

FSGG Managers Package

Collins Amendment on Taxpayer Assistance Center:

- Report language directing IRS to report on its methodology for closing Taxpayer Assistance Centers

Feinstein Amendment on Breast Cancer Research Stamp

- Report language requesting U.S. Postal Service to publicly display information regarding the Breast Cancer Research Stamp at retail post office locations

Shaheen Amendment Relating to Women on Currency

- Report language requesting Treasury to provide a comprehensive report on its plans to redesign Federal Reserve notes

Collins Amendment on Cybersecurity Standards

- Report language directing OMB to report regarding the use of budget authority to enforce cybersecurity standards

Tester Amendment on Rural Communications Services

- Report language encouraging the FCC to coordinate efforts with the Rural Utility Service to promote broadband deployment

Daines Amendment on OPM IG Cybersecurity Report

- Report language encouraging the OPM Inspector General to report on cybersecurity issues at the agency

Kirk Amendment on Paper Reduction Effort

- Report language directing agencies to report on efforts to reduce printing volume and costs

Kirk Amendment on VA cases at the Office of Special Counsel

- Report language on the workload at Office of Special Counsel relating to VA whistleblower cases

Daines Amendment on USPS Contract Stations

- Report language encouraging the Postal Service to renew contract postal unit agreements in rural areas or find a suitable alternative

Boozman Amendment on Iran Sanctions

- Report language on a review and written assessment of Iran Sanctions

Senator Collins Amendment Relating to IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers

On page 31 of the report, insert the following after “Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic grantees.”:

In addition, the report shall include a detailed explanation of the IRS’s methodology for selecting TACs for closure, including the impact on compliance and additional costs to taxpayers if the IRS reduces access to services. To ensure that adequate steps are taken to solicit stakeholder input, the Committee directs the IRS to take the following actions prior to closing a TAC: provide public notice with information about the area served by the office, including wait times and transportation/internet access constraints; conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed closure; and report to the Committee on the concerns raised by the communities served by the office. In addition, the Committee directs the IRS to publish on its website its most recent annual review of each office proposed to be closed.

Senator Feinstein Amendment Relating to the Breast Cancer Research Stamp

At the appropriate place on page 127 of the report, insert the following:

Breast Cancer Research Stamp.— The Committee recognizes the important contribution of the Breast Cancer Research Stamp in raising over \$80.7 million for breast cancer research since 1998. The Committee requests that the United States Postal Service (USPS) display, to the extent practicable, publically visible signage regarding the stamp at retail post office locations highlighting the availability of these stamps for purchase. The Committee requests USPS to provide annual reports to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate regarding the total number of first class one ounce postage stamps sold and the number of Breast Cancer Research Stamps sold.

Senator Shaheen Amendment Relating to Women on Currency

At the appropriate place in Title I, insert the following:

The Committee supports the efforts of the Department of the Treasury to redesign Federal Reserve notes to improve their security and to include the likenesses of women who have made significant contributions to our nation. The Committee requests a comprehensive report from the Treasury on its plans to redesign Federal Reserve notes including the costs of all planned redesigns, plans to increase the security features of such notes, and plans for establishing stable standards and criteria for selecting the subjects of the portraits for such notes.

Senator Collins Amendment on Enforcement of Cybersecurity Standards

At the appropriate place in Title II, insert the following:

Enforcement of Cybersecurity Standards.— The Committee directs OMB to report not later than February 1 of each year to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs in the Senate and the Homeland Security Committee in the House regarding the use of budget authority to enforce cybersecurity standards. The report shall detail specific actions the Director has taken pursuant to section 3553(a)(5) of title 44, United States Code, including any actions taken pursuant to section 11303(b)(5) of title 40, United States Code.

Senator Tester Amendment on Broadband Deployment in Rural America

At the appropriate place in Title V, insert the following:

Coordination on Rural Communications Services.—The Committee recognizes the FCC’s vital role in preserving and advancing universal communications services. The Committee encourages the FCC to coordinate efforts with the Rural Utility Service to optimize the use of limited resources and promote broadband deployment in rural America.

Senator Daines Amendment on OPM IG cybersecurity report

At the appropriate place in Title V, insert the following:

Semiannual Report to Congress.— The Committee encourages the Inspector General to regularly report in its Semiannual Report to Congress OPM’s efforts to improve and address cybersecurity challenges including steps taken to prevent, mitigate, and respond to data breaches involving sensitive personnel records and information; OPM’s cybersecurity policies and procedures in place, including policies and procedures relating to IT best practices such as data encryption, multifactor authentication, and continuous monitoring; OPM’s oversight of contractors providing IT services; and OPM’s compliance with government-wide initiatives to improve cybersecurity.

Senator Kirk Amendment on Paper Reduction Efforts

At the appropriate place on page 8 of the report, insert the following:

Paper Reduction Efforts.—The Committee is concerned about the millions of taxpayer dollars spent on wasteful printing practices each year and the lack of clear printing policies within each of the agencies. While progress has been made to better utilize the cloud and digitalize records, little progress has been made to reform in-house printing practices. The Committee urges each agency to work with Office of Management and Budget to reduce printing and reproduction by 34 percent and directs each agency to report to the Committee within 60 days after enactment of this act on what steps have been taken to reduce printing volume and costs. The report should specifically identify how much money each agency will be saving.

Senator Kirk Amendment on VA Cases at Office of Special Counsel

At the appropriate place in Title V, insert the following:

Veterans Affairs.—Approximately forty percent of all OSC cases in 2015 were from Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] employees, up from approximately twenty percent of cases in 2009, 2010, and 2011. Although OSC continues to obtain relief for VA whistleblowers, the Committee is concerned with the significant increase of VA whistleblower cases in a short amount of time. Therefore, the Committee believes that OSC should apply its budget proportionality with the percentage of cases that it receives from the VA.

Senator Daines Amendment on USPS Contract Stations

At the appropriate place in Title V, insert the following:

In rural America, contract stations are vital for connectivity and serve a function that cannot be replaced. However, these posts are under considerable threats of phase-outs due to misplaced priorities and lack of recognition. Particularly, with an aging population with lower mobility, postal contract units in rural areas are more important than ever. The Committee encourages the USPS to, in good faith, either renew contract postal unit agreements upon expiration or find a suitable alternative service provider in rural areas.

Senator Boozman Amendment on Iran Sanctions

On page 11, strike the section following “Iran Sanctions.—“ and insert the following:

The Committee directs the Treasury Department, prior to lifting of any sanctions designation relating to Iran, to conduct a full review of a sanctioned entity’s behavior and report to the committee in writing whether the entity continues to engage in any prohibited activities. If Treasury determines an entity has engaged in other activities for which it should be sanctioned, Treasury shall either sanction the entity or provide a written justification for why sanctions have not been imposed.

The Committee directs the Department to review each lifting of sanctions against a designated entity relating to Iran 180 days after the lifting and determine in writing to the Committee whether the entity has violated the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or may be subject to other U.S. sanctions.

The Committee also directs the Department to provide a written assessment, which may include a classified annex, of whether any previously sanctioned companies are contributing to a clandestine nuclear weapons program in Iran.

The Committee is deeply concerned over reports that, for the purpose of Iran sanctions relief, an arbitrary distinction may be made between Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the IRGC’s Al-Quds Force (IRGC-QF). The Committee directs the Department to submit a report within 60 days of enactment on the financial benefit of JCPOA to both the IRGC and the IRGC-QF, as well as any subsidiaries or affiliates of the IRGC or IRGC-QF, and detail its views concerning whether there is any separation between the organization and leadership of IRGC and IRGC-QF.