of their names. The Committee anticipates taking further action on these proposals in the 111th Congress.

"Green the Capitol" Initiative

On March 1, 2007, Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, and Committee Chairwoman Juanita Millender-McDonald directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to undertake a new initiative to "green" the Capitol and House office buildings. This request supplemented the existing mandate in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58), for the Architect of the Capitol to meet the energy performance standards required of other federal buildings.

On April 19, 2007, the CAO submitted a preliminary report on efforts that would reduce the environmental impacts associated with the operations of the House building complex.

The recommendations in the CAO's preliminary report included:

- Operate the House in a carbon-neutral manner
- Shift to 100 percent renewable electric power
- Aggressively improve energy efficiency
- Adopt sustainable business practices
- Continue leadership on sustainability issues
- Purchase offsets to ensure carbon-neutral operations.

The final report in June 2007 expanded upon these recommendations and provided detailed plans for implementing them. The CAO provided a six-month progress report and checklist in December 2007. In addition, the CAO established a website in support of Greening, where these materials can be found.

Since taking over the Committee, Chairman Brady has overseen progress on the Green the Capitol Initiative. The Committee approved the final contract with the House's new restaurant services provider, Restaurant Associates, which requires many "green" operations including such features as replacing Styrofoam and plastic with 100% compostable items, establishing a composting operation for restaurant waste, and using more organic locally grown products. In addition, substantial energy savings have been seen by substituting compact fluorescent light bulbs for incandescent bulbs in most House light fixtures, by centralization of computer servers, and other miscellaneous measures.

The Architect of the Capitol's mandate under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 was expanded under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110–140), which set an energy use reduction goal for the Capitol complex of three percent per year. To achieve that goal, the Architect has initiated an Energy Services Performance Contract, through which a contractor will undertake energy conservation measures throughout the Capitol complex, paid entirely out of the energy savings achieved. The Committee has also overseen a further initiative requested by the Speaker: the Architect, with advice from the CAO and the Department of Energy, has almost completed installation of improved meters and public displays showing all energy use in the House buildings, allowing accurate measurement of energy savings. The Committee

further supervised other greening measures by the Architect, including expansion of House recycling services.

In an effort to augment House Greening efforts, the Committee also reported H.R. 6474. This legislation would authorize the CAO to carry out a series of demonstration projects that promote the use of innovative technologies in reducing energy consumption and promoting energy efficiency and cost savings in the House. Demonstration projects would develop and commercialize technologies that expand the production of renewable fuels, which in turn reduces our dependence on oil, and confronts the global climate change challenge. The House would provide leadership and encourage new products by piloting technologies in the beta testing phase. This should include new technologies that can generate power off the grid. Although the legislation did not pass the House, the Committee anticipates moving additional measures to implement new technologies and further Greening goals in the coming years.

Technology

The Committee has placed a high priority on monitoring the technology that supports Member office and House operations, believing that broader technology improvements and greater investments by the House can provide substantial productivity gains, cost savings, and enhanced security. House Information Resources (HIR), within the office of the CAO, is at the center of the House's technology revolution, but is by no means the only entity supplying technology services to the House. However, HIR does ensure that the House's technology implementation is continuously monitored and upgraded to take advantage of improved and developing technology.

The Committee adopts the policies under which HIR provides access and operates the facilities of an advanced institutional computer and communications network available to more than 12,000 users. House offices use approximately 14,000 desktop, laptop, and other types of office computers, both on the Capitol Hill campus and around the country. Thousands of servers, large and small, support individual congressional offices, publication facilities, voice and communications, data storage, and the full range of administrative services within the House. Extensive backup facilities ensure business continuity. All these resources are linked by a network provided by HIR and private communications vendors. The network links nearly a thousand district offices, more than twenty standing committees, Leadership offices, House Officer support functions, and numerous other Hill offices. In promoting the use of technology in the House, the Committee receives regular briefings on developments and oversees HIR's implementation of computer services.

In addition, the Committee oversees many other areas of technology support to the House, from the electronic voting system to cell phone antennae to streaming internet video of committee proceedings House-wide. In an effort to extend the reach of wireless communications devices within the House and the newly opened Capitol Visitor Center, the Committee approved a transfer and expansion of wireless antennae throughout the House campus and the Visitor Center. In response to Member-reported problems with dead zones, a campus-wide facility survey was completed and ac-

tion taken to expand coverage. By working with a private sector consortium of wireless providers, the expansion has cost taxpayers nothing while improving Member service.

The Committee and HIR have saved more taxpayer dollars on technology support to Member offices by way of blanket purchase agreements with two major vendors of computer equipment. By entering into blanket purchase agreements, the growing needs of the House will be met in the most economical manner available in the marketplace. The Committee and the CAO have also begun a series of Member office support services and training under the title of "Work smarter, not harder." The training series has provided employee access to information about technology efficiencies already in place in congressional offices, many of which are unused or overlooked because of a lack of training. With the substantial annual turnover in House staff, the Committee expects this training series to be repeated yearly, and expects that Member offices will benefit from productivity gains as a result.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has placed a high priority on increasing openness in the House and providing public access to public meetings. In order to provide public access and transparency to committee proceedings through the House, the Committee approved numerous technology upgrades and worked with the CAO and Architect of the Capitol to prioritize installation of these upgrades in committee hearing rooms. This allows the full range of broadcast-quality digital signals and streaming internet video to be accessed—in real time—by anyone, anywhere, and for all proceedings to be recorded in various formats for archival purposes. The advances during the 110th Congress have been an order of magnitude greater than in prior Congresses.

Another technology area of importance to the Committee and to Congressional offices is the use of the internet and web sites to gather and provide information relevant to the legislative and representational duties of Members. In addition to the official House web sites established by most congressional offices, the Committee expanded the opportunity for Members to communicate with constituents through social networking and other sites. In October 2008, the Committee approved a policy allowing for the engagement and maintenance of an unlimited number of unofficial web presences. This policy allows Members to place official information where the constituents reside in the virtual world, such as Facebook, YouTube, etc.

The Committee and the CAO are exploring new technology with respect to wireless communications devices for everyday use and to enhance security communications. While this area of technology is evolving at lightning speed, the Committee must determine how to deploy the technology efficiently and provide cost-effective support for Members in Washington, D.C., and in each of their congressional districts. Committee action to approve such advances is expected at the end of the 110th and beginning of the 111th Congress.

The importance of technological support for continuity of operations in case of an emergency is an area of considerable concern to the Committee. Essential functions, services, and important communications capabilities must be available to Members when the day-to-day operations of the House are disrupted for any reason.

The Committee has overseen various continuity exercises, but is also working with the CAO, the Architect of the Capitol and the House IG to identify any possible areas of systems failure and correct them. This effort will continue in the 111th Congress.

New Member Orientation

The Committee is responsible for coordinating the orientation program for newly elected Members, as well as travel for Members-elect from their districts to Washington, D.C., to attend and participate in the organizational meetings of the Democratic Caucus and the Republican Conference. The orientation program and the organizational meetings are held during the period between the election and the convening of the new Congress. The orientation program for the new Members-elect to the 111th Congress, as well as the organizational meetings of the Caucus and Conference, took place during the period November 16 through December 11, 2008. In addition, the Committee arranges the presentation, in cooperation with the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, of the Legislative Issue Seminar for new Members, which will be presented in January 2009.

Fifty-two new Members-elect, the principal majority and minority party candidates for election from the 4th District of California and the 15th District of Ohio (elections that had not yet been decided on the start date of the program), and the Delegate-elect from the Northern Mariana Islands, whose election was decided during the course of the program, were invited to attend all or part of the 2008 New Member Orientation program. Each new Member-elect and invited candidate was authorized to designate an aide to accompany him or her to the orientation program. In addition to substantive presentations on the rules governing membership in the House and practical guidance on setting up a congressional office, the Members-elect received individual counseling on office set-up and information technology.

The Committee's further responsibilities in the transition to the new Congress include the compilation of the Directory of Nominees for Election to the U.S. House of Representatives in the ensuing Congress; printing and production of the Pictorial Directory of the New Members-elect to said Congress; presentation of the bipartisan administrative orientation program; printing, production, and distribution of program communications and materials; oversight of the New and Departing Member Service Centers; and oversight of the regulations and procedures applicable to outfitting a Washington, D.C., congressional office, as well as procuring and outfitting district office space. The Committee accomplished each of these responsibilities, starting before the election and continuing throughout the New Member Orientation period.

Architect of the Capitol

In addition to House-specific support operations, the Committee also oversees the legislative branch agencies that provide services to both houses of Congress. The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) serves as the facilities manager for the Congress, constructing and maintaining the U.S. Capitol and all of the other buildings in the Capitol complex. Certain decisions regarding management of the House office buildings and the House side of the Capitol lie within

the hands of the House Office Building Commission, but the Committee supervises AOC implementation of all programs. In the 110th Congress, the Committee received regular reports on the actions of the AOC's Superintendent of House Office Buildings, but also reviewed all other AOC activities affecting the Capitol campus as a whole.

Bipartisan Committee staff met with the House Superintendent on a biweekly basis throughout the 110th Congress. They received myriad progress updates on office upgrades, hearing room upgrades and other facility improvements. The Committee worked with the AOC to expand accessibility of House facilities, take advantage of expanded capacity in the House television system and improve signage in House buildings. In 2008, the Committee joined the Superintendent in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Cannon House Office Building with a celebration and display in the Cannon Caucus Room. With the retirement of the House Superintendent and installation of a new Superintendent at the end of the 110th Congress, the Committee hopes to continue this strong working relationship into the 111th.

In many ways the most visible activity of the AOC in the 110th Congress was the completion and opening of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC), a new facility offering safety, amenities and educational opportunities to the millions of visitors to the U.S. Capitol each year. The Committee was deeply involved in overseeing the completion and opening of this largest-ever addition to the Capitol. Three Members of the Committee (Chairman Brady, Ranking Member Ehlers and Rep. Capuano) had designated appointments on the Capitol Preservation Commission, designated by law to oversee construction of the CVC. In addition, the Committee was given joint responsibility, together with the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, over operations of the CVC—first through designation by the joint Leadership and later by statute in Pub. L. 110–437. Throughout the 110th Congress, the Capitol Preservation Commission and the Committee made multiple decisions regarding every detail of the opening and operations of the CVC. Initial operations following the opening day on December 2, 2008 have been productive, but the Committee will maintain an aggressive review of operations throughout the 111th Congress, as the AOC's CVC staff and congressional overseers continue to pilot the new operations of this unprecedented facility.

The Committee also devoted considerable attention in the 110th Congress to life safety impacts of AOC operations and the House buildings. The Committee convened meetings of the many legislative agencies involved in emergency evacuations and determined that changes to the physical plant as well as operations were necessary. The Committee supported the AOC's projects, in coordination with the Sergeant at Arms and the Office of Compliance, to add a new emergency exit to the Longworth House Office Building and plan enclosures that would increase the safety of stairwells in the Cannon and Longworth House Office Buildings without detracting from the historic architecture of the buildings. In addition, with the support of the AOC and various safety agencies, the Committee revived a 2005 recommendation that had never been implemented, to remove obstructions from the hallways of the House office buildings. The "Hallway Policy" was adopted by the House Of-

fice Building Commission on April 17, 2008, upon the recommendation of the Committee, and the AOC has worked successfully with the CAO to eliminate these hazards.

At the beginning of the 110th Congress, the AOC's office struggled with the challenge of eliminating workplace hazard for employees who maintain the steam tunnels serving Capitol Hill. The AOC settled this complaint with a commitment to eliminate asbestos and reduce heat hazards in the tunnels; for the last eighteen months, the Committee has been monitoring the AOC's progress on implementing this settlement.

The term of Architect of the Capitol Alan Hantman ended on February 4, 2007. While the AOC's Chief Operating Officer, Stephen T. Ayers, has served ably as Acting Architect, the appointment of a new Architect was delayed throughout the 110th Congress. Under the statute outlining procedures for selection of the Architect, Chairman Brady and Ranking Member Ehlers served on a commission of Members designated to forward candidate names to the President. Although the commission forwarded three candidates, complex circumstances prevented final selection and confirmation of the Architect. The Committee anticipates completion of the appointment process in the 111th Congress, but in the meantime is reviewing whether the process is simply broken and requires new legislation.

Library of Congress

The Committee has maintained diligent oversight over the Library of Congress throughout the 110th Congress. In addition to oversight hearings and legislative action, bipartisan Committee staff met weekly with the staff of the Library, and toured various Library facilities. Chairman Brady also served in his role as ex officio member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, attending meetings and acting on various trust fund management matters.

The 110th Congress saw the opening of a major new facility for the Library: the Packard Campus of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center in Culpeper, Virginia. This new facility, constructed largely through private contributions, offers the Library state-of-the-art storage areas that meet the needs of various audio collections and visual media. The Committee reviewed the Library's progress toward opening the new building, and will continue to review the Library's use of the facility.

The Committee conducted two oversight hearings on the Library of Congress in the 110th Congress: One on the potential merger of the Library of Congress Police and U.S. Capitol Police, and one on other issues related to Library management. (The police merger hearing is discussed at greater length under U.S. Capitol Police below.)

On October 24th, 2007, the Committee held a hearing on "Current Issues in Library Management." Witnesses discussed the progress and challenges in inventorying and cataloguing the massive and complex collections held by the Library. The Committee learned that the Library has enormous difficulty maintaining a true inventory of its holdings, but the challenges vary among the various collections. Progress has been made toward inventorying the general collection, but this task is still only 20% complete. This

is an issue of significant concern to the Committee, and the Committee will continue to monitor the Library's progress in the coming years.

In addition, the hearing addressed issues surrounding maintenance of the Law Library of Congress. Private interests have expressed a willingness to provide financial support for the Library to support more rapid cataloguing and specialty Library functions, but they seek an appropriate funding mechanism to ensure that support will go where it is intended. The findings from this oversight hearing led directly to the introduction of H.R. 6589, the Charles H.W. Meehan Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act. The Committee reported this legislation to the House in the waning days of the 110th Congress, and will likely seek its enactment in the 111th.

The Committee also achieved enactment of the Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–336), reauthorizing these programs through FY2016. The Committee achieved House passage of H.R. 998, the Civil Rights History Project Act of 2008, which would authorize a joint program between the Library and the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History to collect and preserve audio and video recordings of the personal testimonials of individuals who participated in the U.S. Civil Rights movement. The Committee anticipates further action on this proposal in the 111th Congress.

Congressional Research Service

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) is an extension of congressional staff (House and Senate) that resides within the Library of Congress. CRS provides Senators and Representatives with in-depth analyses of issues in an objective, non-partisan, professional, and timely manner. Its experts deliver congressional testimony, provide expertise to committees in analyzing impact of laws and policies, conduct research and synthesize information on federal programs and data, and perform myriad other functions essential to the proper and efficient operation of the Congress.

In overseeing the use of staffing resources within the House, the Committee considered the role played by CRS in supporting the Congress and the House. The Committee examined the CRS budget request for FY2009, and noted that it included only mandatory pay increases and price-level increases, the bare minimum necessary to sustain CRS's current level of services. At this level, the Congress should anticipate an eventual erosion of CRS services. Further study is needed, but enhancing CRS's non-partisan expertise could prove an efficient and cost-effective way of delivering essential information and analytic services at a time when the House's oversight and analytic capacities are severely constrained by both funds and office space.

Over the years CRS has withstood increasing pressure from within the Library's budget, competing with the national focus and public programs that the Library undertakes. The Committee found that while CRS did not seek any funds for new initiatives or program growth, CRS suffers an accumulated shortfall for funding its 705 FTEs at the beginning of FY2008. Since nearly 90 percent of the CRS budget is consumed by staff pay and benefits, CRS was

forced to reduce its workforce by 30 FTEs in its operating plan for FY2008, reaching its lowest level in 33 years.

Although current law directs the Librarian to grant CRS complete research independence and the maximum practicable administrative independence, the fact that CRS submits its budget to the Librarian for review has precluded the direct dialogue that once ensured that Congress clearly understood the impact of its funding decisions on CRS services. Maintaining CRS's relationship with the Library offers very real benefits, but restoring CRS's independent budget authority would not damage that relationship, and would return to the original concept of CRS as an extension of Congressional staff. With pressures on the budget, and increasingly competing priorities, the Committee is considering whether this is an appropriate time to restore Congress' ability to hear directly from CRS regarding its budget needs and the issues it faces in serving all Members and Committees.

U.S. Capitol Police

Reflecting the Committee's serious interest in the security of the House and Capitol complex, the Committee devoted a great deal of its time to the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP). To enhance and streamline its own work, the Committee began the session by creating a Subcommittee on Capitol Security. Committee and subcommittee activity took the form of regular, detailed oversight meetings, briefings, and hearings. The Committee also developed and reported legislation related to the USCP.

