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**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,  
*Washington, DC.*

The Committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:48 a.m., in Room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Candice S. Miller [chairman of the Committee] presiding.

Present: Representatives Miller, Harper, Nugent, Davis, Comstock, Brady, Lofgren, and Vargas.

Staff Present: Sean Moran, Staff Director; John Clocker, Deputy Staff Director; Katie Patru, Deputy Staff Director; Erin McCracken, Communications Director; Brad Walvort, Professional Staff Member; Cole Felder, Legal Counsel; C. Maggie Moore, Legislative Clerk; Tim Sullivan, Staff Assistant; Jamie Fleet, Minority Staff Director; Matt Pinkus, Minority Senior Policy Advisor; Khalil Abboud, Minority Deputy Staff Director/Director of Legislative Operations; Mike Harrison, Minority Chief Counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. I call to order the Committee on House Administration for today's Committee meeting. A quorum is present, so we can proceed here.

The meeting record will remain open for 5 legislative days so that members might submit any material that they wish to be included therein.

The CHAIRMAN. There are a numbers of items that we have on our docket today. Actually, I think we have eight different items. We are going to be talking about transferring the House Safe Program; updating Voucher Documentation Standards; updating the National Gallery of Art boundaries; the Gold Star Families Voices Act; reauthorizing the sound and recording film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, among other items; permitting the United States Capitol Police to accept certain property from other Federal agencies and to dispose of certain property in its possession; the Library Modernization Act; and amending the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Our Committee is charged with oversight of the operations of the House, which includes the responsibility to ensure that the institution remains open and accountable to the American taxpayers. Additionally, of course, we strive to modernize the House where possible. This is not a static environment; it is quite dynamic actually, which requires us to constantly review and to revise our policies to

best meet the unique needs of the legislative branch. As we say, the largest room is always the room for improvement.

Over the past year, the Members of our Committee have worked in conjunction with the House Committee on Ethics, with House Leadership, and our support offices on a number of updates to strengthen and modernize the regulations governing official expenses. These rules, which are periodically updated in the Member Handbook, exist to ensure that Members operate within the framework of established House rules and guidelines.

So our first resolution today transfers the management of the House Safe Program from the Chief Administrative Officer to the House Sergeant at Arms. Members, of course, can request a safe for their office and now the Sergeant at Arms will control the oversight of the combination access and inventory.

The second Committee Resolution is to approve updates to the House's Voucher Documentation Standards. These codified standards, which incorporate input from the House CAO, the House Inspector General, and the Member office financial points of contacts, were finalized after a complete review of existing Vouchers Standards and practices. They update existing regulations, they reflect current practice, and they remove outdated terminology. The objective here is to ensure that the required documentation is provided when spending taxpayers' dollars.

The next step is ensuring that all offices understand these updates. So after passage, all of the CAO's financial personnel will receive training to guarantee that these newly implemented standards are followed. Additionally, we will be hosting educational briefings and trainings for the financial administrators in our Member offices, our committees, of course, and the House support offices.

Next on our list of bills is legislation related to the National Gallery of Art. H.R. 5160 updates existing statute that defines the policing boundaries of the National Gallery of Art's buildings and grounds. The updates include the former Corcoran Gallery of Art's buildings, the Mellon Foundation, and any leased space the Gallery requires for their operations. This language mirrors the authority already provided for the Smithsonian police force.

After that, we will take up legislation for the Gold Star Families Voices Act. This updates the Library of Congress Veterans' Oral History Project that was created by Congress in 2000. The project's mission is to collect, preserve, and make accessible American war veterans' accounts of events. Currently, submissions are limited to firsthand veteran accounts.

This piece of legislation was championed by Representative Chris Smith of New Jersey. This bill will allow the immediate family members of veterans who died as a result of their wartime service or were missing in action to provide stories on behalf of their relatives who gave their lives for their country. It has received the support of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., which is a group of mothers who have lost a son or daughter in service of our great Nation.

I think this is an important addition that will certainly only advance the Veterans' History Project, which marked its 100,000th veteran account this year.

