

Managers' Package

FY2017 CJS Bill

1. Senator Baldwin – Report language: NOAA, Support for ice cover research associated with the Great Lakes.
2. Senator Murray – Report language: NOAA, Encourage efforts to address backlog of Pacific salmon hatchery genetic management plans.
3. Senator Merkley – Report language: EDA, encourages work with communities involving engineered wood products.
4. Senator Alexander – Report language: EEOC, directs the EEOC to prioritize funds toward reducing its backlog for private sector charge and public sector hearings.
5. Senator Alexander – Report language: EEOC, directs the EEOC to make guidance proposals available for public comment for not less than 30 days before taking any action on proposed guidance.
6. Senator Coons – Report language: NSF, encourages NSF to pursue a long term vision for sustainable chemistry, engineering, and materials research.
7. Senator Shaheen- Report language: DOJ Upfront/COPS, encourages adoption of a more comprehensive set of criteria for evaluating high per capita rates of heroin and opioid abuse.

1. Amendment proposed by Senator Baldwin

On page 40 of the report, at the end of the “Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes” paragraph, insert:

“Additionally, the Committee supports the budget request for ice cover activities within OAR’s cooperative institutes, which are important to various Great Lakes stakeholders, including the fishing industry, the commercial shipping industry, and the U.S. Coast Guard, which has a statutory icebreaking mission in the Great Lakes.”

2. Amendment proposed by Senator Murray

On page 31 of the report, at the end of the paragraph beginning with “Pacific Salmon”, insert:

“NOAA is also encouraged to work with partners to address backlog of hatchery genetic management plans.”

3. Amendment proposed by Senator Merkley

On page 12 of the report, in the paragraph beginning with “Economic Adjustment Assistance” and after the sentence ending with “...distressed communities.”, insert:

“The Committee encourages EDA to work with communities researching and developing new construction technologies such as engineered wood products.”

4. Amendment proposed by Senator Alexander

On page 142 of the report, after the “Action Council for Transformation” paragraph, insert:

“Inventory Backlog Reduction.—The EEOC has a private sector inventory of over 76,000 cases and a Federal sector hearing inventory of over 12,000. Using appropriated funds for activities that do not directly resolve this backlog of existing and incoming claims denies cases with complainants the opportunity of a timely resolution. EEOC’s own budget submission states that justice delayed is justice denied. Therefore, the Committee directs the EEOC to prioritize its staffing and resources toward reducing the number of current and outstanding unresolved private sector pending charges and public sector hearings.”

5. Amendment proposed by Senator Alexander

On page 142 of the report, before the “State and Local Enforcement Assistance” paragraph, insert:

“Public Comment on EEOC Guidance.—The Committee is concerned that as the EEOC conducts its business in protecting against employment discrimination, its guidance proposals can be adopted without the opportunity of public input prior to implementation and enforcement. Therefore, if requested by at least two Commissioners, the EEOC shall make any new guidance available for public comment in the Federal Register for not less than 30 days prior to taking any potential action on proposed guidance.”

6. Amendment proposed by Senator Coons

On page 135 of the report, following the last sentence in the paragraph for Sustainable Chemistry, Engineering, and Materials [SusChEM], insert:

“The committee encourages NSF to pursue a long-term vision for sustainable chemistry, including support for sustainable chemistry research and development, education and training, commercialization, and public-private partnerships.”

7. Amendment proposed by Senator Shaheen

On page 61 of the report, after the sentence ending with “and location of the distribution of heroin or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.”, insert:

“As the Department administers this program, the Committee encourages adoption of a more comprehensive set of criteria for evaluating high per capita rates of heroin and opioid abuse, particularly one that includes overdose deaths and drug seizures.”