Given the sensitive nature of Capitol security issues, the Committee and Subcommittee held several private briefings with USCP leadership. In addition, bipartisan Committee staff met almost weekly with USCP leadership for briefings on operational matters. Regular briefings and ad-hoc meetings addressed management and administrative issues, including personnel policies, long-term strategic planning and agency progress implementing management recommendations by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). In addition, Committee staff toured USCP training facilities and observed USCP practice exercises on the Capitol campus.

Upon organizing in 2007, the Committee made legislation to complete the merger of the Library of Congress Police with the USCP a top priority. Congress had in 2003 provided for the merger subject to further legislation. However, for a variety of reasons, the effort had languished during the preceding four years. With the Committee's strong encouragement, the two agencies developed an implementation plan and a draft of legislation necessary to accomplish it. The full Committee held a hearing on June 27, 2007, at which Library and USCP leadership and the union representing the Library's police force endorsed the draft. The Committee perfected the agencies' legislation, reported it to the House with an amendment, and the measure ultimately became law in January 2008 (the U.S. Capitol Police—Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110–178). At the close of the session, the merger process was underway with the benefits of the merger envisioned in 2003 already becoming apparent.

The Capitol Security Subcommittee held a public hearing on May 1, 2008, on the administration and management of the USCP. The Chief of Police, GAO, and the Chairman of the USCP Labor Com-

mittee discussed management issues and the USCP progress toward closing past recommendations of the GAO that had accumulated over several years. Although not all recommendations had been closed, the GAO testified that the USCP had made significant progress recently in response to the recommendations. Following this hearing, the Subcommittee obtained a further review from GAO of the ELS labor management study obtained by the USCP. The Subcommittee will continue to monitor the USCP's progress on the remaining matters raised by the GAO in the 111th Congress.

On June 18, 2008, the Capitol Security Subcommittee held a hearing to explore upgrades for the agency's radio communications. In addition to the Chief of Police, outside witnesses provided unanimous support for a substantial investment in a new radio system for the USCP. The Committee continues to monitor USCP progress on the acquisition of such a system.

In 2008, the Committee recommended another measure to the House. Since 2001, the Congress had enacted numerous individual provisions affecting the administration of the USCP, many of them substantive requirements added to appropriations acts. Many of these individual provisions conflicted with other laws, were duplicative or caused other administrative problems for the agency. Chairmen Brady and Capuano introduced legislation together with Ranking Member Ehlers on May 5, 2008 (H.R. 5972, the United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2008), to make technical changes to existing laws and thereby streamline USCP administration. The Committee reported the bill (H. Rept. 110–679) and the House passed it with an amendment on June 4, 2008. Although enactment was not completed in the 110th Congress, the Committee intends to pursue enactment of this important legislation early in the 111th Congress.

As an administrative matter the Committee (along with its Senate counterpart, the Committee on Rules and Administration), is required by law to approve of certain personnel actions taken by the Chief of Police, and the Committee discharged this responsibility in a timely manner throughout the 110th Congress. In addition, the Committee approved a USCP reorganization plan creating a "Mission Assurance Bureau."

Office of Compliance

The Committee provides oversight for the House of the Office of Compliance (OOC), an agency managed by an independent board under the terms of the Congressional Accountability Act (CAA) (Pub. L. 104–1) to administer compliance with that law. The CAA, as amended, imposes on the legislative branch agencies the mandates of the following twelve civil rights, labor and workplace safety laws:

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967
Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Employee Polygraph Protection Act of 1988
Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938
Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993
Chapter 71 of the Federal Services Labor-Management Relations Act
Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970

Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Uniformed Service Members Employment and Reemployment Rights under Chapter 43, Title 38 of the U.S. Code

Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1989, and

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act.

Since the OOC is intended to be an independent entity and its day-to-day operations are overseen by the OOC board, the Committee's oversight of the OOC more limited than for other legislative branch agencies, often addressing organizational matters that require congressional action.

One aspect of the OOC's work that requires congressional oversight is the adoption of regulations implementing the CAA. The OOC drafts regulations and submits them to the Congress for approval. Near the end of the Congress, the OOC brought to the Committee proposed regulations implementing the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. The Committee began a review of these regulations, along with an earlier set of proposed regulations under the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act. While action was not completed on either of the sets of regulations during the 110th Congress, the Committee anticipates action on each during the 111th Congress.

During the 110th Congress, when the OOC had a vacancy in the position of Executive Director, the OOC Board brought to the Committee's attention the provisions of the CAA which prohibited promoting an in-house candidate. Upon review of the statute, the Committee agreed that the Board's choice to promote someone from within the agency was appropriate, and obtained passage of legislation (Pub. L. 110–164) allowing for internal promotion and advancement in the OOC's executive staff.

The OOC has been operating in office space borrowed from the Library of Congress, and is in need of more suitable space to conduct operations and board meetings, and work with complainants. The Committee is seeking a way to provide the needed facilities for the OOC in the near future when renovated federally owned space can be renovated. That pursuit will continue in the 111th Congress.

Smithsonian Institution

Since the Smithsonian Institution is a permanent trust entity of the federal government, it does not require enactment of regular authorizing legislation (except for certain construction projects) and obtains federal funds directly through the appropriations process. The Committee acts as the principal House legislative and oversight panel for the Smithsonian, and shares oversight of the planning and construction of new Smithsonian facilities with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Since the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture was created in 2003, no new major legislative initiative has been considered by the Committee.

Shortly after the 110th Congress convened, a series of interlocking scandals, resignations and administrative upheavals suddenly hit the Smithsonian, generating a torrent of congressional inquiries and continuous negative press coverage. These events precipitated an historic revamping of the Smithsonian's governance structure, the beginning of the dismantling of its insular culture in

a move toward greater transparency, and the replacement of senior management personnel. The Committee conducted a wide range of oversight of these changes, including consultation with the House Members who serve as Smithsonian regents, private briefings, staff meetings and public hearings. In each context, the Committee cautioned the Board of Regents that its efforts at internal transformation in the aftermath of these changes could not become an excuse for altering core policies of free access by the American public to Smithsonian museums, retreating from commitments to continue its unique scientific research projects, or neglecting the safety of the visiting public in its sometimes decrepit and underfunded facilities.

Early in the first session, the Committee focused on the controversies surrounding travel, salaries and administrative practices involving former Secretary Lawrence Small, who resigned in March 2007; former Deputy Secretary Sheila Burke; Richard West, former director of the National Museum of the American Indian; Pilar O'Leary, former director of the Smithsonian Latino Center; and former Smithsonian Business Ventures CEO Gary Beer. The Committee gave strong support to the Independent Review Committee, an outside panel appointed by the Board of Regents early in 2007 with a no-holds-barred mandate to issue reform recommendations, and to a broad series of recommendations by the Board's Governance Committee. Chairman Brady called for the dismissal of Smithsonian executives who had violated sound business and administrative practices.

On August 1, 2007, the Committee held a hearing on "The Smithsonian in Transition," as the Board was beginning to implement some of its initial reforms, which focused primarily on the new governance structure and included testimony by Acting Secretary Dr. Christian Samper, Inspector General A. Sprightley Ryan, congressional regent Rep. Doris Matsui and the Hon. Charles Bowsher, chairman of the Independent Review Committee. Members voiced general satisfaction with the Institution's quick efforts to forge a new direction and encouraged an expedited search process for a new permanent secretary.

In previous Congresses, the Committee routinely urged House passage under suspension of the rules and without formal committee action the recommendations of the Board of Regents to fill nine positions as citizen regents of the Smithsonian. Since the Board of Regents as a part-time body had been primarily responsible for lax internal oversight, the Committee decided in this Congress no longer to give citizen regent candidates proposed by the Board automatic approval for appointments (or reappointments). The Committee instituted a practice of meeting informally with candidates for the nine citizen regent positions before allowing a vote by the House on whether to appoint them by joint resolution.

During the 110th Congress, the Committee brought to the Floor and secured passage under suspension of the rules of three joint resolutions appointing citizen regents of the Smithsonian Institution: S.J. Res. 7 (Roger Sant), Pub. L. 110–119; S.J. Res. 8 (Patricia Q. Stonesifer), Pub. L. 110–155; and S.J. Res. 25 (John W. McCarter, Jr.), Pub. L. 110–197; and each such measure became law. Appointed to new six-year terms in the 110th Congress were Roger Sant, who was later named as the first Chair of the Board

of Regents under its new governance structure; Patricia Q. Stonesifer, who will succeed him in that position in 2009; and new candidate John W. McCarter, Jr. In addition, in July 2008 the new Smithsonian Secretary, G. Wayne Clough, took office after the conclusion of a lengthy search process. His selection, as a distinguished academic figure with substantial experience in fund-raising which could help to meet the Institution's needs beyond the levels of funding that Congress might provide, was well received by Committee members.

The Committee was briefed periodically as the Smithsonian continued planning for the Museum of African American History and Culture. Toward the end of the Congress, a selection process to narrow a list down to five to seven finalists for the position of architect, which would be followed by a design competition, was underway. Ground-breaking is still anticipated to be more than three years away. In addition, throughout the Congress the Committee monitored the status of the Arts and Industries Building. Smithsonian management issued a "request for qualifications" to determine whether there was outside interest in rehabilitating the building for a private use consistent with the Smithsonian's mission, but ultimately decided to retain the building for the Smithsonian's own use and raise the funds for its restoration.

The Smithsonian Inspector General provided regular briefings on ongoing investigations and final results of investigative reports. Chairman Brady requested an audit of Smithsonian Networks by the Inspector General, as a follow-up to the investigation of the Institution's controversial secret contract with Showtime, which had been revealed publicly in 2006.

The Committee received staff reports following oversight trips to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama, the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) in Maryland, and the Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center (CRC) in Virginia, which stressed the need to continue their unique areas of scientific research and to rehabilitate the physical infrastructure where appropriate. As a result, the Committee considered several construction projects proposed by the Smithsonian, including two at STRI and SERC. In its report on H.R. 6627, the Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2008 introduced by Transportation Committee Chairman Oberstar and Chairman Brady (H. Rpt. 110–842, part 1), the Committee criticized the Smithsonian for initiating planning and design activities without proper advance authorization from Congress. The Committee on September 11, 2008 reported H.R. 6627, and the House on September 17, 2008 passed it; as the bill was not enacted before final adjournment of the 110th Congress, the Committee anticipates renewed efforts to authorize these projects in the 111th Congress.

Elections

The Committee and its Subcommittee on Elections conducted oversight of the administration of federal elections and campaign finance throughout the 110th Congress. The Committee sought to achieve the overarching goal of full enfranchisement for all Americans as it oversaw activities at both the state and federal level, and in anticipation of the presidential election of 2008.

The Committee held numerous hearings designed to highlight potential problems election officials might face in administering the 2008 elections. At these hearings, the Committee and the Subcommittee on Elections endeavored to represent a wide range of diverse viewpoints and stakeholders in our electoral process—from election officials from state and local jurisdictions, to representatives from Federal agencies, to advocacy groups and individual voters. To call attention to pre-election preparations, the Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on the importance of poll workers and the best practices used by states to recruit and train poll workers. The Subcommittee on Elections also explored through hearings the accuracy and completeness of state computerized voter registration databases and safeguards that could be put in place to ensure that eligible voters are not wrongfully removed from the voter rolls. In addition, the Subcommittee on Elections examined states' effectiveness in implementing Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), and the difficulties state public assistance agencies face in implementing voter registration.

As the presidential primary season progressed, the Committee held a hearing to highlight problems that had reportedly occurred over the course of the primary season. Throughout 2008, the Subcommittee on Elections further explored the efforts of state and local jurisdictions to prepare for Election Day emergencies and other contingencies such as high turnout at the polls. To address the problem of Election Day malfunctions, the Committee reported H.R. 5803, a bill that would direct the Election Assistance Commission to make grants to state and local jurisdictions to provide backup paper ballots in the event of voting machine failure or in other emergency situations.

In addition, the Committee and the Subcommittee explored at length in several hearings methods by which election officials could expand opportunities for Americans to register to vote and cast their votes in future elections. The Subcommittee explored the value and potential liabilities of expanding state programs, allowing voters to vote by mail and by absentee ballot, and permitting same-day or Election Day registration. As a result of these hearings, the Committee marked up and favorably reported H.R. 281, which would amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to expand the opportunities of voters to vote as absentees.

The Committee is as committed to protecting voter enfranchisement as it is to expanding it. Accordingly, the Committee held a field hearing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—one of the birthplaces of American freedom—to expose barriers voters face when casting their ballots. The hearing focused on deceptive practices and voter intimidation, the deterrent effect of mandatory voter identification laws and voter caging efforts, and the effect of strict voter registration deadlines and practices.

The Committee has also recognized that certain voters face unique challenges in exercising their right to vote and has held hearings to cast light on those particular problems of military and overseas voters and college students. In holding these hearings, the Committee has sought both to expose strict registration and identification requirements burdening these voters and to highlight best practices adopted by state and local jurisdictions to assist these often overlooked citizens. The Committee has worked in a bipar-

tisan manner to pass through the House H. Con. Res 388, calling on the Department of Defense and the Federal Voting Assistance Program to assist military and overseas citizens with the voting process. The Committee also achieved House passage of H.R. 6625, which would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit designation of Veterans' Administration facilities as voter registration agencies, ensuring the rights of wounded military veterans to register to vote and participate fully in the electoral process.

The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is an independent bipartisan commission created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). It is charged with (1) administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, (2) implementing election administration improvements, (3) adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, (4) accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment, and (5) serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. Originally established to serve as an independent bipartisan agency, the EAC has been publicly criticized by the Committee and others for its failure to adopt and follow strategic plans and policies, its shortcomings in following federal administrative law, and the lack of transparency in its operations and decision making processes.

During the 110th Congress, the Subcommittee on Elections held a series of oversight hearings and staff meetings with the EAC to focus on the EAC's standards, management, and procedures. The Committee and Subcommittee have followed what the EAC has done to improve its policies and procedures as a first step to improve EAC process and management. Thus far, the Committee has found that the EAC is: Publicly acknowledging the problems the Commission has faced; addressing a number of these concerns; and becoming more proactive in reporting its activities to Congress. Without congressional oversight, the EAC might not have made progress in correcting these deficiencies.

The 2006 election revealed that some paperless voting systems in use throughout the country produced abnormal or questionable results that could not be audited or independently verified. Although paperless touch screen voting systems have been considered generally easy to use and, if properly equipped, accessible to voters with disability and language assistance needs, their only output is a digital readout that relies on the accuracy of the electronic software. The results cannot be manually recounted. As a consequence, many of these paperless touch screen voting systems have been found inadequately equipped to demonstrate voter intent independently during a recount or audit.

In order to increase public confidence, promote transparency, and ensure the accessibility and accuracy of these voting systems in the 2008 election cycle, the Committee held multiple hearings and considered numerous legislative proposals aimed at supplementing paperless jurisdictions' efforts to invest in voting systems that are equipped with an independent paper copy of each vote that can be verified by the voter, reimbursing paperless jurisdictions for reasonable costs associated with converting to paper ballot voting systems, supporting jurisdictions that choose to adopt additional safeguards such as manually auditing and/or conducting hand counts

of the 2008 general election, and authorizing funding for an accessibility study of existing voting system technology.

The Committee also hosted a voting machine forum on March 15, 2007, to provide Members and staff the opportunity to learn about current and future voting system technology. Further, the Committee commissioned the GAO to investigate whether the EAC has developed an effective approach to testing and certifying voting systems as well as determine whether the EAC has defined an effective approach for developing and implementing a voting system certification program for accrediting laboratories that test voting systems. Both the voting system certification and lab accreditation programs were found to lack clear definition and implementation standards.

While legislation dealing specifically with voting system transparency, accessibility, security, and accuracy did not reach the President's desk in the 110th Congress, the Committee will continue to explore ways in which to address the expressed concerns of citizens, organizations, government officials, and vendors in the future.

In addition to its role in oversight of election administration, the Committee on House Administration has the specific responsibility to review election contests on behalf of the House. During the 110th Congress, a contest of the 2006 election in the 13th District of Florida required significant review, which was conducted largely by the Task Force established for that purpose in March 2007. The principal issue raised by the contestant was whether the voting machines used in Sarasota County, Fla., had malfunctioned, leading to a large undervote.