The next bill, introduced by Ranking Member Brady, reauthorizes the sound recording and film preservation boards and foundations of the Library of Congress. H.R. 4092 extends the sunset dates for the Library's National Recording Preservation Board and the National Recording Preservation Foundation, as well as the National Film Preservation Board and National Film Preservation Foundation, through the year 2026.

These sound recordings and films provide a tremendous amount of value when preserving our past, present, and future. These artistic works are snapshots of a generation's culture, ideas, dreams, and innovations that make up our Nation's heritage.

Then, the next agenda item updates current U.S. Code to permit the U.S. Capitol Police to accept certain surplus property from other Federal agencies. Additionally, it allows them to dispose of certain property, such as unclaimed lost and found items, which have been left by visitors in the U.S. Capitol and congressional buildings. H.R. 4733, introduced, again, by Ranking Member Brady, will modify U.S. Code and model its program after the executive branch property regulations.

Then we are going to move on to a bill introduced last week by myself and Ranking Member Brady, as well as our Committee's vice chair, Gregg Harper. H.R. 5227, the Library of Congress Modernization Act of 2016, grants the National Library Service for the Blind, under the jurisdiction of the Library of Congress, the ability to provide greater access to braille resources, specifically digital braille readers and materials. Increasing this access is of significant importance and a creative and innovative use of today's modern technology.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the creation of the National Collection of Stewardship Fund intended to ease the challenges the Library faces with its collection and storage backlog of material and infrastructure needs. Existing appropriated funds can be allocated in order to assist with supplying sufficient resources for the Library's needs.

The last item—we sort of packed in a number of them here today—is H.R. 4734, a bill introduced, again, by Ranking Member Brady, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 in regard to those who might distribute campaign funds for a candidate's Federal election campaign.

Under current Federal law, only the campaign treasurer is authorized to disburse campaign funds, and that includes disbursing these funds in the event the candidate should pass away.

Should this bill become law, it would allow candidates running for Federal office the opportunity to designate an additional individual, separate from the campaign treasurer, who would be authorized to distribute campaign funds in the event of the death of the candidate.

I certainly want to thank all the Members for being here today. A lot of different items on the agenda today, and so many of them, certainly in a bipartisan effort, are to ensure that the right policies are happening here and positively impact this House as an institution.

At this time, I would like to recognize the Ranking Member, Mr. Brady from Pennsylvania, for his opening statement.

Mr. BRADY. Thank you, Madam Chairman. Just to say thank you for having this hearing and moving these bills forward.

The CHAIRMAN. Any other Member wish to make an opening statement?

Okay. I will now call before the Committee our first agenda item, the Committee Resolution 114 instructing the House Chief Administrative Officer to submit a plan for the transfer of the House Safe Program to be managed by the House Sergeant at Arms Security Office.

Without objection, the first reading of the resolution is dispensed with, the resolution is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

[The information follows:]

**Committee Resolution 114-**

*Resolved that*, the Committee on House Administration instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to consult with the Sergeant-at-Arms on a plan for the transfer of the House Safe Program to the Sergeant-at-Arms by June 15, 2016 and submit the plan to the Committee for approval.

The CHAIRMAN. This is, as I mentioned, a commonsense transfer of responsibility over the management of this specific office equipment.

Any comment from Mr. Brady?

Mr. BRADY. Yes, Madam Chair. I support the Committee's resolution. It makes sense to move jurisdiction of the Safe Program to the Sergeant at Arms because they are expert in handling sensitive classified information. I am glad that we could work together to bring a commonsense measure that ensures the continued maintenance of the Safe Program.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. I appreciate the gentleman's comments.

Any other Members wish to comment?

If not, I move the Committee adopt the Committee Resolution. The question is on the motion to adopt the resolution.

All Members who are in favor, signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, the ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. And without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

Item two. I now call before the Committee our next agenda item, the Committee Resolution updating the Voucher Documentation Standards.

Without objection, the first reading of the resolution is dispensed with, and the resolution is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

[The information follows:]



**Committee Resolution 114-**

*Resolved*, that regulations of the Committee on House Administration are amended by inclusion of the appended document titled "Voucher Documentation Standards," superseding prior versions, effective October 1, 2016.

