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H. R. 194

To ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSSELL (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Agency Mail
5 Management Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECORD MANAGEMENT.**

7 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 9 of the Presidential and
8 Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014 (44 U.S.C. 101
9 note) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by amending paragraph
2 (3) to read as follows:

3 “(3) in paragraph (7), by striking ‘the Adminis-
4 trator or the Archivist’ and inserting ‘the Archivist
5 or the Administrator.’”;

6 (2) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
8 follows:

9 “(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 ““(a) The Archivist shall provide guidance and assist-
12 ance to Federal agencies with respect to ensuring—

13 ““(1) economical and effective records manage-
14 ment;

15 ““(2) adequate and proper documentation of
16 the policies and transactions of the Federal Govern-
17 ment; and

18 ““(3) proper records disposition.’”;

19 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
20 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

21 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1), the
22 following new paragraph:

23 “(2) in subsection (b), by striking ‘effective
24 records management by such agencies’ and inserting
25 ‘effective processing of mail by Federal agencies’”;

1 (D) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

2 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-
3 ing “‘subsections (a) and (b)’” and insert-
4 ing “‘subsection (a)’”; and

5 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
6 “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

7 (E) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated,
8 by striking the period at the end and inserting
9 “; and”; and

10 (F) by inserting at the end the following
11 new paragraph:

12 “(5) by inserting at the end the following new
13 subsection:

14 “‘(e) The Administrator, in carrying out subsection
15 (b), shall have the responsibility to promote economy and
16 efficiency in the selection and utilization of space, staff,
17 equipment, and supplies for processing mail at Federal fa-
18 cilities.’”;

19 (3) in subsection (d)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and”
21 at the end and inserting a semicolon;

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
23 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

24 (C) by inserting at the end the following
25 new paragraph:

1 “(3) by inserting at the end the following new
2 subsection:

3 ““(c) The Administrator (or the Administrator’s des-
4 ignee) may inspect the mail processing practices and pro-
5 grams of any Federal agency for the purpose of rendering
6 recommendations for the improvement of mail processing
7 practices and programs. Officers and employees of such
8 agencies shall cooperate fully in such inspections of mail
9 processing practices and programs.’.”;

10 (4) by striking subsection (f); and

11 (5) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
12 section (f).

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall take effect as if included in the Presi-
15 dential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014
16 (Public Law 113–187).

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