Since the Task Force lacked the technical expertise to determine whether the machines malfunctioned, it asked the GAO to investigate whether the voting machines used in Sarasota contributed to the unusually high number of undervotes. The GAO later advised that it obtained sufficient assurance that the touch screen voting system used in Sarasota's 2006 general election did not contribute to the large undervote, nor result in abnormal functioning of Sarasota County's voting machines. As this was the central question posed by the contestant, the Task Force recommended dismissal of the contest; a resolution dismissing the contest was reported by the Committee and adopted by the House.

In addition to dismissing the election contest in Florida's 13th District, the Committee recommended dismissal of three other election contests questioning the results of the 5th, 21st, and 24th Florida Districts because the claims asserted in these contests proved to be no more than unsupported speculation and did not cast sufficient doubt on the results of the elections to merit further investigation. All three resolutions of dismissal were adopted by the House. Beyond the Florida contests, the 4th Louisiana District contest was also dismissed upon the recommendation of the Committee, which determined that, as a general matter, challenges to the qualifications of a member-elect to serve in the Congress are not a proper subject for a contest brought under the Federal Contested Elections Act.

Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards (Franking Commission)

The Franking Commission, established by Public Law 93–191, is composed of six Members appointed by the Speaker of the House: three from the majority, and three from the minority. The Speaker designates as Chairman of the Franking Commission one of the Members appointed to the Commission, who must also be a Member of the Committee on House Administration. In the 110th Congress, the Commission was chaired by Rep. Capuano, with Rep. Ehlers serving as Ranking Member, and joined by Commission Members Rep. Brad Sherman of California, Rep. Artur Davis, Rep. Tom Price of Georgia and Rep. Kevin McCarthy.

By law, House Rule and regulation, the jurisdiction and related functions of the Franking Commission are:

1. To prescribe regulations governing the proper use of the franking privilege by those entitled to use the privilege in connection with the mailing or contemplated mailing of franked mail under 39 U.S.C. sections 3210, 3211, 3212, 3213(2), 3218, 3219 or in connection with the operation of section 3215; in connection with any other Federal law (other than any law which imposes any criminal penalty), or in connection with any Rule of the U.S. House of Representatives relating to franked mail (2 U.S.C. 501(d)).

2. Upon the request of any person entitled to use the franking privilege and other official communication resources, to provide guidance, assistance, advice, and counsel, through Advisory Opinions or consultations, in connection with the distribution or contemplated distribution of franked mail or official communications regarding the application and/or compliance with applicable Federal statutes and House Rules and regulations. The staff assigned to the Commission is delegated authority by the Commission to perform advisory and counseling functions, subject to review by the Commission. (2 U.S.C. 501(d), House Rule XXIV clause 4, and the Regulations of the Committee on House Administration).

3. To investigate, decide, and dispose of complaints regarding the misuse of the franking privilege (2 U.S.C. 501(e)).

Federal law authorizes the Franking Commission, in performing its duties and functions, to use such personnel, office space, equipment, and facilities of, and obtain such other assistance from, the Committee on House Administration. The Committee must supply support to the Commission sufficient to enable the Commission to perform its duties and functions efficiently and effectively.

In the 110th Congress, the Committee provided the following assistance to the Franking Commission:

- The services of 7 employees, 4 to the majority and 3 to the minority;
- Office space and equipment; and
- Procurement of contract services to replicate the existing Franked Mail Tracking System (FMTS) into a new BMC Remedy based FMTS module with a new Custom Tracking System. These services were provided during the period June–December 2007.

As of December 15, 2008, the Franking Commission had reviewed, considered, and approved 12,560 requests for Advisory Opinions during the 110th Congress. In addition, the Commission received one complaint alleging the misuse of the franking privi-

lege, *Public Citizen* v. *Roskam*. The Franking Commission determined that there was no substantial reason to believe that a violation had occurred as alleged in this complaint and the complaint was dismissed pursuant to Rule 3 of the Rules of Practice in Proceedings before the Franking Commission.

Effective January 3, 1996, all communications required to receive an Advisory Opinion from the Franking Commission are subject to full public disclosure. Communications that require an Advisory Opinion prior to distribution, publication, dissemination, etc. include mass mailings, mass communications (regardless of medium), and communications for which a third party production or printing expense will be incurred. A mass mailing or communication is considered to be any communication of substantially identical content initiated by a Member, i.e., unsolicited, that will be distributed to 500 or more individuals, i.e., read, seen, or heard by 500 or more individuals. Advisory Opinions are made available for review and duplication by the public through the Legislative Resource Center operated by the Clerk. The Commission is responsible for monitoring requests to review advisory opinions files at the Legislative Resource Center to ensure that the applicable public disclosure requirement is fully complied with. In addition, it is the practice of the Commission to provide notice to a Member whenever his or her public disclosure file has been reviewed in whole or in part.

In the 110th Congress, the Commission also initiated a comprehensive review of the regulations governing the use of the frank and other communications resources by Members, committees, and Officers of the House. (Most of the statutes and regulations governing the use of the frank by the House of Representatives date back to 1974. In addition, most of the content regulations adopted by the Committee on House Administration, which generally require that the content and distribution of all official communications, regardless of medium, be in compliance with the content and distribution regulations governing the frank, date back to the early 1990s.) Informal discussions among Commission Members identified areas to be reviewed. The areas identified included the application of current law and regulations to the current communications environment, in particular to e-communications; funding of the franking privilege; requirements and procedures applicable to accounting for the frank; and public disclosure requirements and procedures.

Pursuant to these discussions, the Franking Commission approved the following procedure regarding the use of Templates:

To expedite the review and advice process with regard to announcements of recurring official events, a Member may, at any time over the course of a Legislative Year (January 3 of one year through January 2 of the following year) submit a request for an Advisory Opinion regarding the frankability of such a communication Template. Once an Advisory Opinion has been issued deeming the Template to be in compliance, the Member may use the Template and the corresponding Advisory Opinion to distribute like communications for the remainder of the corresponding Legislative Year.

This procedure eliminates the requirement that a Member submit an individual request for an Advisory Opinion each time he or she plans to distribute an announcement that is identical to a pre-

viously approved announcement except for the date, time, and location of the event. However, in lieu thereof, the Member is required to provide notice to the Franking Commission whenever the Template is used; upon receipt of such notification, the Franking Commission will provide a copy of the notice to the Legislative Resource Center to be included in the Member's public disclosure file.

The primary purpose of such a Template must be to give notice of an official event that is being hosted/sponsored exclusively by the Member, announcing the date, time and location of the event and notice of the availability of ADA accommodations.

Examples of recurring official events include but are not limited to town hall meetings (actual, virtual, telephone, etc.) and community/neighborhood office hours.

Examples of announcements of such events include but are not limited to e-mail, automated telephone calls and public service announcements, qualifying advertisements (newspaper, periodical, radio/TV, web banner, post-it ads, etc.), and posters and flyers.

The authority to use an approved Template shall expire at the end of the Legislative Year in which the corresponding Advisory Opinion was issued.

This procedure is effective January 3, 2009.

The Franking Commission also forwarded the following recommendations to the Committee on House Administration for review and consideration:

1. In April 2008, a recommendation that consideration be given to amending the regulation requiring that official House web sites be located exclusively in the House.gov domain to allow such sites to be posted in third party domains and to allow House offices to post official content on third party sites.

2. In September 2008, in anticipation of the implementation of the Template procedure described above, a recommendation that consideration be given to amending the quarterly mass mail report requirement to include the reporting of all mass communications, regardless of media, distributed by each Member in the reporting period.

In the 111th Congress, it is anticipated that the Franking Commission will continue to review House Rules and regulations governing the use of the frank and other communications resources.

Joint Committee on Printing and Government Printing Office

By law, the Government Printing Office (GPO) is the federal government's principal printer, and by House rule, the Committee has oversight jurisdiction of the agency. In addition, by law, the Chairman of the Committee and his counterpart on the Senate Rules and Administration Committee serve with four Senators and four Representatives on a Joint Committee on Printing (JCP), which exercises certain authority over federal printing policy generally, administration of the GPO, and over congressional printing, including the form and format of the Congressional Record. At the Joint Committee's organizational meeting on April 18, 2007, Chairman Brady was selected as JCP Chairman, exercising JCP's authority on behalf of the JCP as necessary and appropriate.

Under the federal law, GPO employees have the right to bargain collectively over terms and conditions of employment, including wage levels, subject to JCP approval of the resulting contracts. The

Chairman devoted much time to monitoring labor negotiations underway during the session between the Public Printer and various bargaining units. Indeed, at the JCP organizational meeting the Chairman approved a GPO contract with a bargaining unit represented by the American Federation of Government Employees (655 workers). Subsequently during the session, after protracted negotiations, the Public Printer signed, and the JCP approved, new contracts with the Columbia Typographical Union/Communications Workers of America (187 employees), the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (58 workers), and the International Association of Machinists (IAM & AW) (24 workers). As the session ended, negotiations continued with the bargaining unit represented by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) (approx. 50 workers).

In addition to monitoring the progress of labor negotiations and approving new labor contracts, the JCP authorized the establishment and outfitting of a secure facility at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi for production of passport documents for the U.S. Department of State. Before the Mississippi facility became operational in April 2008, all U.S. passport blanks issued by the State Department came from the GPO's operations on North Capitol Street in Washington, D.C. The State Department and others, including the JCP, considered it prudent to create an alternate production center to assure passport availability in the event of a disruption in Washington. The JCP approved the proposed facility in August 2007 and operations began on-schedule, alleviating the need for round-the-clock production at the Washington, D.C., facility.

Each year the JCP reviews and approves GPO's capital spending plan for the coming fiscal year. The fiscal 2008 submission indicated GPO's continuing intention to rely on contract security rather than an expansion of the GPO sworn police force, raising serious concerns among JCP members. Similar concern was reflected in the fiscal 2007 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, which included a provision forbidding GPO from using funds to employ contract security for passport production in the District Columbia. To address the underlying question of the appropriate size of the GPO security force, the Chairs of the JCP and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Legislative Branch in February 2008 jointly asked the GAO to examine GPO security needs and make recommendations to the agency and both panels. When the 110th Congress adjourned, the GAO examination had not been completed.

In September 2007, the JCP received a request from the Public Printer for approval to designate the federal regional depository libraries operated by the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska as a "shared" regional depository library, in an effort to pool resources and achieve savings in their operation of the program. Chapter 19 of Title 44, U.S. Code, provides for designation by Senators of up to two depository libraries in each state to operate as "regional" depository libraries. Because chapter 19 does not explicitly establish a "shared" regional depository status, the JCP sought the opinion of the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service on whether JCP could establish this new "shared" status. The CRS opined in the negative; the JCP found the opinion persuasive and declined the Public Printer's request in February 2008. At the same time, however, the JCP directed the

Public Printer to conduct a thorough study of the Federal Depository Library Program and make such recommendations for legislative changes to chapter 19 as he may consider appropriate, taking into account the views of all stakeholders in the study process. By the end of the 110th Congress, the JCP had not received the Public Printer's recommendations.

Finally, the JCP oversaw the final stages of publication and distribution of congressional documents authorized by law or by the Congress, including memorial tributes for deceased members of Congress; memorial tributes to the late President Gerald R. Ford and "Lady Bird" (Mrs. Lyndon B.) Johnson; new editions of Our Flag, The Annotated Constitution of the United States, How Our Laws are Made, and a reprint of the so-called "Pocket Constitution"; and other documents, with the Committee on House Administration considering the necessary resolutions in each case. As noted above, the JCP worked with the Clerk of the House, Lorraine C. Miller, to oversee publication and distribution of Women in Congress, 1917–2006, and Black Americans in Congress, 1870–2006, both handsome volumes authorized in 2001 and completed during the 110th Congress.

Joint Committee on the Library

The Joint Committee on the Library (JCL) is a joint committee of the Congress devoted to the affairs and administration of the Library of Congress. There are five members of each house on the committee; membership consists of the chairman and four Members of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the chairman and three Members of the Committee on House Administration and the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations or his designee. The Committee has oversight of the operations of the Library of Congress, as well as management of the congressional art collection (including the contributions of two statues from each state to the Statuary Hall Collection) and the United States Botanic Garden, but does not have legislative authority. The committee was chaired in the 110th Congress by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, with Chairman Brady serving as the vice chair. Other members included Reps. Lofgren, Ehlers, Lungren and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida; and Sens. Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut, Charles E. Schumer of New York, Robert F. Bennett of Utah and Ted Stevens of Alaska.

In addition to routine administrative matters relating to the administration of the Botanic Garden and management of art in the Capitol, the JCL also approved on July 31, 2008, a major relocation plan for the statues in the Statuary Hall Collection. This new plan for organization of the statues provided for the incorporation of several statues into the new Capitol Visitor Center and also established a new collection of statues from the original thirteen colonies to be arranged in the Crypt of the Capitol.

During the 110th Congress, the JCL approved two statues for installation in the Capitol and moved forward on the creation and acceptance of two others. Statues of former President Ronald Reagan and Sojourner Truth have been approved and will be placed in the Capitol in the near future. A new statue of Helen Keller will also join the Statuary Hall collection; the model has been approved and the final statue is almost ready for acceptance. A proposal from the

State of Michigan for a statue of former President Gerald Ford to be added to the Statuary Hall Collection has been approved in concept and should move forward in the 111th Congress.

House Fine Arts Board

The House Fine Arts Board comprises the five Members of the House who sit on the Joint Committee on the Library. In the 110th Congress, the Board was chaired by Chairman Brady, and also included Reps. Lofgren, Ehlers, Lungren and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida.

One of the principal activities of the Board is to review and accept portraits of Committee chairs into the House Collection. Six portraits were accepted in the 110th Congress:

James Nussle, Committee on the Budget

Eligio (Kika) de la Garza, Committee on Agriculture [previously on loan to the House Collection and donated in the 110th Congress]

Thomas Davis, Committee on Government Reform

Robert Goodlatte, Committee on Agriculture

Joe Barton, Committee on Energy and Commerce

James Oberstar, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In addition, the Board authorized organization of portrait fund committees for:

Duncan Hunter, Committee on Armed Services

Jerry Lewis, Committee on Appropriations

Donald Manzullo, Committee on Small Business

Howard "Buck" McKeon, Committee on Education and the Workforce

Charles Rangel, Committee on Ways and Means.

In 2002, the House Fine Arts Board directed the Clerk of the House to develop a program to enhance the House Fine Arts Collection to include additional works of art representing historically important Members of the House. Between 2002 and August 2007, the collection was expanded to include portraits of:

- John Quincy Adams—diplomat, sixth President of the United States and U.S. Representative from Massachusetts (1831–1848);
- James Madison—Founding Father, U.S. Representative from Virginia (1789–1797) and fourth President of the United States;
- Abraham Lincoln—U.S. Representative from Illinois (1847–1849) and sixteenth President of the United States;
- Jeannette Rankin, Montana—first woman to serve as a Representative in the U.S. Congress (1917–1919; subsequently served a second term—1941–1943)
- Joseph H. Rainey, South Carolina (1869–1879)—first African American to serve as a Representative in the U.S. Congress; and
- Romualdo Pacheco, California (1877–1883)—first Hispanic American to serve as a Representative in the U.S. Congress.

On November 7, 2007, the Committee, in cooperation with the House Fine Arts Board, sponsored the unveiling of the seventh portrait to be commissioned under this program, the official portrait

of Rep. Dalip Singh Saund of California, the first Asian American to serve as a U.S. Representative in the Congress (1957–1963).

The unveiling ceremony was moderated by the Honorable Mike Honda, California, Chairman of the Congressional Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus. Remarks were presented by members of the Committee and the Fine Arts Board, members of the Congressional Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus and the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, the artist, and a member of the late Representative Saund's family. The event was attended by the Speaker, Members of Congress, representatives of the Asian American and Indian American communities, and twelve descendants of the late Representative Saund (September 20, 1899–April 22, 1973).

LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT HEARINGS

First Session

The Committee met on February 28, 2007 to consider testimony on H. Res. 202, the Committee Funding Resolution. The Committee heard testimony from the chairmen and ranking minority members of the following House committees concerning their proposed budgets for the 110th Congress:

The Committee on Foreign Affairs
The Committee on Judiciary
The Committee on Financial Services
The Committee on Homeland Security
The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
The Committee on Armed Services
The Committee on Education and Workforce
The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
The Committee on Rules
The Committee on Ways and Means
The Committee on Small Business
The Committee on Veterans' Affairs
The Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Committee on Agriculture
The Committee on Science and Technology
The Committee on the Budget
The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
The Committee on Natural Resources

The Subcommittee on Elections met on March 15, 2007 to receive testimony in the first in a three-part series of hearings on Election Reform. The subject of the hearing was Machines and Software. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, machines, disability access, open source code and commercial off-the-shelf software. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Eric Clark—Secretary of State, State of Mississippi

Diane Cordry Golden, Ph.D.—Director, Missouri Assistive Technology

Ted Selker, Ph.D.—Director, Voting Technology Project, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Kelly Pierce—Disability Specialist, Cook County (IL) State's Attorney Office

Panel 2:

Brit Williams, Ph.D.—Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems, Kennesaw State University

David Wagner, Ph.D.—Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley

Brian Behlendorf—Founder and Chief Technology Officer, CollabNet

Hugh J. Gallagher—Managing Director, Election System Acquisition and Management Services, Inc.