*Resolved further*, the Committee instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to submit to the Committee by July 1, 2016, a training and educational plan concerning these standards.

*Resolved further*, that the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration is authorized to make technical and conforming modifications to these regulations, and to make other modifications with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee and notification to all members of the Committee. In the event changes are made pursuant to this clause, the Chairman shall notify all congressional offices by suitable means.

The CHAIRMAN. These documentation standards have not been updated actually since 2010, and the updates included within the Committee Resolution codify these standards with the existing regulations, reflect current practice, and remove outdated terminology.

Any comment from Mr. Brady?

Mr. BRADY. Madam Chair, I support the long overdue strengthening of the Voucher Documentation Standards and urge the adoption of the resolution.

The CHAIRMAN. Any other Member like to offer comments or an amendment to the resolution?

Mr. Davis.

Mr. DAVIS. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

Thank you to Ranking Member Brady and this entire Committee. As somebody who used to actually file the vouchers as a member of the congressional staff for one of our colleagues, these updates I think are overdue, and I think they are going to go a long way in ensuring that the House processes more closely resemble documentation standards in the private sector.

So thank you all for your assistance. I would like to especially thank Ms. Lofgren for helping us go through this process just a few short months ago.

I yield back.

The CHAIRMAN. I certainly want to thank both Mr. Davis and Ms. Lofgren for all of the work that they did on this. It was many, many hours, and I think the institution will be so much better for it.

I recognize the gentlelady.

Ms. LOFGREN. Just to add that it is good to see the follow-up from the work that we did on the task force.

And I yield back.

The CHAIRMAN. Any other Member?

If not, I move the Committee adopt the Committee Resolution. The question is on the motion to adopt the resolution.

All Members in favor, signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, the ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

We now call before the Committee our next agenda item, which is H.R. 5160, a bill to amend Title 40, United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art.

Without objection, the first reading of the bill is dispensed with and the bill is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

[The bill follows:]



114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5160

To amend title 40, United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To amend title 40, United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art.

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

1 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER AREAS**  
2 **WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF REAL ESTATE OR**  
3 **OTHER PROPERTY INTERESTS ACQUIRED BY**  
4 **NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART.**

5 Section 6301(2) of title 40, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
8 by striking “The National Gallery of Art” and in-  
9 serting “(A) The National Gallery of Art”;

10 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),  
11 and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively;  
12 and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14 paragraph:

15 “(B) All other buildings, service roads,  
16 walks, and other areas within the exterior  
17 boundaries of any real estate or land or interest  
18 in land (including temporary use) that the Na-  
19 tional Gallery of Art acquires and that the Di-  
20 rector of the National Gallery of Art determines  
21 to be necessary for the adequate protection of  
22 individuals or property in the National Gallery  
23 of Art and suitable for administration as a part  
24 of the National Gallery of Art.”.

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The CHAIRMAN. The National Gallery of Art recently acquired new properties, and this measure updates the respective U.S. Code to include those properties within their policing boundaries.

I recognize my Ranking Member, Mr. Brady, for any statement he may have.

Mr. BRADY. Thank you, Madam Chairman. I concur with your statement on this legislation, and I urge members to vote in favor of the legislation.

The CHAIRMAN. Any other Members have comments or amendments?

If not, I move the Committee favorably report the bill to the House. The question is on the motion.

All Members in favor, signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, the ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

I now call before the Committee our next agenda item, H.R. 4511, Gold Star Families Voices Act.

Without objection, the first reading of the bill is dispensed with, and the bill is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

[The bill follows:]



114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4511

To amend the Veterans' Oral History Project Act to allow the collection of video and audio recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. MACARTHUR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To amend the Veterans' Oral History Project Act to allow the collection of video and audio recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.

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 "Gold Star Families  
5 Voices Act".

