

LANCE CPL. STACY “ANNIE”
DRYDEN POST OFFICE

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4875) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2201 E. Maple Street in North Canton, Ohio, as the “Lance Cpl. Stacy ‘Annie’ Dryden Post Office”, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4875

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LANCE CPL. STACY “ANNIE” DRYDEN POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2201 E. Maple Street in North Canton, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the “Lance Cpl. Stacy ‘Annie’ Dryden Post Office”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Lance Cpl. Stacy ‘Annie’ Dryden Post Office”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM ACT

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5901) to establish a program to facilitate the adoption of modern technology by executive agencies, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5901

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Information Technology Modernization Centers of Excellence Program Act”.

SEC. 2. GSA MODERNIZATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CLOUD COMPUTING.—The term “cloud computing” has the meaning given the term in section 1076 of the National Defense Au-

thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (40 U.S.C. 11301 note).

(2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States Code.

(3) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means the Information Technology Modernization Centers of Excellence Program established under subsection (b).

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of General Services shall establish a program to be known as the Information Technology Modernization Centers of Excellence Program to facilitate the adoption of modern technology by executive agencies on a reimbursable basis.

(c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Program shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) To encourage the modernization of information technology used by an executive agency and how a customer interacts with an executive agency.

(2) To improve cooperation between commercial and executive agency information technology sectors.

(3) To the extent practicable, encourage the adoption of commercial items in accordance with section 3307 of title 41, United States Code.

(4) Upon request by the executive agency, to assist executive agencies with planning and adoption of technology in focus areas designated by the Administrator, which may include the following:

(A) A commercial cloud computing system that includes—

(i) end-to-end migration planning and an assessment of progress towards modernization; and

(ii) a cybersecurity and governance framework that promotes industry and government risk management best practice approaches, prioritizing efforts based on risk, impact, and consequences.

(B) Tools to help an individual receive support from and communicate with an executive agency.

(C) Contact centers and other related customer supports.

(D) Efficient use of data management, analysis, and reporting.

(E) The optimization of infrastructure, including for data centers, and the reduction of operating costs.

(F) Artificial intelligence.

(5) To share best practices and expertise with executive agencies.

(6) Other responsibilities the Administrator may identify.

(d) COORDINATION.—The Administrator shall coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security in establishing the Program to ensure that the technology, tools, and frameworks facilitated for executive agencies by the Program provide sufficient cybersecurity and maintain the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of Federal information.

(e) PROGRAM REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives a report on the Program, which shall include the following:

(1) A description of the reimbursable agreements, statements of work, and associated project schedules and deliverables for the Program.

(2) Details on the total amount of the reimbursable agreements.

(3) Any additional information the Administrator determines necessary.

(f) SUNSET.—This Act shall cease to have effect on the date that is 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the authority delegated by law to an executive agency or the head of an executive agency.

SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) and the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material about the measure before us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Information Technology Modernization Centers of Excellence Program Act is the product of great bipartisan work between Representative RO KHANNA and the ranking member of our committee, Mr. COMER.

Since 2017, the Centers of Excellence have provided state-of-the-art technical expertise to assist Federal agencies with their IT modernization so that they can serve the American people more effectively.

The program aims to leverage private-sector innovation and centralized expertise to help the Federal Government improve its services to the public, deploy cutting-edge technology, attract top talent to its workforce, enhance its cybersecurity, and optimize the data resources available to it.

Today, six Centers of Excellence support agencies in the strategic competency areas of artificial intelligence, cloud adoption, contact centers, customer experience, data and analytics, and infrastructure optimization.

This bill would codify that program and to support agencies in efficiently improving customer service, implementing cloud computing systems and data management, optimizing IT infrastructure, and sharing best practices and expertise.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Government Operations with responsibility for Federal IT modernization, I have kept a close eye on this program since its inception, and I intend to keep a close eye as it continues to put its mission and goals into practice.

I applaud the improvements made to the bill to ensure that assistance is