Matt Zimmerman—Staff Attorney, Electronic Frontier Foundation

The Subcommittee on Elections met on March 20, 2007 to receive testimony in the second in a series of hearings on Election Reform. The subject of the hearing was Auditing the Vote. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, the auditing of Federal elections. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Ion Sancho—Supervisor of Elections, Leon County (FL)

Matt Damschroder—Director, Franklin County (OH) Board of Elections

Panel 2:

Candice Hoke—Director, Cleveland State University Center for Election Integrity

R. Doug Lewis—Executive Director, National Association of Election Officials

Lawrence Norden—Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice

Tammy Patrick—Federal Compliance Officer, Maricopa County (AZ) Elections Department

Pamela Smith—President, Verified Voter

The Subcommittee on Elections met on March 23, 2007 to receive testimony in the last of a series of hearings on Election Reform. The subject of the hearing was H.R. 811. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, H.R. 811, a bill that would require that all voting equipment produce a paper ballot that can be verified by the voter and that serves as the official ballot in any recount or audit. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Rush Holt (bill sponsor)

Hon. Tom Petri (bill sponsor)

Panel 2:

Hon. Charlie Crist—Governor of Florida

Hon. Debra Bowen—Secretary of State of California

Hon. Chris Nelson—Secretary of State of South Dakota

Panel 3:

Tanya Clay House—Director of Public Policy, People for the American Way

George Gilbert—Director of Elections, Guilford County

Edward Felten, Ph.D.—Professor of Computer Science and Public Affairs, Princeton University

Don Norris, Ph.D—Professor of Public Policy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Panel 4:

Noel Runyan—President, Personal Data Systems

Dr. Harold Snider—Access for the Handicapped, Inc.

Warren Stewart—Policy Director, VoteTrustUSA

Hon. Gail W. Mahoney—Commissioner, Jackson County, Michigan; Chair, National Association of Counties

The Committee met on March 29, 2007 to receive a report from Ms. Lofgren, Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Elections, regarding Election Reform hearing held in the Subcommittee to date.

The Task Force on the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida met on May 2, 2007. The Task Force approved a motion to adopt the Government Accountability Office work plan.

The Committee met on May 3, 2007 to discuss the status of the upcoming markup of H.R. 811.

The Task Force on the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida met on June 14, 2007. The Task Force discussed the status of the Government Accountability Office work plan. The following staff from the Government Accountability Office were available to answer questions:

Dr. Naba Barkakati—Senior Level Technologist, GAO

Gloria Jarmon—Managing Director, Congressional Relations, GAO

Jan Montgomery—General Counsel, GAO

The Committee met on June 27, 2007 to hear testimony on the implementation of the U.S. Capitol Police-Library of Congress Police merger. The hearing provided the Committee with an opportunity to hear from the agencies to be merged. Witnesses included:

Phillip D. Morse, Sr.—Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police

Jo Ann Jenkins—Chief Operating Officer, Library of Congress

Hon. Wilson Livingood—Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives

Officer Michael Hutchins—Library of Congress Fraternal Order of Police

The Committee met on August 1, 2007 to hear testimony on the "Smithsonian in transition." The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, reports from the Independent Review Committee and the Governance Committee that recommended several major reforms to the Institution. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Doris Matsui—U.S. Representative; Member, Board of Regents, Smithsonian Institution; Member, Governance and Nominating Committee

The Honorable Charles Bowsher—Chairman, Independent Review Committee

Panel 2:

Dr. Christián Samper—Acting Secretary, Smithsonian Institution

A. Sprightley Ryan—Inspector General, Smithsonian Institution

The Subcommittee on Elections met on August 2, 2007 to hear testimony from the Election Assistance Commission. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, the standards, management and procedures of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Donetta Davidson—Chair, Election Assistance Commission

Hon. Rosemary Rodriguez—Vice-Chair, Election Assistance Commission

Panel 2:

Jon Greenbaum—Voting Rights Project Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

David Super—Professor of Law, University of Maryland School of Law

Robert Montjoy—Professor, University of New Orleans

The Task Force on the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida met on June 14, 2007. The Task Force discussed the status of the Government Accountability Office investigation into the contested election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida. The Task Force received updates from the following:

Dr. Naba Barkakati—Senior Level Technologist, GAO

Gloria Jarmon—Managing Director, Congressional Relations, GAO

Jan Montgomery—General Counsel, GAO

The Task Force on the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida met on October 2, 2007. The Task Force discussed the status of the Government Accountability Office investigation into the contested election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida. The Task Force received updates from the following:

Dr. Naba Barkakati—Senior Level Technologist, GAO

Gloria Jarmon—Managing Director, Congressional Relations, GAO

Jan Montgomery—General Counsel, GAO

The Subcommittee on Elections met on October 3, 2007 to hear testimony on the importance of poll workers. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, the right to vote and access the polls. Witnesses included:

Hon. Michael Mauro—Secretary of State, Iowa

Lance Gough—Executive Director, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners

Helen Purcell—Recorder, Maricopa County

Jennifer Collins-Foley—President, the Pollworker Institute

On October 5, 2007, the Committee held a field hearing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to receive testimony on impediments to voter

enfranchisement. Issues discussed included, but were not limited to, the right to vote and access to the polls. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Thomas Weaver—Deputy Secretary of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Margaret M. Tartaglione—Chairwoman, Philadelphia City Commissioners

Edgar A. Howard—Commissioner, Philadelphia City Commissioners

Carol Ann Campbell—Councilmember, Philadelphia

Panel 2:

J. Whyatt Mondesire—President, NAACP Philadelphia Chapter

Zach Stahlberg—President, Committee on Seventy

Roberto Santiago—Director, Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations

The Subcommittee on Elections met on October 16, 2007 to hear testimony on expanding and improving opportunities to vote by mail or absentee. The hearing covered issues related to Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail (VBM). Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

The Honorable Susan Davis—U.S. Representative

Panel 2:

Ruth Goldway—Commissioner, Postal Regulatory Commission

Deborah L. Markowitz—Secretary of State, Vermont

Joseph Holland—Clerk, Santa Barbara County

Jonathan Bechtle—Director and Legal Analyst, Citizenship and Governance Center, Evergreen Freedom Foundation

The Committee met on October 17, 2007 to hear testimony on the Capitol Visitor Center and the visitor experience. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, security at the CVC and the future of tours at the CVC and the Capitol. Witnesses included:

Terrie S. Rouse—CEO for Visitor Services, Capitol Visitor Center

Thomas L. Stevens—Director of Visitor Services, U.S. Capitol Guide Service

Phillip D. Morse, Sr.—Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police

The Subcommittee on Elections met on October 22, 2007. This was a continuation of the original hearing on the same subject that commenced on October 16, 2007, at which time Representative Kevin McCarthy (Subcommittee on Elections Ranking Member) submitted a letter on behalf of the minority Subcommittee Members, requesting that pursuant to House Rule XI clause (2)(j)(1), the minority be granted a minority day of hearing on matters relating to expanding and improving opportunities to vote by mail or absentee. Witnesses included:

Panel 3:

John Fortier—American Enterprise Institute

Tom Harrison—Former Texas Elections Director

The Subcommittee on Elections met on October 23, 2007 to hear testimony on voter registration and list maintenance. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, methods state and local jurisdictions have employed to ensure their computerized voter registration databases are accurate and up to date. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Chris Nelson—Secretary of State, South Dakota

Larry Leake—Chairman, North Carolina State Board of Elections

Patricia Hollarn—Supervisor of Elections, Okaloosa County

Jackie Harris—General Registrar, Fairfax County

Panel 2:

Deborah Goldberg—Director of Democracy Program, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law

Spencer Overton—Professor, The George Washington University Law School

Kristen Clarke—Co-Director, Political Participation Group NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Inc.

Robert Driscoll—Partner, Alston & Bird, LLP

The Committee met on October 24, 2007 to hear testimony on the Library of Congress and current issues in Library management. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, inventory of the collections, cataloging, and the status of the Law Library. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Dr. James H. Billington—Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress (accompanied by Dr. Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian for Library Services, and Dr. Rubens Medina, Librarian.

Panel 2:

Hon. Bill Orton—Former U.S. Representative

Ann Fessenden—Circuit Librarian, U.S. Courts Library 8th Circuit; President, American Association of Law Libraries

Tedson Meyers, Esq.—Chair, American Bar Association, Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress

Panel 3:

James R. Rettig—President-Elect, American Library Association

Karl W. Schornagel—Inspector General, Library of Congress

The Committee met on November 7, 2007 to hear testimony on the Construction of the United States Capitol building and the contributions of slave labor. The Committee received recommendations from the Slave Labor Task Force on how to move forward and secure a befitting memorial. The panels of historians and experts also provided further insight into the contribution of African-American slaves during the building of the U.S. Capitol. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. John Lewis—U.S. Representative
Hon. Blanche Lincoln—U.S. Senator
Hon. J.C. Watts—Former Representative
Dr. Bettye Gardner—Professor, Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Coppin University
Currie Ballard—Task Force Member
Sarah Davidson—Task Force Member

Panel 2:

Lonnie Bunch—Director, National Museum of African-American History and Culture, Smithsonian Institution
William C. Allen—Architectural Historian, Office of the Architect of the Capitol
Felicia Bell—U.S. Capitol Historical Society

The Subcommittee on Elections met on November 9, 2007 to hear testimony on Election Day registration and provisional voting. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, the pros and cons of Election Day registration and provisional voting, and panels provided a state and local view of how these issues affect voter participation and administration. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Keith Ellison—U.S. Representative
Hon. Steve King—U.S. Representative

Panel 2:

Hon. Mark Ritchie—Secretary of State, Minnesota
Hon. Tim Moore—North Carolina State Representative
Neil Albrecht—Assistant Director, City of Milwaukee Election Commission

Panel 3:

Daniel P. Tokaji—Assistant Professor of Law, The Moritz College of Law
Jan E. Leighley—Professor, University of Arizona
Mary Kiffmeyer—Former Secretary of State, Minnesota
Miles Rappaport—President, Demos

The Subcommittee on Elections met on November 16, 2007. This was a continuation of the original hearing on the same subject that commenced on October 23, 2007, at which time Representative Kevin McCarthy (Subcommittee on Elections Ranking Member) submitted a letter on behalf of the minority Subcommittee Members, requesting that pursuant to House Rule XI clause (2)(j)(1), the minority be granted a minority day of hearing on matters relating to voter registration and list maintenance. Witnesses included:

Panel 3:

Scott Leiendecker—Republican Director of Elections, St. Louis Board of Elections
Edward A. O'Neal—Former Member, Norfolk Electoral Board
Charles H. Bell, Jr.—Attorney, Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk, LLP
Cleta Mitchell—Election Attorney, Foley and Lardner, LLP

Panel 4:

Joseph Rich—Former Chief, Department of Justice Voting Rights Section

J. Gerald Hebert—Former Acting Chief, Deputy Chief, and Special Litigation Counsel, Department of Justice Voting Rights Section

Elizabeth Westfall—Deputy Director of Voter Protection, The Advancement Project

The Subcommittee on Elections met on December 6, 2007 to hear testimony on the use of robocalls in federal campaigns. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, the nature of the problem with abusive robocalls and how states, private organizations and the federal government can work together to strike a proper balance among First Amendment interests, residential privacy, and meaningful participation in the electoral process. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Melissa Bean—U.S. Representative
Hon. Jason Altmire—U.S. Representative
Hon. Virginia Foxx—U.S. Representative

Panel 2:

Hon. Steve Carter—Attorney General, Indiana
John F. Cooney—Partner, Venable LLP
William Raney—Partner, Copilevitz and Canter, LLC
Rodney Smith—Founder, Tele-Town Hall LLC
Dr. Karyn Hollis—Associate Professor, Villanova University

Second Session

The Task Force on the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida met on February 8, 2008. The Task Force discussed the final report of the Government Accountability Office investigation into the contested election in the 13th congressional district of Florida. The Task Force passed a motion dismissing the election contest in that district. The Task Force received the final report from the following:

Dr. Naba Barkakati—Senior Level Technologist, GAO

The Subcommittee on Elections met on March 12, 2008 to hear testimony on the Election Assistance Commission. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, the Inspector General's report on a review of the circumstances surrounding the voting fraud and voter intimidation research project. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Curtis Crider—Inspector General, Election Assistance Commission

Panel 2:

Hon. Rosemary Rodriguez—Chairwoman, Election Assistance Commission

Hon. Caroline Hunter—Vice-Chair, Election Assistance Commission

Hon. Gracia Hillman—Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

Hon. Donetta Davidson—Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission

The Subcommittee on Elections met on April 1, 2008 to hear testimony on the National Voting Rights Act, Section 7, and the challenges public assistance agencies face. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Johnnie McLean—Chief Deputy Director, North Carolina State Board of Elections

Catherine Truss—Departmental Specialist, Michigan Department of Human Services

Panel 2:

Lisa Danetz—Senior Counsel, DEMOS

Michael Slater—Deputy Director, Project Vote

Dr. David B. Muhlhausen—Senior Policy Analyst, Heritage Foundation

The Committee met on April 9, 2008 to hear testimony on the 2008 Presidential primaries and caucuses. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, hotlines that can be used to inform voters of polling locations, hotlines that can take complaints in real time, and how prepared state and local officials are for the upcoming general election. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Tom Joyner—Radio Host, Tom Joyner Morning Show

Greg Moore—Executive Director, NAACP National Voter Fund

John Bonifaz—Legal Director, Voter Action

Cecilia Martinez—Executive Director, The Reform Institute

Ken Smukler—InfoVoter Technologies

Panel 2:

April Pye—Interim Director, Fulton County (GA) Registration and Elections

Alisha Alexander—Elections Administrator, Prince George's (MD) County Board of Elections

Linda Weedon—Deputy Director, Maricopa County (AZ) Elections

The Committee met on April 15, 2008 to hear testimony on military and overseas voting. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, H.R. 5673, the Military Voting Protection Act, H.R. 4237, the Overseas Voting Practical Amendments Act, and UOCAVA. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Kevin McCarthy—U.S. Representative

Hon. Carolyn Maloney—U.S. Representative

Panel 2:

Hon. Michael Dominguez—Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense

Hon. Beth Chapman—Secretary of State, Alabama

Panel 3:

Susan Dzieduszycka-Suinat—President, Overseas Vote Foundation

Kimball Brace—President, Election Data Services, Inc.

The Subcommittee on Capitol Security met on May 1, 2008 to hear testimony on the administration and management of the United States Capitol Police. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, matters pertaining to recent recommendations by the Government Accountability Office. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Phillip D. Morse, Sr.—Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police

Panel 2:

Richard M. Stana—Director, Homeland Security and Justice, United States Government Accountability Office

Matthew Tighe—Chairman, U.S. Capitol Police Labor Committee

The Subcommittee on Elections met on May 14, 2008 to hear testimony on election contingency plans. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, current preparations in place by State and local governments in the event of an emergency on Election Day, and what role the Federal government should play in preparing and responding to such an emergency. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Thomas Wilkey—Former Executive Director, New York Board of Elections

Laurel Beatty—Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Ohio Secretary of State

Dawn K. Roberts—Assistant Secretary of State, Florida Department of State

Panel 2:

Hon. Rosemary Rodriguez—Chairwoman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Kevin J. Kennedy—Director, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

The Committee met on May 21, 2008 to hear testimony on the assessment of administrative compliance with internal controls within the House of Representatives. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, shared employees and the final Inspector General's report on shared employees. Witnesses included:

James J. Cornell—Inspector General, United States House of Representatives

Hon. Daniel P. Beard—Chief Administrative Officer, United States House of Representatives

The Subcommittee on Capitol Security met on June 18, 2008 to hear testimony on the United States Capitol Police radio upgrades. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, the need to upgrade the U.S. Capitol Police radio system in order to work more effectively with other law enforcement agencies. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Phillip D. Morse, Sr.—Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police

Panel 2:

Cmdr. James Crane—Commander, Special Operations Division, Metropolitan Police Department (appeared on behalf of Chief Cathy L. Lanier, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department, who was called to an emergency in the District minutes before the hearing commenced).