1 **SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS**  
2 **OF BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORIES BY IMME-**  
3 **DIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF MEMBERS OF**  
4 **THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED AS A RESULT**  
5 **OF THEIR SERVICE DURING A PERIOD OF**  
6 **WAR.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3(a) of  
8 the Veterans' Oral History Project Act (20 U.S.C.  
9 2142(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(1) to collect video and audio recordings of—

11 “(A) personal histories and testimonials of  
12 veterans of the Armed Forces who served dur-  
13 ing a period of war; and

14 “(B) biographical histories by immediate  
15 family members of members of the Armed  
16 Forces who became missing in action or died as  
17 a result of their service during a period of  
18 war;”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3 of the  
20 Veterans' Oral History Project Act (20 U.S.C. 2142) is  
21 further amended by adding at the end the following new  
22 subsection:

23 “(d) DEFINITION OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEM-  
24 BER.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term ‘imme-

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1 diate family member' means a parent, spouse, sibling, or  
2 child.”.

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The CHAIRMAN. Again, I believe the inclusion of these accounts from the loved ones of those that have given their lives in the service of our Nation will only enhance the Library's Veterans' History Project, which is a fantastic project, quite frankly.

Just on a note here, on Sunday, actually, we had an event in my district where I was able to give a commemorative pin to over 300 Vietnam veterans. Really, it was one of the best things I think I have ever been involved in since I have been a Member of Congress.

But there are two of those individuals who were a part of my particular videotaping that we did for the Veterans' History Project. One fellow in particular, who is now 82, 83 years old, I think he spent 5½ years in the Hanoi Hilton. There are 123 of those guys, and John McCain, there are 123 of those guys. He is one of them, and he is part of my Veterans' History Project. I think most of the Members have done these, and it is a fantastic way to archive this kind of history for future generations, so I think this is an important part of that.

And I would ask Mr. Brady if he has any comments.

Mr. BRADY. Yes, thank you, Madam Chair.

One of our greatest national treasures is our veterans. I have over 28,000 veterans in my district, and each one of these veterans and their families have powerful stories that should be recorded for future generations. That is what this legislation is about, and that is why I am pleased to support it.

In the 106th Congress, I was the original cosponsor of the Veterans' Oral History Project. The Veterans' Oral History Project allows for American veterans to submit their firsthand experiences of their service to our country through audio and video recordings. In addition, American veterans and the families of deceased veterans may still participate by submitting veteran memorabilia such as diaries or letters that the veterans may have written during wartime.

The legislation before us would expand on that work by allowing the immediate family members of deceased veterans that died in conflict and were missing in action to submit audio-video recordings of their second or third hand accounts of their family member's life as a veteran.

I thank the Chair for considering this measure today. I hope that we continue to work with the Library of Congress to guarantee that we preserve as many of these important stories as possible, and I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

The CHAIRMAN. I thank the gentleman.

Any other Member want to offer comments or amendment?

If not, I move the Committee favorably report the bill to the House. The question is on the motion.

All Members in favor, signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay.

In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it, the ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

We now call before the Committee our next agenda item, which is H.R. 4092, again a measure to reauthorize the sound and record-

ing film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

Without objection, the first reading of the bill is dispensed with, and the bill is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

[The bill follows:]



114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4092

To reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, 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. SOUND RECORDING PRESERVATION PRO-**  
4 **GRAMS.**

5 (a) NATIONAL RECORDING PRESERVATION  
6 BOARD.—Section 133 of the National Recording Preser-  
7 vation Act of 2000 (2 U.S.C. 1743) is amended by striking  
8 “through fiscal year 2016” and inserting “through fiscal  
9 year 2026”.

1 (b) NATIONAL RECORDING PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.—  
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3 (1) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 152411(a) of  
4 title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking  
5 “through fiscal year 2016 an amount not to exceed”  
6 and inserting “through fiscal year 2026 an amount  
7 not to exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or”.

8 (2) NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—Section 152403(b)(2) of such title is  
9 amended—  
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11 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “nine  
12 directors” and inserting “12 directors”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “six  
14 directors” each place it appears and inserting  
15 “8 directors”.

16 **SEC. 2. FILM PRESERVATION PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION BOARD.—Sec-  
18 tion 112 of the National Film Preservation Act of 1996  
19 (2 U.S.C. 179v) is amended by striking “through fiscal  
20 year 2016” and inserting “through fiscal year 2026”.

21 (b) NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.—  
22 Section 151711(a)(1)(C) of title 36, United States Code,  
23 is amended by striking “through 2016” and inserting  
24 “through 2026”.

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The CHAIRMAN. This bill extends the sunset dates, which are currently set to expire at the end of the year, for the Library's National Recording Preservation Board and the National Recording Preservation Foundation, as well as the National Film Preservation Board and National Film Preservation Foundation. The measure extends each of these authorities of the boards and the foundations through the year 2026.

I will note again that these boards and foundations do a tremendous amount of work to preserve what is considered a significant portion of our Nation's heritage. They seek to preserve these works for posterity, and I am pleased to see their continued function.

I would now recognize the Ranking Member, Mr. Brady, for any statement he may have.

Mr. BRADY. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Since it is my bill, I am definitely for it. I was chairman when we did this last time, and I was for it then too. I support this program that will expire September 30. With minimal cost to taxpayers, the Library is working with interested private organizations, State and local governments, and others in every State to identify, preserve, and make accessible numerous significant films and sound recordings that will likely otherwise be lost forever. This is a simple reauthorization of an important program that is working. We should support it.

I yield back. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. I thank the gentleman.

Any other Member wish to offer comments or an amendment?

If not, I move the Committee favorably report this bill to the House as well. The question is on the motion.

All Members in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, the ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

I now call before the Committee our next agenda item, H.R. 4733, a bill to permit the United States Capitol Police to accept certain property from other Federal agencies and to dispose of certain property in its possession.

Without objection, the first reading of the bill is dispensed with, and the bill is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

[The bill follows:]



114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4733

To permit the United States Capitol Police to accept certain property from other Federal agencies and to dispose of certain property in its possession.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To permit the United States Capitol Police to accept certain property from other Federal agencies and to dispose of certain property in its possession.

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. AUTHORITIES OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL PO-**  
4 **LICE TO DISPOSE OF FORFEITED AND ABAN-**  
5 **DONED PROPERTY AND TO ACCEPT SURPLUS**  
6 **OR OBSOLETE PROPERTY OFFERED BY**  
7 **OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

8 (a) DISPOSAL OF FORFEITED AND ABANDONED  
9 PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF CAPITOL POLICE.—Section  
10 1003(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,

1 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1906(a)) is amended by striking “surplus  
2 or obsolete property of the Capitol Police” and inserting  
3 the following: “surplus or obsolete property of the Capitol  
4 Police, and property which is in the possession of the Cap-  
5 itol Police because it has been disposed, forfeited, volun-  
6 tarily abandoned, or unclaimed.”.

7 (b) ACCEPTANCE OF SURPLUS OR OBSOLETE PROP-  
8 ERTY OFFERED BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon  
9 notifying the Committees of Appropriations of the House  
10 of Representatives and Senate, the United States Capitol  
11 Police may accept surplus or obsolete property offered by  
12 another Federal department, agency, or office.

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The CHAIRMAN. This bill updates the current U.S. Code to allow the U.S. Capitol Police to accept certain surplus items, as well as to dispose of certain property, such as unclaimed lost-and-found items, which has been left by visitors either at the U.S. Capitol or congressional buildings, from the department's possession.

I would recognize our Ranking Member, Mr. Brady, if he has any statement.

Mr. BRADY. Thank you, Madam Chairman. I appreciate your including this measure for consideration today.

While the proposed legislation may not be the most serious problem confronting America today, it responds to a formal legislative request and the Committee owes the police its attention, and I support this bill.

The CHAIRMAN. I thank the gentleman.

Any other Member wish to offer an amendment or comment on the bill?

Yes, the gentleman from California.

Mr. VARGAS. The only comment I would make is to thank the Capitol Police. I have had such great service here. I really appreciate the work that they do, and I hope that you take that back to them. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

I move the Committee favorably report this bill to the House. The question is on the motion.