David G. Boyd, Ph.D—Director, Command, Control and Interoperability Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Steve Souder—Director, Department of Public Safety Communications, Fairfax County, VA

The Subcommittee on Elections, along with the Committee on Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, met on September 24, 2008 in the Judiciary Committee Hearing Room to hear testimony on federal, state and local efforts to prepare for the 2008 general election. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Pedro Cortes—Secretary of the Commonwealth, Pennsylvania

David Farrell—Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Office of the Ohio Secretary of State

Rokey Suleman—General Registrar, Fairfax County (VA) Office of Elections

Doug Lewis—Executive Director, Election Center

Panel 2:

Hon. Grace Becker—Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice

Paul Hancock—Partner, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates and Ellis, LLP

Karen K. Narasaki—Executive Director, Asian American Justice Center

Bryan O'Leary—Public Policy Consultant, Crowell Moring

James Terry—Chief Public Advocate, Consumer Rights League

Jocelyn Benson—Assistant Professor of Law, Wayne State University

Kristin Clarke—Assistant Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund

The Committee met on September 25, 2008 to hear testimony on how to ensure the rights of college students to vote. The hearing covered issues including, but not limited to, difficulties facing college students when they attempt to register and vote in the districts where they are domiciled during their school year. Witnesses included:

Panel 1:

Hon. Jan Schakowsky—U.S. Representative

Panel 2:

Sheri Iachetta—Registrar, City of Charlottesville, Virginia
Neil Albrecht—Assistant Director, City of Milwaukee (WI) Election Commission
Marvin Krislov—President, Oberlin College
Catherine McLaughlin—Executive Director, Institute of Politics, Harvard University

Panel 3:

Sujatha Jahagirdar—Program Director, Student PIRG's New Voters Project
Matthew Segal—Executive Director, Student Association for Voter Empowerment
Lauren Burdette—Student, University of Pennsylvania
Jacqueline Vi—Student, American University

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

First Session

The Committee met on February 16, 2007 for organizational purposes for the 110th Congress. The following actions were taken:

Adopted Committee Rules for the 110th Congress.

Agreed to a Committee Resolution appointing the majority and minority members of the Subcommittee on Elections and the Subcommittee on Capitol Security.

Agreed to a Committee Resolution approving a Committee Oversight Plan.

The Committee held a mark-up of H. Res. 202 providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress, on March 1, 2007. The Committee reported H. Res. 202 as amended favorably to the House.

The Committee held a meeting and markup on May 8, 2007 on H.R. 811, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007. The Committee reported H.R. 811 as amended favorably to the House. The Committee also took the following actions:

Reported favorably, by voice vote, four original resolutions—H. Res. 459, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-First Congressional District of Florida; H. Res. 461, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the twenty-fourth Congressional District of Florida; H. Res 462, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of Louisiana; H. Res. 463, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Florida.

Agreed to a committee resolution approving franked mail allowances for the standing and select committees of the House for the 110th Congress.

The Committee met on June 27, 2007. The following actions were taken:

Announcement of the appointment of Rep. Lofgren as Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on House Administration.

Announcement of the Speaker's Appointment of six members to the Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards

Agreed to a resolution electing Rep. Artur Davis to fill the vacancy on the Subcommittee on Elections.

The Committee held a mark-up of H.R. 3690, U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act of 2007, on November 7, 2007. The Committee reported H.R. 3690 as amended favorably to the House.

Second Session

The Committee met on February 12, 2008. The following actions were taken: The Committee considered the report of the Task Force for the contested election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida. The Committee moved to pass an original resolution, H. Res. 989, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of the Representative from the Thirteenth Congressional District of Florida. Markup of H.R. 5159, Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008. The Committee reported H.R. 5159 as amended favorably to the House.

The Committee met on April 2, 2008 and held a markup of several measures and took the following actions:

Markup of H.R. 5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration. The Committee ordered reported H.R. 5493 favorably to the House.

Markup of H. Res. 1068, to permit membership in the exercise facility established for employees who are assigned to official duty at the House of Representatives, and for other purposes. The Committee reported H. Res. 1068 as amended favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 5036, Emergency Assistance Secure Elections Act of 2008. The Committee reported H.R. 5036 as amended favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 281, Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007. The Committee reported H.R. 281 as amended favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 3032, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate. The Committee reported (amended) H.R. 3032 favorably to the House.

Agreed to an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds: Alternate Ride Home.

Agreed to a committee resolution modifying the majority membership of the Subcommittee on Capitol Security.

The Committee met on May 7, 2008 to mark up several bills. The following actions were taken:

Markup of H.R. 5803, to direct the Election Assistance Commission to establish a program to make grants to participating States and units of Local government which will administer the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held in November 2008 for carrying out a program to make backup paper ballots available in the case of the failure of a voting system or voting equipment in the election or some other emergency situation, and for other purposes. The Committee reported H.R. 5803 favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 5893, Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2008. The Committee reported H.R. 5893 as amended favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 5972, United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2008. The Committee reported H.R. 5972 favorably to the House.

The Committee met on July 30, 2008 and held a markup of several measures. The following actions were taken:

Markup of H.R. 6339, Federal Employees Deserve to Volunteer on the Elections Act of 2008. The Committee reported (amended) H.R. 6339 favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 6474, to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to carry out a series of demonstration projects to promote the use of innovative technologies in reducing energy consumption and promoting energy efficiency and cost savings in the House of Representatives. The committee reported H.R. 6474 favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 6475, Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2008. The Committee reported H.R. 6475 favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 6589, the Charles H.W. Meehan Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act. The Committee reported (amended) H.R. 6589 favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 998, Civil Rights History Project Act of 2007. The Committee reported (amended) H.R. 998 favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 6625, Veterans Voting Support Act. The Committee reported (amended) H.R. 6625 favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 6627, Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2008. The Committee reported H.R. 6627 favorably to the House.

Markup of H.R. 6608, to provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces who are on active duty for a period of more than 30 days, and for other purposes. The Committee reported H.R. 6608 favorably to the House.

Markup of H. Res. 1207, Directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically. The Committee reported (amended) H. Res. 1207 favorably to the House.

Agreed to a committee resolution amending regulations pertaining to shared employees.

Agreed to a committee resolution amending the regulations for Student Loan Repayment.

The Committee met on September 25, 2008. The following actions were taken:

Agreed to a committee resolution to provide the Committee on House Administration with interim authority for the time period between the first and second sessions of Congress.

Agreed to an amendment to regulations regarding mass communications and mass mailings.

APPENDIX I

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS (INCLUDING COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT PLAN)

First Session

The Committee met on February 16, 2007 and adopted the following resolutions:

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–1

Resolved, that the rules of the Committee on House Administration for the 110th Congress are hereby adopted, as follows:

Rules of the

Committee on House Administration

One Hundred Tenth Congress

RULE NO. 1

General provisions

(a) The Rules of the House are the rules of the Committee so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day is a privileged motion in the Committee. Each subcommittee of the committee is a part of the committee and is subject to the authority and direction of the chair and to its rules as far as applicable.

(b) The Committee is authorized at any time to conduct such investigations and studies as it may consider necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities under House Rule X and, subject to the adoption of expense resolutions as required by House Rule X, clause 6, to incur expenses (including travel expenses) in connection therewith.

(c) The Committee is authorized to have printed and bound testimony and other data presented at hearings held by the Committee, and to make such information available to the public. All costs of stenographic services and transcripts in connection with any meeting or hearing of the Committee shall be paid from the appropriate House account.

(d) The Committee shall submit to the House, not later than January 2 of each odd-numbered year, a report on the activities of the committee under House Rules X and XI during the Congress ending at noon on January 3 of such year.

(e) The Committee's rules shall be published in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the Committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

RULE NO. 2

Regular and special meetings

(a) The regular meeting date of the Committee on House Administration shall be the second Wednesday of every month when the House is in session in accordance with Clause 2(b) of House Rule XI. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair of the Committee as she or he may deem necessary or at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee in accordance with Clause 2(c) of House Rule XI. The determination of the business to be considered at each meeting shall be made by the Chair subject to Clause 2(c) of House Rule XI. A regularly scheduled meeting may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chair, there is no need for the meeting.

(b) If the Chair is not present at any meeting of the Committee, or at the discretion of the Chair, the Vice Chair of the Committee shall preside at the meeting. If the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee are not present at any meeting of the Committee, the ranking member of the majority party who is present shall preside at the meeting.

RULE NO. 3

Open meetings

As required by Clause 2(g), of House Rule XI, each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation of the Committee shall be open to the public except when the Committee in open session and with a quorum present determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public because disclosure of matters to be considered would endanger national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person, or otherwise would violate any law or rule of the House: Provided, however, that no person other than members of the Committee, and such congressional staff and such other persons as the Committee may authorize, shall be present in any business or markup session which has been closed to the public.

RULE NO. 4

Records and rollcalls

(a)(1) A record vote shall be held if requested by any member of the Committee.

(a)(2) The result of each record vote in any meeting of the Committee shall be made available for inspection by the public at reasonable times at the Committee offices, including a description of the amendment, motion, order or other proposition; the name of each member voting for and against; and the members present but not voting.

(b)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), the Chair may postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving any measure or matter or adopting an amendment. The Chair may resume proceedings on a postponed request at any time.

(2) In exercising postponement authority under subparagraph (1), the Chair shall take all reasonable steps necessary to notify members on the resumption of proceedings on any postponed record vote.

(3) When proceedings resume on a postponed question, notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, an underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

(c) All Committee and subcommittee hearings, records, data, charts, and files shall be kept separate and distinct from the congressional office records of the member serving as Chair; and such records shall be the property of the House and all members of the House shall have access thereto.

(d) House records of the Committee which are at the National Archives shall be made available pursuant to House Rule VII. The Chair shall notify the ranking minority member of any decision to withhold a record pursuant to the rule, and shall present the matter to the Committee upon written request of any Committee member.

(e) To the maximum extent feasible, the Committee shall make its publications available in electronic form.

RULE NO. 5

Proxies

No vote by any member in the Committee may be cast by proxy.

RULE NO. 6

Power to sit and act; Subpoena power

(a) For the purpose of carrying out any of its functions and duties under House Rules X and XI, the Committee or any subcommittee thereof is authorized (subject to subparagraph (b)(1) of this paragraph)—

(1) to sit and act at such times and places within the United States, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, and to hold such hearings; and

(2) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers, documents and other materials as it deems necessary, including materials in electronic form. The Chair, or any member designated by the Chair, may administer oaths to any witness.

(b)(1) A subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Committee or subcommittee in the conduct of any investigation or series of investigations or activities, only when authorized by a majority of the members voting, a majority being present. The power to authorize and issue subpoenas under subparagraph (a)(2) may be delegated to the Chair pursuant to such rules and under such limitations as the Committee may prescribe. Authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chair or by any member designated by the Committee, and may be served by any person designated by the Chair or such member.

(2) Compliance with any subpoena issued by the Committee or a subcommittee may be enforced only as authorized or directed by the House.

RULE NO. 7

Quorums

No measure or recommendation shall be reported to the House unless a majority of the Committee is actually present. For the purposes of taking any action other than reporting any measure, issuance of a subpoena, closing meetings, promulgating Committee orders, or changing the rules of the Committee, one-third of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. For purposes of taking testimony and receiving evidence, two members shall constitute a quorum.

RULE NO. 8

Amendments

Any amendment offered to any pending legislation before the Committee or a subcommittee must be made available in written form when requested by any member of the Committee. If such amendment is not available in written form when requested, the Chair will allow an appropriate period of time for the provision thereof.

RULE NO. 9

Hearing procedures

(a) The Chair, in the case of hearings to be conducted by the Committee, and the appropriate subcommittee chair, in the case of hearings to be conducted by a subcommittee, shall make public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted on any measure or matter at least one (1) week before the commencement of that hearing. If the Chair, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, determines that there is good cause to begin the hearing sooner, or if the Committee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present, the Chair shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. The clerk of the Committee shall promptly notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record as soon as possible after such public announcement is made.

(b) Unless excused by the Chair, each witness who is to appear before the Committee or a subcommittee shall file with the clerk of the Committee, at least 48 hours in advance of his or her appearance, a written statement of his or her proposed testimony and shall limit his or her oral presentation to a summary of his or her statement.

(c) When any hearing is conducted by the Committee upon any measure or matter, the minority party members on the Committee shall be entitled, upon request to the Chair by a majority of those minority members before the completion of such hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearings thereon.

(d) All other members of the Committee may have the privilege of sitting with any subcommittee during its hearings or deliberations and may participate in such hearings or deliberations, but no member who is not a member of the subcommittee shall count for a quorum or offer any motion or amendment or vote on any matter before the subcommittee.

(e) Committee or subcommittee members may question witnesses only when they have been recognized by the Chair for that purpose, and only for a 5-minute period until all members present have had an opportunity to question a witness. The 5-minute period for questioning a witness by any one member can be extended as provided by House Rules. The questioning of a witness in Committee or subcommittee hearings shall be initiated by the Chair, followed by the ranking minority member and all other members alternating between the majority and minority. In recognizing members to question witnesses in this fashion, the Chair shall take into consideration the ratio of the majority to minority members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in such a manner as not to disadvantage the members of the majority. The Chair may accomplish this by recognizing two majority members for each minority member recognized.

(f) The following additional rules shall apply to hearings of the Committee or a subcommittee, as applicable:

(1) The Chair at a hearing shall announce in an opening statement the subject of the investigation.

(2) A copy of the Committee rules and this clause shall be made available to each witness as provided by clause 2(k)(2) of Rule XI.

(3) Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel for the purpose of advising them concerning their constitutional rights.

(4) The Chair may punish breaches of order and decorum, and of professional ethics on the part of counsel, by censure and exclusion from the hearings; and the Committee may cite the offender to the House for contempt.

(5) If the Committee determines that evidence or testimony at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, it shall—

(A) afford such person an opportunity voluntarily to appear as a witness;

(B) receive such evidence or testimony in executive session; and

(C) receive and dispose of requests from such person to subpoena additional witnesses.

(6) Except as provided in subparagraph (f)(5), the Chair shall receive and the Committee shall dispose of requests to subpoena additional witnesses.

(7) No evidence or testimony taken in executive session may be released or used in public sessions without the consent of the Committee.

(8) In the discretion of the Committee, witnesses may submit brief and pertinent sworn statements in writing for inclusion in the record. The Committee is the sole judge of the pertinence of testimony and evidence adduced at its hearing.

(9) A witness may obtain a transcript copy of his testimony given at a public session or, if given at an executive session, when authorized by the Committee.

RULE NO. 10

Procedures for reporting measures or matters

(a)(1) It shall be the duty of the Chair to report or cause to be reported promptly to the House any measure approved by the Committee and to take or cause to be taken necessary steps to bring the matter to a vote.

(2) In any event, the report of the Committee on a measure which has been approved by the Committee shall be filed within 7 calendar days (exclusive of days on which the House is not in session) after the day on which there has been filed with the clerk of the Committee a written request, signed by a majority of the members of the Committee, for the reporting of that measure. Upon the filing of any such request, the clerk of the Committee shall transmit immediately to the Chair notice of the filing of that request.

(b)(1) No measure or recommendation shall be reported to the House unless a majority of the Committee is actually present.

(2) With respect to each record vote on a motion to report any measure or matter of a public character, and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, the total number of votes cast for and against, and the names of those members voting for and against, shall be included in the Committee report on the measure or matter.

(c) The report of the Committee on a measure or matter which has been approved by the Committee shall include the matters required by Clause 3(c) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House.

(d) Each report of the Committee on each bill or joint resolution of a public character reported by the Committee shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution.

(e) If, at the time any measure or matter is ordered reported by the Committee, any member of the Committee gives notice of intention to file supplemental, minority, or additional views, that member shall be entitled to not less than two additional calendar days after the day of such notice, commencing on the day on which the measure or matter(s) was approved, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, in which to file such views, in writing and signed by that member, with the clerk of the Committee. All such views so filed by one or more members of the Committee shall be included within, and shall be a part of, the report filed by the Committee with respect to that measure or matter. The report of the Committee upon that measure or matter shall be printed in a single volume which—

(1) shall include all supplemental, minority, or additional views, in the form submitted, by the time of the filing of the report, and

(2) shall bear upon its cover a recital that any such supplemental, minority, or additional views (and any material sub-

mitted under subparagraph (c)) are included as part of the report. This subparagraph does not preclude—

(A) the immediate filing or printing of a Committee report unless timely request for the opportunity to file supplemental, minority, or additional views has been made as provided by paragraph (c); or

(B) the filing of any supplemental report upon any measure or matter which may be required for the correction of any technical error in a previous report made by the Committee upon that measure or matter.