All in favor, signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, the ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

I now call before the Committee our next agenda item, H.R. 5227, the Library of Congress Modernization Act of 2016.

Without objection, the first reading of the bill is dispensed with, and the bill is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

[The bill follows:]





114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5227

To authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all forms, to establish a National Collection Stewardship Fund for the processing and storage of collection materials of the Library of Congress, and to provide for the continuation of service of returning members of Joint Committee on the Library at beginning of a Congress.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HARPER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all forms, to establish a National Collection Stewardship Fund for the processing and storage of collection materials of the Library of Congress, and to provide for the continuation of service of returning members of Joint Committee on the Library at beginning of a Congress.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Library of Congress  
3 Modernization Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR**  
5 **THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**  
6 **TO PROVIDE PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT IN ALL**  
7 **FORMATS.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The first sentence of the Act enti-  
9 tled “An Act to provide books for the adult blind”, ap-  
10 proved March 3, 1931 (2 U.S.C. 135a), is amended by  
11 striking “and for purchase, maintenance, and replacement  
12 of reproducers for such sound-reproduction recordings”  
13 and inserting “and for purchase, maintenance, and re-  
14 placement of reproducers for any such forms”.

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This amendment made by  
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2017  
17 and each succeeding fiscal year.

18 **SEC. 3. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NATIONAL COLLECTION**  
19 **STEWARDSHIP FUND.**

20 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is hereby established in  
21 the Treasury of the United States, as an account for the  
22 Librarian of Congress, the “Library of Congress National  
23 Collection Stewardship Fund” (hereafter in this section  
24 referred to as the “Fund”).

25 (b) **USE OF AMOUNTS.**—Amounts in the Fund may  
26 be used by the Librarian as follows:

1           (1) The Librarian may use amounts directly for  
2           the purpose of preparing collection materials of the  
3           Library of Congress for long-term storage.

4           (2) The Librarian may transfer amounts to the  
5           Architect of the Capitol for the purpose of designing,  
6           constructing, altering, upgrading, and equipping col-  
7           lections preservation and storage facilities for the Li-  
8           brary of Congress, or for the purpose of acquiring  
9           real property by lease for the preservation and stor-  
10          age of Library of Congress collections in accordance  
11          with section 1102 of the Legislative Branch Appro-  
12          priations Act, 2009 (2 U.S.C. 1823a).

13          (c) CONTENTS OF FUND.—The Fund shall consist of  
14          the following amounts:

15               (1) Such amounts as may be transferred by the  
16               Librarian from amounts appropriated for any fiscal  
17               year for the Library of Congress under the heading  
18               “Salaries and Expenses”.

19               (2) Such amounts as may be transferred by the  
20               Architect of the Capitol from amounts appropriated  
21               for any fiscal year for the Office of the Architect of  
22               the Capitol under the heading “Library of Congress  
23               Buildings and Grounds”.

24               (3) Such amounts as may be appropriated to  
25               the Fund under law.

1 (d) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any  
2 amounts in the Fund shall remain available until ex-  
3 pended.

4 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
5 the end of each fiscal year, the Librarian and the Architect  
6 of the Capitol shall submit a joint report on the Fund to  
7 the Joint Committee on the Library and the Committees  
8 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the  
9 Senate.

10 (f) INITIAL 5-YEAR PLAN.—Not later than 6 months  
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Librarian  
12 shall submit to the Joint Committee on the Library and  
13 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives and the Senate a report providing a plan for  
15 expenditures from the Fund for the first 5 fiscal years  
16 of the Fund's operation.

17 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with  
18 respect to fiscal year 2017 and each succeeding fiscal year.

19 **SEC. 4. CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF RETURNING MEM-**  
20 **BERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LI-**  
21 **BRARY AT BEGINNING OF CONGRESS.**

22 (a) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning  
24 on the first day of a Congress and ending on the  
25 date described in paragraph (2), any Member of

1 Congress who served as a member of the Joint Com-  
2 mittee on the Library during the previous Congress  
3 shall continue to serve as a member of the Joint  
4 Committee.