(3) shall, when appropriate, contain the documents required by Clause 3(e) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House.

(f) The Chair, following consultation with the ranking minority member, is directed to offer a motion under clause 1 of Rule XXII of the Rules of the House, relating to going to conference with the Senate, whenever the Chair considers it appropriate.

(g) If hearings have been held on any such measure or matter so reported, the Committee shall make every reasonable effort to have such hearings published and available to the members of the House prior to the consideration of such measure or matter in the House.

(h) The Chair may designate any majority member of the Committee to act as "floor manager" of a bill or resolution during its consideration in the House.

RULE NO. 11

Committee oversight

The Committee shall conduct oversight of matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee in accordance with House Rule X, clause 2 and clause 4. Not later than February 15 of the first session of a Congress, the Committee shall, in a meeting that is open to the public and with a quorum present, adopt its oversight plan for that Congress in accordance with House Rule X, clause 2(d).

RULE NO. 12

Review of continuing programs; Budget Act provisions

(a) The Committee shall, in its consideration of all bills and joint resolutions of a public character within its jurisdiction, ensure that appropriation for continuing programs and activities of the Federal Government will be made annually to the maximum extent feasible and consistent with the nature, requirement, and objectives of the programs and activities involved. For the purposes of this paragraph a Government agency includes the organizational units of government listed in Clause 4(e) of Rule X of House Rules.

(b) The Committee shall review, from time to time, each continuing program within its jurisdiction for which appropriations are not made annually in order to ascertain whether such program could be modified so that appropriations therefore would be made annually.

(c) The Committee shall, on or before February 25 of each year, submit to the Committee on the Budget (1) its views and estimates with respect to all matters to be set forth in the concurrent resolution on the budget for the ensuing fiscal year which are within its jurisdiction or functions, and (2) an estimate of the total amounts

of new budget authority, and budget outlays resulting there from, to be provided or authorized in all bills and resolutions within its jurisdiction which it intends to be effective during that fiscal year.

(d) As soon as practicable after a concurrent resolution on the budget for any fiscal year is agreed to, the Committee (after consulting with the appropriate committee or committees of the Senate) shall subdivide any allocation made to it in the joint explanatory statement accompanying the conference report on such resolution, and promptly report such subdivisions to the House, in the manner provided by section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(e) Whenever the Committee is directed in a concurrent resolution on the budget to determine and recommend changes in laws, bills, or resolutions under the reconciliation process it shall promptly make such determination and recommendations, and report a reconciliation bill or resolution (or both) to the House or submit such recommendations to the Committee on the Budget, in accordance with the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

RULE NO. 13

Broadcasting of committee hearings and meetings

Whenever any hearing or meeting conducted by the Committee is open to the public, those proceedings shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography, as provided in Clause 4 of House Rule XI, subject to the limitations therein. Operation and use of any Committee Internet broadcast system shall be fair and nonpartisan and in accordance with Clause 4(b) of rule XI and all other applicable rules of the Committee and the House.

RULE NO. 14

Committee and subcommittee staff

The staff of the Committee on House Administration shall be appointed as follows:

A. The staff shall be appointed by the Chair or her or his designee except as provided in paragraph (B), and may be removed by the Chair and shall work under the general supervision and direction of the Chair;

B. All staff provided to the minority party members of the Committee shall be appointed by the ranking member or her or his designee, and may be removed, by the ranking minority member of the Committee, and shall work under the general supervision and direction of such member;

C. The Chair shall fix the compensation of all staff of the Committee, after consultation with the ranking minority member regarding any minority party staff, within the budget approved for such purposes for the Committee.

RULE NO. 15

Travel of members and staff

(a) Consistent with the primary expense resolution and such additional expense resolutions as may have been approved, the provisions of this rule shall govern travel of Committee members and

staff. Travel for any member or any staff member shall be paid only upon the prior authorization of the Chair or her or his designee. Travel may be authorized by the Chair for any member and any staff member in connection with the attendance at hearings conducted by the Committee and meetings, conferences, and investigations which involve activities or subject matter under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chair in writing the following:

(1) The purpose of the travel;

(2) The dates during which the travel will occur;

(3) The locations to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each; and

(4) The names of members and staff seeking authorization.

(b)(1) In the case of travel outside the United States of members and staff of the Committee for the purpose of conducting hearings, investigations, studies, or attending meetings and conferences involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of the committee, prior authorization must be obtained from the Chair. Before such authorization is given, there shall be submitted to the Chair, in writing, a request for such authorization. Each request, which shall be filed in a manner that allows for a reasonable period of time for review before such travel is scheduled to begin, shall include the following:

(A) the purpose of the travel;

(B) the dates during which the travel will occur;

(C) the names of the countries to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each;

(D) an agenda of anticipated activities for each country for which travel is authorized together with a description of the purpose to be served and the areas of committee jurisdiction involved; and

(E) the names of members and staff for whom authorization is sought.

(2) At the conclusion of any hearing, investigation, study, meeting or conference for which travel outside the United States has been authorized pursuant to this rule, members and staff attending meetings or conferences shall submit a written report to the Chair covering the activities and other pertinent observations or information gained as a result of such travel.

(c) Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, or regulations of the House and of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to such travel.

RULE NO. 16

Number and jurisdiction of subcommittees

(a) There shall be two standing subcommittees, with party ratios of members as indicated. Subcommittees shall have jurisdictions as stated by these rules, may conduct oversight over such subject matter, and may consider such legislation as may be referred to them by the Chair. The names and jurisdiction of the subcommittees shall be:

(1) Subcommittee on Capitol Security—(2/1). Matters pertaining to operations and security of the Congress, and of the Capitol complex including the House wing of the Capitol, the House Office Buildings, the Library of Congress, and other policies and facilities supporting congressional operations; the U.S. Capitol Police.

(2) Subcommittee on Elections—(4/2). Matters pertaining to the Federal Election Campaign Act, the Federal Contested Elections Act, the Help America Vote Act, the National Voter Registration Act, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Federal Voting Assistance Program, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (accessibility for voters with disabilities), the Federal Elections Commission (FEC), the Elections Assistance Commission (EAC), and other election related issues.

(b) The Chair may establish and appoint members to serve on task forces of the Committee, to perform specific functions for limited periods of time, as she or he deems appropriate.

RULE NO. 17

Referral of legislation to subcommittees

The Chair may refer legislation or other matters to a subcommittee, or subcommittees, as she or he considers appropriate. The Chair may discharge any subcommittee of any matter referred to it.

RULE NO. 18

Powers and duties of subcommittees

Each subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence and report to the full committee on all matters referred to it. No subcommittee shall meet during any Committee meeting.

RULE NO. 19

Other procedures and regulations

The Chair may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the committee.

RULE NO. 20

Designation of Clerk of the Committee

For the purposes of these rules and the Rules of the House of Representatives, the staff director of the Committee shall act as the clerk of the Committee.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–2

Resolved, that the following named Members are hereby elected as chairs and members of the subcommittees of the Committee:

Subcommittee on Elections

Zoe Lofgren, California, Chairwoman

Kevin McCarthy, California, Ranking Member

Charles A. Gonzalez, Texas
Susan Davis, California
Juanita Millender-McDonald, California

Vernon J. Ehlers, Michigan

Subcommittee on Capitol Security

Robert A. Brady, Pennsylvania, Chairman

Daniel E. Lungren, California, Ranking Member

Michael E. Capuano, Massachusetts

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–3

Resolved, that the Oversight Plan of the Committee on House Administration for the 110th Congress, as required pursuant to clause 2(d)(1) of Rule X, is hereby adopted, as follows:

Committee on House Administration

110th Congress Oversight Plan

Member Services

• Oversee Members' allowance amounts, including structure and regulations.
• Provide guidance and outreach to congressional offices to ensure compliance with Committee regulations.
• Review and propose regulatory changes to the Members' Congressional Handbook, a set of regulations governing the expenditure of Members' Representational Allowances.
• Review and propose changes to the Guide to Outfitting and Maintaining an Office of the U.S. House of Representatives, a set of regulations governing the acquisition, transfer, and disposal of furnishings, equipment, software, and related services.
• Evaluate the formulas that authorize the Members' Representational Allowances and consider proposals for change to ensure that all Members have adequate resources for representing their constituents.
• Oversee the processing of vouchers and direct payments, including those for payroll.
• Formulate and execute orientation program for new Members after each congressional election.

Committee Funding and Oversight

• Review Monthly Reports on committee activities and expenditures.
• Review Committees' Congressional Handbook regulations governing expenditure of committee funds and update regulations as needed.

• Review Primary and any Secondary Expense Resolutions and approve authorization of committee-funding levels in committee and by House Resolution.
• Review Committees' Franking expenditures.

Congressional Accountability Act of 1995

• Monitor application of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA) (PL 104–1).
• Review regulations adopted by the Office of Compliance.
• Evaluate resources available to the Office of Compliance and House Employing Offices to facilitate implementation of the Act.
• Conduct general oversight of the Office of Compliance.
• Monitor ongoing judicial proceedings to determine the impact on the CAA.

Franking Commission

• Oversee the Members' use of the congressional frank by providing guidance, advice, and counsel through consultation or advisory opinion on the frankability of congressional mail.
• Review proposals to reform mass mailing practices of Members, and regulations governing such mailings, and monitor current prohibition on mass mailings 90 days before a primary or general election.
• Review previously implemented rules to increase disclosure and improve the accounting of franked mail costs.
• Consider revisions of pre-election franking complaint procedures.
• Revise and reprint Regulations on the Use of the Congressional Frank and Rules on Practice in Proceedings Before the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards.
• Review the formula to determine the number of postal delivery stops in a congressional district which is a component of the Members' Representational Allowance.

Government Printing Office

• Oversee operations of the Government Printing Office, including the Superintendent of Documents.
• Review the need for legislation to reform government printing by eliminating redundancies, increasing efficiency, and enhancing public access to government publications.
• Examine options to improve operation and structure of the GPO Inspector General's office. Monitor implementation of remedial actions taken to address audit issues identified by the GPO Inspector General.
• Review the printing needs of the House of Representatives to identify the potential for eliminating duplication through greater use of GPO services.
• Examine current GPO printing and binding regulations to determine advisability of change.
• Oversee Superintendent of Documents' Sales and Depository Library Programs.
• Review use of GPO facilities and other assets to identify possible alternatives enhancing value to the Congress and the public.

• Oversee preparation of Women in Congress, Black Americans in Congress, Hispanic Americans in Congress, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Congress, and other congressionally-authorized publications.

House Officers and House Operations

• Analyze management improvement proposals and other initiatives submitted by the House Officers, the Inspector General, the Capitol Police Board, and the Architect of the Capitol.
• Coordinate with the Subcommittee on Legislative Appropriations on matters impacting operations of the House and joint entities.
• Provide policy guidance to the House Officers, Inspector General and the joint entities as appropriate.
• Oversee compliance with the House Employee Classification Act (2 U.S.C. 291 et seq.).
• Assure coordination among officers and joint entities on administrative and technology matters.
• Continue review of congressional continuity issues, including organizing sessions of Congress at alternate locations, technological support for Member communications and chamber operations and filling vacancies in the House.
• Provide policy guidance and conduct oversight of security and safety issues and congressional entities charged with such roles.

Chief Administrative Officer

• Review procedures for processing contracts with the House that exceed the threshold of $250,000.
• Continue to review the current financial management system and implementation of the Financial System Replacement project.
• Review the structure of House Information Resources and determine organizational direction of technology services in the House.
• Review and oversee information technology services provided, maintained or hosted by House Information Resources.
• Review new technology initiatives to better serve Members, committees, and the House.
• Continue review of functions and administrative operations assigned to the Chief Administrative Officer.
• Review semi-annual financial and operational status reports; recommend changes in operations to improve services and increase efficiencies.
• Review the operations of the House gift shop and methods of proposed management.
• Continue review of House restaurant operations; furniture policy, inventory and selection; and alternatives to the current mail delivery process in order to strengthen the services and tools available to Members and staff.
• Review the printing needs of the Chief Administrative Officer's operation to identify the potential for eliminating duplication through greater use of GPO services.
• Examine Chief Administrative Officer's role in assuring accessibility to the House wing of the Capitol, the House Office Build-

ings and other House facilities consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Clerk of the House

- Review the administration of audio transmission on the House floor.
- Review and approve contracts and requests for proposals by the Clerk that exceed the $250,000 spending threshold.
- Oversee the Document Management System.
- Review progress towards defining a standard for the electronic exchange of legislative information between Congress and legislative-branch agencies.
- Coordinate on matters under the jurisdiction of the House Fine Arts Board.
- Continue review of functions and administrative operations assigned to the Clerk.
- Review of semi-annual financial and operational status reports; recommend changes in operations to improve services and increase efficiencies.
- Review the printing needs of the Clerk to evaluate the potential for eliminating duplication through greater use of GPO services.
- Oversee preparation of Women in Congress, Black Americans in Congress, Hispanic Americans in Congress, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Congress, and other congressionally-authorized publications.

House Sergeant at Arms

- Review security operations in the House, including the House chamber, the galleries, the Capitol, House Office Buildings, and Capitol Grounds.
- Review semi-annual financial and operational status reports; recommend changes in operations to improve services and increase efficiencies.
- Review impact of electronic access to controlled spaces.
- Continue review of functions and administrative operations assigned to the Sergeant at Arms.
- Review the security operation of House parking facilities, regulations, and allocation of parking spaces.
- Review the policies and procedures for visitor access to the Capitol.
- Review the printing needs of the Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police Board to identify the potential for eliminating duplication through greater use of GPO services.
- Examine Sergeant at Arms' role in assuring accessibility to the House wing of the Capitol, the House Office Buildings, and other House facilities consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Review the use of technology generally in the protection of the House of Representatives.

U.S. Capitol Police

- Generally oversee operations of the agency.
- Review and report authorization legislation as necessary.

• Review need for additional USCP facilities and equipment.
• Review analysis of uniformed officer post/duty assignments to determine and authorize force levels to meet the agency's security requirements, especially with the advent of the Capitol Visitors Center and responsibility for U.S. Botanic Garden.
• Monitor human-resources needs of the agency, including civilian component, attrition rates, recruitment efforts and incentive programs for officers and civilian employees.
• Review USCP training program for new recruits, and in-service training.
• Review and approve all department reorganizations, creation of new positions, appointments, terminations, and certain promotions.
• Authorize and oversee the installation and maintenance of new security systems and devices proposed by the USCP Board.
• Review and authorize regulations prescribed by the USCP Board for use of law enforcement authority by the Capitol Police.
• Examine options to restructure security at the Library of Congress and implement legislation to complete the merger between the Library Police and the Capitol Police provided for in Sec. 1015 of Public Law 108–7.
• Examine Capitol Police role in assuring accessibility to the House wing of the Capitol, House Office Buildings and other facilities consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
• Review the use of technology generally in the protection of the House of Representatives.

House Inspector General

• Review proposed audit plan and audit reports.
• Review comprehensive financial and operational audits of the House, investigate any irregularities uncovered, and monitor necessary improvements.
• Monitor progress of House audits.
• Continue review of functions and administrative operations assigned to the Inspector General.
• Direct Inspector General to conduct management advisories to improve implementation and operation of key House functions.

Oversight of Legislative Branch and Other Entities

Information and Technology Coordination

• Oversee, in conjunction with the Senate, forums for the sharing of technology plans and capabilities among the legislative branch agencies.
• Oversee, in conjunction with the Senate, the Legislative Branch Telecommunications group.
• Oversee continuing improvements to the Legislative Information System.
• Oversee work of the Legislative Branch Financial Managers' Council.

Library of Congress

• Oversee the remedial measures taken by the Library in response to audit issues.

• Conduct a review of the progress that the Library has made in providing public access to government information, especially in electronic form.
• Continue oversight of Library and Congressional Research Service operations.
• Oversee completion and opening of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center at Culpeper, Va.
• Examine options to improve the operation and structure of the Library Inspector General.
• Review implementation of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–481), the Veterans' Oral History Project Act (Public Law 106–380), the National Recording Preservation Act of 2000 (Public Law No: 106–474), and the History of the House Awareness and Preservation Act (Public Law 106–99).
• Consider human-resources legislation proposed by the Library.
• Examine options to restructure security at the Library of Congress and implement legislation to complete the merger between the Library Police and the Capitol Police.
• Review the use of technology generally in Library of Congress operations.

Smithsonian Institution

• Review the Smithsonian Inspector General's reports on the status of the Smithsonian.
• Oversee general museum and research facility operations of the Smithsonian Institution.
• Review and oversee Smithsonian Institution budget authorization.
• Consider legislation related to the Smithsonian Institution.
• Provide for the appointment of Citizen Regents to the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents.
• Review proposals for authorization of new Smithsonian facilities.
• Review operations of the National Zoo.
• Conduct additional oversight of Smithsonian Networks.
• Review the use of technology generally in Smithsonian operations.

Architect of the Capitol

• Review the operations of the Office of the Architect.
• Review the electronic and procured services provided by the Architect.
• Oversee construction and operational planning for the Capitol Visitors Center project, in conjunction with the Senate and the Capitol Preservation Commission.

Technology Use by the House

• Continue oversight of House Information Resources and other technology functions of the House to ensure timely, accurate electronic information dissemination.
• Oversee implementation of House Rule XI 2(e)(4) requiring committee documentation to be made available electronically, to the maximum extent feasible.

• Review computer security measures.
• Oversee implementation of Committee hearing room upgrade program.
• Oversee and continue to implement an enterprise House Disaster Recovery Program for house offices, committees and member offices.
• Oversee and coordinate the House strategic technology plan.
• Conduct and conclude House technology assessment.

Oversight of Federal Election Law and Procedures

• Recommend disposition of House election contests pending before the Committee.
• Review operations of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and evaluate possible changes to improve efficiency, improve enforcement of the Federal Election Campaign Act, improve procedures for the disclosure of contributions and expenditures, and consider authorization issues and make recommendations on the FEC's budget.
• Review federal campaign-finance laws and regulations, including Presidential public financing, and consider potential reforms.
• Study the role and impact of political organizations on federal elections.
• Review operations of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), evaluate and consider authorization issues related to EAC governance, examine the implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), and make recommendations on the EAC's budget.
• Examine the impact of HAVA on Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), and consider proposals to improve voting methods for those serving and living abroad.
• Review state and federal activities under the National Voter Registration Act to identify potential for improvement to voter registration and education programs.
• Monitor allegations of fraud and misconduct during all phases of federal elections and evaluate measures to improve the integrity of the electoral process.

New Member Orientation

• Plan, implement, and oversee the New Member Orientation Program for newly-elected Members of Congress.
• Oversee the planning and implementation of the Congressional Research Service New Member Issues Seminar in Williamsburg.

The Committee met on May 8, 2007 and adopted the following resolution:

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–4

110th Congress Franked Mail Allowances for Committees

Resolved pursuant to Public Law 101–520 § 311(e) [2 U.S.C. 59e(e)] that effective January 3, 2007, and during the first session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress, the allocation of the Official Mail Allowance for the following committees of the House of Representatives shall be set as follows:

Committee on Agriculture	$5,000
Committee on Armed Services	5,000
Committee on the Budget	5,000
Committee on Education and Labor	5,000
Committee on Energy and Commerce	5,000
Committee on Financial Services	5,000
Committee on Foreign Affairs	5,000
Committee on Homeland Security	5,000
Committee on House Administration	5,000
Committee on the Judiciary	5,000
Committee on Natural Resources	5,000
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform	5,000
Committee on Rules	5,000
Committee on Science and Technology	5,000
Committee on Small Business	5,000
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct	5,000
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	5,000
Committee on Veterans' Affairs	5,000
Committee on Ways and Means	5,000
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	5,000
Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming	5,000

Resolved further pursuant to Public Law 101–520 § 311(e) [2 USC 59e(e)] that effective January 3, 2008, and during the second session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress, the allocation of the Official Mail Allowance for the following committees of the House of Representatives shall be set as follows:

Committee on Agriculture	$5,000
Committee on Armed Services	5,000
Committee on the Budget	5,000
Committee on Education and Labor	5,000
Committee on Energy and Commerce	5,000
Committee on Financial Services	5,000
Committee on Foreign Affairs	5,000
Committee on Homeland Security	5,000
Committee on House Administration	5,000
Committee on the Judiciary	5,000
Committee on Natural Resources	5,000
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform	5,000
Committee on Rules	5,000
Committee on Science and Technology	5,000
Committee on Small Business	5,000
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct	5,000
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	5,000
Committee on Veterans' Affairs	5,000
Committee on Ways and Means	5,000
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	5,000
Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming	5,000

The Committee met on June 27, 2007 and adopted the following resolution:

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–5

Resolved, that Rep. Davis of Alabama is hereby elected to the Subcommittee of Elections

Second Session

The Committee met on April 2, 2008 and adopted the following resolution:

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–6

Modifying the Majority membership of the Subcommittee on Capitol Security

Resolved, that the Majority membership of the Subcommittee on Capitol Security shall be as follows:

Mr. Capuano, Massachusetts, Chairman
Mr. Brady, Pennsylvania

The Committee met on July 30, 2008 and adopted the following resolutions:

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–7

Resolved, that the regulations of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to shared employees are amended as follows:

1. Each House employee who, during any pay period, is simultaneously employed by three or more House employing authorities is required to inform each employing authority in writing of the employee's employment status and any change in employment status with other employing authorities;

2. (Upon Committee approval of the Shared Employee Manual)—Each House employee who, during any pay period, is simultaneously employed by three or more House employing authorities is required to file with the House Finance Office a signed *Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding of Shared Employee Manual and Certification of Continued Compliance* upon becoming simultaneously employed by three or more employing authorities. (see attached Acknowledgement and Certification)

3. Each House employee who is simultaneously employed by three or more House employing authorities for more than 60 days during a calendar year must file a Financial Disclosure Statement under 5 U.S.C app § 101 et. seq by May 15 of each year.

4. Any House employee engaged in any outside employment or business activity may not directly, or indirectly through such outside employment or business activity, sell, lease, or otherwise provide any goods or assets to any House office or entity.

Resolved further, that the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration is authorized to make technical and conforming amendments to the above regulations upon issuance and inclusion in the Congressional Handbooks.

Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding of

Shared Employee Manual

and Certification of Continuing Compliance

With

The Mandatory Provisions Incorporated Therein

Revised: August __, 2008

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Shared Employee Manual, and that I have read and understand the contents

of the Manual. I understand that the Manual is intended to provide me with both general and specific information about House practices, policies, and procedures attendant to being a shared employee of three or more employing authorities. I acknowledge and understand that employment within the House is at-will, and that each employee serves at the pleasure of the employing authority(s). I understand and acknowledge that the Shared Employee Manual does not create an actual or implied contract of employment, nor confer any right to remain an employee of any House office, nor otherwise change in any respect the employment- at-will relationship between employing authority(s) and myself. I certify that I am currently, and will take all necessary steps to remain, in compliance with the mandatory provisions of law and regulation described in the Shared Employee Manual.

_____
(Signature of Shared Employee)

_____
(Date)

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–8

Resolved, that the Committee's Implementing *Regulations For Student Loan Repayment* are hereby amended as follows (see attachment):

1. Add the word "Program" to the end of the title.
2. Strike "Sec. 1." and renumber using conventional section and paragraph numbering.
3. In Section 1(b)(2)(A)(i), strike "500" and insert in lieu thereof "833".
4. In Section 1(b)(2)(A)(ii), strike "40,000" and insert in lieu thereof "60,000".
5. In Section 1(b)(3)(C)(i)(I), strike "2.5" and insert in lieu thereof "3.5".
6. In Section 1(b)(3)(C)(i)(II), strike "2.5" and insert in lieu thereof "3.5".
7. In Section 1(d)(5), strike "which is not paid for pursuant to the service agreement" and insert in lieu thereof "that continues to be the employee's responsibility".
8. In Section 1(e) 1, strike "2004, and each January 1 thereafter" and insert in lieu thereof "of each year".
9. In Section 1(f), strike the entire subsection and renumber accordingly.
10. In Section 1(g)(2) strike paragraphs (A) and (B) and insert in lieu thereof "who is an employee of the House of Representatives.".
11. In Section 1(h), strike the entire subsection.
12. Renumber as appropriate

Resolved further, that the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration is authorized to make technical and conforming amendments to the above regulations upon issuance and inclusion in the Congressional Handbooks.

The Committee met on September 25, 2008 and adopted the following resolution:

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 110–9

Interim Authority

Resolved that the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration is authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary on behalf of the Committee to discharge the responsibility of the Committee for the period between the adjournment sine die of the second session of the 110th Congress through just prior to noon on January 3, 2009.

Resolved further that interim authority will be exercised by the Chairman only with respect to those matters which the full Committee would have been required to act upon had the House been in session, and which would otherwise disrupt normal operations if not promptly resolved. Written notice of intent to act on these matters and a reasonable time for response will be given to the Ranking Minority Member. Written notice of the completion of an action taken under interim authority shall he provided by the Chairman to the Ranking Minority Member.

Resolved further that a complete list of all items approved by the exercise of interim authority will be provided to the full Committee.

The Committee met on April 2, 2008 and passed the following amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds:

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF OFFICIAL FUNDS

BY MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, AND OFFICERS

OF THE

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOR CONSIDERATION: APRIL 2, 2008

EFFECTIVE: UPON APPROVAL

ALTERNATE RIDE HOME

The expenses of transportation via taxi or other commercial carrier incurred by an employee who regularly commutes between his/her duty station and residence by mass transit (i.e., via [Metro, bus, train, etc.]), by registered ridesharing program [carpools, vanpools, etc.], or by means other than a vehicle of the employee that has been issued a House parking permit are reimbursable when:

1. An employee is required by his/her employing authority to work unscheduled overtime or report to duty early or stay late outside of his/her regular working hours ("officially ordered work"); and
2. Transportation via the usual means is not available or to commute via such means is determined by the employing authority to be an unreasonable burden.

An Alternate Ride Home expense is only eligible for reimbursement under the following conditions:

1. The employee seeking reimbursement does not maintain a single-user parking permit issued by the House of Representatives.

2. The employee is performing officially ordered work as certified by the employee's supervisor and/or employing authority.

3. The employee certifies that the expense is incurred for transportation originating from or traveling to the employee's official duties.

4. The individual is authorized in advance by his/her employing authority to incur said expense.

5. The employee certifies that his/her usual means of transportation are unavailable or the employing authority affirms that commute via such means or via alternative means of public transportation constitute an unreasonable burden.

Examples of non qualifying circumstance include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Reporting to or remaining at work outside of regular work hours on a voluntary basis;
- Performing personal errands;
- Transit service disruptions and/or delays;
- Weather emergencies; and
- Natural disasters.

To request reimbursement, submit a completed voucher, accompanied by an Alternate Ride Home Form and the original copy of the vendor receipt or, if a receipt is not available (e.g., bus or Metro), a memo documenting/describing the expense(s) incurred, to the Finance Office for processing.

This program must be administered by offices in a non-discriminatory manner consistent with the requirements of the Congressional Accountability Act.

On September 30, 2008, the Committee agreed to the following amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds:

In addition to their official (house.gov) Web site, a Member may maintain another Web site(s), channel(s) or otherwise post material on third-party Web sites.

The official content of any material posted by the Member on any Web site must be in compliance with Federal law and House Rules and Regulations applicable to official communications and germane to the conduct of the Member's official and representational duties.

When a link to a Web site outside the Member's official cite is imbedded on the Member's official site, the Member's site must include an exit notice advising the visitor when they are leaving the House. This exit notice must also include a disclaimer that neither the Member nor the House is responsible for the content of the linked site(s).

Chairman is authorized to make technical and conforming changes to facilitate inclusion into the Committees and Member handbooks.

Appendix II

Measures Referred to the Committee on House Administration During the 110th Congress

110th Congress Legislation

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Bill	Number	Date	Committee Jurisdiction	Committee Action	House Action	Senate Action	Public Law
H.Con.Res.	12	1/4/2007					
H.R.	14	1/4/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Education and Labor				
H.R.	47	1/4/2007					
H.R.	71	1/4/2007					
H.R.	72	1/4/2007					
H.R.	97	1/4/2007	Primary - Committee on the Judiciary. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration, Committee on Rules, and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct				
H.R.	101	1/4/2007					
H.R.	159	1/4/2007					
H.R.	170	1/4/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Rules.				
H.R.	212	1/4/2007					
H.R.	229	1/4/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform				
H.R.	230	1/4/2007	Primary - Committee on Natural Resources. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	260	1/5/2007	Primary - Committee on Science and Technology. Additionally referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	272	1/5/2007					
H.R.	277	1/5/2007					

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H.R.	281	1/5/2007		4/14/2008 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-581. 4/14/2008 - Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 359.			
H.R.	301	1/5/2007					
H.R.	302	1/5/2007					
H.R.	347	1/9/2007					
H.R.	348	1/9/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform				
H.R.	420	1/11/2007					
H.R.	421	1/11/2007					
H.R.	422	1/11/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Rules, and the Committee on the Judiciary				
H.R.	448	1/12/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally - Committees on Judiciary, House Administration and Armed Services				
H.R.	466	1/12/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform				
H.R.	475	1/16/2007			1/19/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 416 - 0 (Roll No. 42).	1/23/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent 1/23/2007 - Cleared for the White House.	2/2/2007 - Presented the the President. Became Public Law No: 110-2
H.R.	476	1/16/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs		1/23/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 431-0 (Roll no. 49).		
H.R.	481	1/16/2007					
H.R.	484	1/16/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Ways and Means				

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H.R.	486	1/16/2007					
H.R.	492	1/16/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on the Judiciary				
H.R.	500	1/16/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform				
H.R.	512	1/17/2007	Primary - Committee on Natural Resources. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration. Senate - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources		2/6/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.	6/11/2008 - Senate floor actions: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	756	1/31/2007					
H.R.	776	1/31/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Ways and Means				
H.R.	811	2/5/2007		3/23/2007 - On Friday, March 23, 2007, the full committee referred the legislation, HR 811, to the Subcommittee on Elections for further consideration. 3/15/07 through 3/23/2007 - The Subcommittee on Elections held three hearings related to issues encompassed in HR 811. 5/02/2007 - On Thursday, May 2, 2007, pusuant to Committee Rule 17, the Full committee discharged from further subcommittee consideration: H.R. 811. 5/8/2007 - On Tuesday, May 8, 2007, the Committee met to mark up H.R. 811. The Committee favorably reported H.R. 811, as amended, by a recorded vote (6-3), a quorum being present. 5/16/2007 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-154.	5/16/2007 - Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar no. 91		

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H.R.	823	2/5/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Energy and Commerce.				
H.R.	879	2/7/2007					
H.R.	894	2/7/2007					
H.Con.Res.	61	2/8/2007			9/17/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.	10/2/2008 - Referred to Senate committee: Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.	
H.R.	953	2/8/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.Res.	144	2/8/2007					
H.R.	996	2/12/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration				
H.R.	998	2/12/2007		9/15/2008 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-848.	9/17/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.	9/22/2008 - Received in Senate.	
H.Res.	156	2/12/2007					
H.J.Res.	25	2/13/2007					
H.J.Res.	26	2/13/2007					
H.J.Res.	27	2/13/2007					
H.Res.	160	2/14/2007					
H.Con.Res.	66	2/15/2007			3/22/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 424 - 0 (Roll no. 181).	3/26/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.Res.	167	2/15/2007					
H.Res.	168	2/15/2007					
H.R.	1136	2/16/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Rules and the Committee on the Judiciary				

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H.Res.	172	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	173	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	174	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	176	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	177	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	181	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	184	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	187	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	188	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	190	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	191	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	192	2/16/2007					
H.Res.	193	2/16/2007					
H.R.	1202	2/27/2007					
H.R.	1203	2/27/2007					
H.R.	1204	2/27/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Ways and Means				
H.R.	1209	2/27/2007					
H.Res.	199	2/27/2007					
H.Res.	200	2/27/2007					
H.Res.	201	2/28/2007					
H.Res.	202	2/28/2007		3/01/2007 - The Committee met and marked up H.Res. 202. 3/5/2007 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-29.	3/8/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 269 - 150 (Roll no. 131).		
H.R.	1298	3/1/2007					

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H.R.	1300	3/1/2007	Primary - Committee on Energy and Commerce. Additionally referred to the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Committee on Rules, the Committee on Science and Technology, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure				
H.Res.	207	3/1/2007					
H.Con.Res.	78	3/5/2007					
H.R.	1313	3/5/2007					
H.R.	1350	3/6/2007	Primary - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Additionally referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	1369	3/7/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	1381	3/7/2007					
H.R.	1381	3/7/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Science and Technology.				
H.R.	1452	3/9/2007					
H.R.	1523	3/14/2007					
H.R.	1542	3/15/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration.				
H.R.	1565	3/19/2007					
H.R.	1614	3/20/2007	Primary - Committee on House Adminstration. Additionally referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.R.	1646	3/22/2007					

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H.R.	1667	3/23/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.				
H.Con.Res.	107	3/29/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committees on House Administration and Judiciary.				
H.R.	1754	3/29/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Rules.				
H.R.	1848	3/29/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration				
H.R.	2015	4/24/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on the Judiciary				
H.Con.Res.	128	4/25/2007			5/22/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.	5/23/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	2100	5/1/2007	Primary - Committee on the Judiciary. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	2269	5/10/2007					
H.R.	2316	5/15/2007	Primary - Committee on the Judiciary. Additionally referred to the Committee on Rules and the Committee on House Administration.	5/21/2007 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-161, Part 1. 5/21/2007 - Committee on Rules and House Administration discharged.	5/24/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 396-22, 1 Present (Roll no. 423).	6/4/2007 - Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 182.	
H.R.	2341	5/16/2007	Primary - Committee on Financial Services. Additionally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the Committee on House Administration.				

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H.R.	2350	5/16/2007	Primary - Committee on the Judiciary. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	2360	5/17/2007					
H.R.	2392	5/17/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	2457	5/23/2007					
H.Res.	432	5/23/2007					
H.R.	2525	5/24/2007					
H.R.	2534	5/24/2007					
H.R.	2544	5/24/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Rules.				
H.R.	2545	5/24/2007					
H.Con.Res.	164	6/5/2007		6/12/2007 - Committee on House Administration discharged.	6/12/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.	6/14/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	2590	6/6/2007					
H.R.	2598	6/6/2007					
H.Res.	459	6/6/2007		5/08/2007 - On, May 8, 2007, by voice vote, a quorum being present, the Committee agreed to a motion to report the resolution favorably to the House. 6/6/2007 - The House Committee on House Administration reported an original measure, H. Rept. 110-175, by Mr. Brady (PA).	6/12/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.		

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H.Res.	461	6/6/2007		5/08/2007 - On, May 8, 2007, by voice vote, a quorum being present, the Committee agreed to a motion to report the resolution favorably to the House. 6/6/2007 The House Committee on House Administration reported an original measure, H. Rept. 110-176, by Mr. Brady (PA).	6/12/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.		
H.Res.	462	6/6/2007		5/08/2007 - On, May 8, 2007, by voice vote, a quorum being present, the Committee agreed to a motion to report the resolution favorably to the House. 6/6/2007 - The House Committee on House Administration reported an original measure, H. Rept. 110-177, by Mr. Brady (PA).	6/12/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.		
H.Res.	463	6/6/2007		5/08/2007 - On, May 8, 2007, by voice vote, a quorum being present, the Committee agreed to a motion to report the resolution favorably to the House. 6/6/2007 - The House Committee on House Administration reported an original measure, H. Rept. 110-178, by Mr. Brady (PA).	6/12/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.		
H.R.	2628	6/7/2007					
H.R.	2630	6/7/2007			7/23/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.	7/24/2007 - Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.	
H.R.	2633	6/7/2007	Primary - Committee on Energy and Commerce. Additionally referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Education and Labor, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.				

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H.R.	2687	6/12/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	2744	6/15/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration.	10/30/2007 - Committees on Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on House Administration Discharged.	5/20/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 402-9 (Roll no. 337).		
H.R.	2788	6/20/2007					
H.R.	2792	6/20/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.R.	2808	6/21/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	2817	6/21/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Rules.				
H.R.	2822	6/21/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Rules.				
H.R.	2835	6/22/2007					
H.R.	2843	6/22/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.				
H.R.	2916	6/28/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.R.	2934	6/28/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.R.	2967	7/10/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration				

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H.R.	3032	7/12/2007		4/22/2008 - Reported (amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-602	7/15/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.	7/16/2008 - Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.	
H.R.	3104	7/19/2007					
H.Con.Res.	190	7/24/2007		7/24/2007 - Committee on House Administration discharged.	7/24/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.	7/25/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	3169	7/24/2007					
H.Con.Res.	196	8/1/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.	9/4/2007 - Committee on House Administration and Committee on Transportation discharged.	9/4/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.	9/5/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
S.J.Res.	7	8/1/2007			11/5/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Agreed to by voice vote. 11/5/2007 - Cleared for the White House	7/31/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	11/7/2007 - Presented to the President. 11/16/2007 - Signed by the President. 11/16/2007 - Became Public Law No: 110-119
S.J.Res.	8	8/1/2007			12/5/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Agreed to by voice vote. 12/5/2007 - Cleared for the White House.	7/31/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	12/11/2007 - Presented to the President. 12/21/2007 - Signed by the President. 12/21/2007 - Became Public Law No: 110-155
H.R.	3391	8/3/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration.				
H.R.	3481	9/6/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration.				
H.R.	3487	9/6/2007					
H.R.	3492	9/6/2007					
H.R.	3500	9/7/2007					

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H.R.	3502	9/7/2007	Primary - Committee on Armed Services. Additionally referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration.				
H.Res.	645	9/10/2007			7/23/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.R.	3550	9/17/2007					
H.R.	3556	9/17/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration.				
H.R.	3571	9/18/2007			10/2/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.	12/19/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. 12/19/2007 - Cleared for White House.	12/20/2007 - Presented to President. 12/26/2007 - Signed by President. 12/26/2007 - Became Public Law No: 110-164
H.R.	3600	9/19/2007					
H.Res.	669	9/20/2007					
H.Con.Res.	217	9/24/2007	Primary - Committee on Energy and Commerce. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration		9/25/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.R.	3645	9/24/2007	Primary - Committee on Armed Services. Additionally referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Education and Labor, House Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.R.	3685	9/27/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform and Judiciary.	10/22/2007 - Reported by the Committee on Education and Labor. H. Rept. 110-406, Part 1. 10/22/2007 - Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform and Judiciary discharged.	11/7/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 235-184 (Roll no. 1057).	11/13/2007 - Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 479.	

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H.R.	3686	9/27/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and Judiciary.				
H.R.	3690	9/27/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.	11/07/2007 - On Wednesday, November 7, 2007, the Committee considered H.R. 3690 and ordered it reported favorably to the House with one amendment. No recorded votes were taken during the Committee's consideration of the bill. 12/4/2007 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-470, Part 1. 12/4/2007 - Committee on Transportation discharged.	12/5/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. 12/18/2007 - Resolving differences--House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 413-0 (Roll no. 1182). 12/18/2007 - Cleared for White House.	12/17/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.	12/27/2007 - Presented to President. 1/7/2008 - Signed by President. 1/7/2008 - Became Public Law No: 110-178
H.R.	3714	10/1/2007					
H.R.	3779	10/9/2007					
H.R.	3792	10/10/2007					
H.R.	3799	10/10/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration				
H.Res.	752	10/17/2007					
H.R.	3908	10/18/2007					
S.	2206	10/22/2007			11/5/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. 11/5/2007 - Cleared for White House.	10/18/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	11/7/2007 - Presented to President. 11/19/2007 - Signed by President. 11/19/2007 - Became Public Law No: 110-120

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H.R.	3963	10/24/2007	Primary - Committee on Energy and Commerce. Additionally referred to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, and Education and Labor		10/25/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 265-142 (Roll no. 1009). 1/23/2008 - Failed of passage in House over Veto: On passage, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 260-152 (Roll no. 22)	11/1/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote 64-30 (Record Vote Number 403. 11/1/2007 - Cleared for White House.	11/30/2007 - Presented to President. 12/12/2007 - Vetoed by President.
H.R.	3993	10/30/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally - Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration				
H.R.	4015	10/31/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally - Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Judiciary and House Administration				
H.R.	4026	10/31/2007					
S.	2198	10/31/2007			10/31/2007 - Referred to House committee: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.	10/30/2007 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	4098	11/6/2007					
H.R.	4145	11/9/2007					
H.Res.	815	11/9/2007					
H.R.	4173	11/14/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally - Committee on Foreign Services.				
H.R.	4190	11/15/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.R.	4237	11/15/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.R.	4239	11/15/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally - referred to the Committee on Rules.				
H.J.Res.	65	12/4/2007					

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H.Res.	843	12/4/2007			12/17/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.R.	4294	12/5/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Ways and Means				
H.R.	4301	12/6/2007	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration and Judiciary.				
H.R.	4544	12/13/2007	Primary - Committee on Financial Services. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration.		9/25/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.	9/30/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. 9/30/2008 - Cleared for White House.	10/6/2008 - Presented to President. 10/15/2008 - Signed by President. 10/15/2008 - Became Public Law No: 110-420
H.Res.	874	12/13/2007					
H.Con.Res.	270	12/17/2007	Primary - Committee on the Judiciary. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration.		12/17/2007 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.	3/11/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	4777	12/18/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally - Committee on House Administration.				
H.R.	4838	12/19/2007	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally - Committees on House Administration and Judiciary.				
H.Res.	895	12/19/2007	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Rules.		3/11/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1031, H. Res 895 is considered passed House as amended.		

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H.R.	5036	1/17/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Science and Technology	4/14/2008 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. (110-582), Part I. 4/14/2008 - Committee on Science and Technology discharged.	4/15/2008 - Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 239-178 (Roll no. 188).		
H.R.	5037	1/17/2008					
H.R.	5087	1/22/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform				
H.R.	5090	1/22/2008	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally - Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration				
H.R.	5091	1/22/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Adittionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.				
H.R.	5159	1/29/2008		2/12/2008 - On Tuesday, February 12, 2008, the committee held a markup of HR 5159. The bill was ordered reported as amended by voice vote. H.Rept. 110-535	3/5/2008 - Passed/agree to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. 10/2/2008 - Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. 10/2/2008 - Cleared for White House.	9/27/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.	10/9/2008 - Presented to President. 10/20/2008 - Signed by President. 10/20/2008 - Became Public Law No: 110-437
S.J.Res.	25	2/6/2008			3/5/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Agreed to by voice vote. 3/5/2008 - Cleared for White House.	2/4/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	3/12/2008 - Presented to President. 3/14/2008 - Signed by President. 3/14/2008 - Became Public Law No: 110-197
H.R.	5315	2/7/2008					
S.Con.Res.	67	2/12/2008			2/28/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.	2/8/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	

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S.Con.Res.	68	2/12/2008			2/28/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.	2/8/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	5424	2/13/2008					
H.Res.	989	2/14/2008		2/12/08 - On, February 12, 2008, by unanimous voice vote, a quorum being present, the Committee agreed to a motion to report the resolution favorably to the House. 2/14/2008 - The House Committee on House Administration reported an original measure, H.Rept. 110-528, by Mr. Brady (PA).	2/25/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.R.	5493	2/26/2008		4/14/2008 - Reported by the Committee on House Administration. H.Rept. 110-588.	4/15/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.	5/6/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.Con.Res.	306	3/4/2008		3/10/2008 - Committee on House Administration discharged	3/10/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.	3/11/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.Con.Res.	307	3/4/2008			3/5/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.	6/20/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	5598	3/12/2008					
H.R.	5628	3/13/2008					
S.Con.Res.	71	3/14/2008		4/15/2008 - Committee on House Administration discharged.	4/15/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.	3/14/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	5673	4/1/2008					

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H.Res.	1068	4/1/2008		4/2/2008 - Committee Consideration and Markup Session held. 4/14/2008 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H.Rept. 110-587	4/15/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.R.	5695	4/3/2008					
H.R.	5699	4/3/2008					
H.R.	5718	4/8/2008	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committees on House Administration and the Committee on House Education and Labor.				
H.R.	5731	4/8/2008					
H.R.	5747	4/9/2008					
H.R.	5781	4/14/2008	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration.	5/8/2008 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, H. Rept. 110-624, Part I. 5/8/2008 - Committee on House Administration discharged. 6/17/2008 - Supplemental report filed by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, H. Rept. (110-624), Part II.	6/19/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 278-146 (Roll no. 428).		
H.R.	5803	4/15/2008		5/15/2008 - reported favorably out of committee H. Rept 110-637	7/15/2008 - Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 248-170 (Roll no. 493)		
H.Res.	1116	4/16/2008					
H.R.	5845	4/17/2008	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration.				

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H.R.	5893	4/24/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	6/4/2008 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-683, Part I. 6/4/2008 - Committee on Judiciary discharged.	6/4/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.	9/16/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. 9/16/2008 - Cleared for White House.	9/23/2008 - Presented to President. 10/2/2008 - Signed by President. 10/2/2008 - Became Public Law No: 110-336
H.Con.Res.	338	4/29/2008					
H.Res.	1160	4/29/2008					
H.R.	5946	5/1/2008					
H.Res.	1170	5/1/2008					
H.R.	5971	5/6/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary				
H.R.	5972	5/6/2008		6/4/2008 - Reported by the Committee on House Administration. H.Rept 110-679	6/4/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.Res.	1186	5/8/2008					
H.R.	6029	5/13/2008	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration.				
H.R.	6077	5/15/2008					
H.Res.	1207	5/16/2008		9/8/2008 - Reported (amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-830.	9/11/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to without objection.		
H.Con.Res.	357	5/20/2008					
H.Res.	1222	5/22/2008					
H.R.	6240	6/11/2008					
H.Res.	1263	6/11/2008					
H.Res.	1272	6/12/2008		10/2/2008 - Committee on House Administration discharged.	10/2/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.		
H.Con.Res.	373	6/18/2008					

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H.R.	6296	6/18/2008			7/15/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.	10/2/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. 10/2/2008 - Cleared for White House.	10/6/2008 - Presented to President. 10/16/2008 - Signed by President. 10/16/2008 - Became Public Law No: 110-433
H.R.	6339	6/20/2008	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration	7/30/2008 - Committee on House Administration Markup held. The bill was reported favorably to the House by voice vote as amended. 9/25/08 - Reported (amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H.Rept. 110-886, Part I			
H.Con.Res.	377	6/23/2008			6/25/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.	6/27/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	6417	6/26/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform				
H.Con.Res.	388	7/8/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Armed Services		9/17/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as Amended Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.Res.	1325	7/9/2008		7/10/2008 - Committee on House Administration discharged.	7/10/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.		
H.R.	6474	7/10/2008		7/30/2008 - Committee on House Administration Markup held. The bill was reported favorably to the House by voice vote. 9/25/2008 - Reported by the Committee on House Administration. H.Rept. 110-890	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 575.		

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H.R.	6475	7/10/2008		7/30/2008 - Committee on House Administration Markup held. The bill was reported favorably to the House by voice vote. 9/8/2008 - Reported by the Committee on House Administration. H.Rept. 110-831.	9/11/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to without objection.		
H.R.	6541	7/17/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure				
H.R.	6542	7/17/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure				
H.Con.Res.	394	7/22/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.				
H.R.	6563	7/22/2008	Primary - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Additionally referred to the Committees on House Administration and Judiciary.				
H.Res.	1360	7/22/2008			7/23/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.Con.Res.	395	7/23/2008		7/23/2008 - Committee on House Administration Discharged.	7/23/2008 - Passed/Agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.	7/26/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	6625	7/29/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.	7/30/2008 - Committee on House Administration Markup held. The bill was reported favorably to the House by voice vote as amended. 9/15/2008 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-851, part I. 9/15/2008 - Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged.	9/17/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.		

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H.R.	6627	7/29/2008	Primary - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Additionally referred to the Committee on House Administration.	7/30/2008 - Committee on House Administration Markup held. The bill was reported favorably to the House by voice vote. 9/11/2008 - Reported by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept 110-842, Part I. 9/15/2008 - Reported by the Committee on Transportation. H.Rept. 110-842, Part II	9/17/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.		
H.R.	6644	7/29/2008					
H.R.	6656	7/30/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.				
H.R.	6704	7/31/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.				
H.R.	6776	8/1/2008	Primary - Committee on the Judiciary. Additionally referred to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration and Financial Services.				
H.R.	6794	8/1/2008					
H.R.	6806	8/1/2008	Primary - Committee on Energy and Commerce. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration.				
H.Res.	1470	9/18/2008					
H.R.	7022	9/23/2008	Primary - Committee on House Administration. Additionally - the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Oversight and Government Reform, and Rules.				
H.R.	7034	9/24/2008					
H.R.	7040	9/24/2008					
H.R.	7058	9/24/2008	Primary - Committee on Financial Services. Additionally - Committee on House Administration				
H.Res.	1493	9/24/2008					

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H.Con.Res.	435	9/26/2008		10/2/2008 - Committee on House Administration discharged.	10/2/2008 - Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.	11/20/2008 - Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
H.R.	7147	9/26/2008					
H.R.	7233	9/29/2008	Primary - Committee on Education and Labor. Additionally referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration.				
H.R.	7247	10/2/2008					
H.Res.	1524	10/2/2008					
H.R.	7281	11/19/2008					
H.Res.	1529	11/19/2008					

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