5 (2) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date described in  
6 this paragraph is, with respect to a Congress—

7 (A) in the case of a Member of Congress  
8 who is a Member of the House of Representa-  
9 tives, the date on which Members of the House  
10 are appointed to serve on the Joint Committee  
11 for the Congress; and

12 (B) in the case of a Member of Congress  
13 who is a Senator, the date on which Senators  
14 are appointed to serve on the Joint Committee  
15 for the Congress.

16 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The final un-  
17 designated paragraph under the heading “Senate.”  
18 in section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (chapter  
19 141; 22 Stat. 592) (2 U.S.C. 133), is hereby re-  
20 pealed.

21 (b) TRANSITIONAL CHAIRMANSIIP PRIOR TO FIRST  
22 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.—During the period begin-  
23 ning on the first day of a Congress and ending on the  
24 date of the first organizational meeting of the Joint Com-

1 mittee on the Library, the Chairman of the Joint Com-  
2 mittee on the Library shall be determined as follows:

3 (1) If the member who served as Chairman dur-  
4 ing the previous Congress is appointed to serve on  
5 the Joint Committee for such Congress, such mem-  
6 ber shall serve as Chairman during such period.

7 (2) If the member who served as Chairman dur-  
8 ing the previous Congress is not appointed to serve  
9 on the Joint Committee for such Congress but the  
10 member who served as Vice Chairman during the  
11 previous Congress is appointed to serve on the Joint  
12 Committee for such Congress, the member who  
13 served as Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman  
14 during such period.

15 (3) If neither the member who served as Chair-  
16 man nor the member who served as Vice Chairman  
17 during the previous Congress is appointed to serve  
18 on the Joint Committee for such Congress—

19 (A) the member who is the Chairman of  
20 the Committee on House Administration of the  
21 House of Representatives shall serve as Chair-  
22 man during such period if the Chairman during  
23 the previous Congress was a Member of the  
24 House of Representatives; or

1           (B) the member who is the Chairman of  
2           the Committee on Rules and Administration of  
3           the Senate shall serve as Chairman during such  
4           period if the Chairman during the previous  
5           Congress was a Senator.

6           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
7           ment made by this section shall apply with respect to the  
8           One Hundred Fifteenth Congress and each succeeding  
9           Congress.

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The CHAIRMAN. This bill provides updates to the Library's authorization. One wonderful aspect of this bill is that it paves the way for the National Library Services for the Blind to provide greater access to braille resources, especially digital braille readers and materials. Increasing this access to the great works housed at the Library I think is of significant importance and it is an innovative use of today's modern technology.

The bill will also authorize the creation of a National Collection Stewardship Fund intended to ease the challenges the Library faces with its collection and storage backlog of material infrastructure needs. This fund should be able to be filled by transferring appropriated dollars from existing funds to assist in applying sufficient resources for Library needs.

I recognize the Ranking Member, Mr. Brady, for any statement he may have.

Mr. BRADY. Thank you, Madam Chair. I was pleased to cosponsor your bill.

This bill includes three of the five provisions of my H.R. 4093 that I introduced last year at the Library's request, and I urge my colleagues to support it too. Since two provisions to H.R. 4093 did not make it into this bill, I have introduced a new bill carrying them and hope we will consider that bill at the next markup. One or both of these provisions to improve the Library's gift authority and revolving funds have passed before but has not gone the distance. I believe you should take another look.

In the meantime, I strongly support this bill. Thank you for bringing it forward. And I yield back.

The CHAIRMAN. I thank the gentleman. And I certainly commit to working with him for the other provisions that he has just mentioned.

Any other Member like to offer an amendment or comment?

If not, I move the Committee favorably report this bill to the House. The question is on the motion.

All Members in favor of the motion, please signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, the ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

We now call before the Committee our next and our final agenda item for the markup before we go into our hearing, and this is H.R. 4734, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. This bill will allow candidates running for Federal office the opportunity to designate an additional individual, separate from the campaign treasurer, who would be authorized to distribute campaign funds in the event of the death of the candidate.

Without objection, the first reading of the bill is dispensed with, and the bill is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

[The bill follows:]





114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4734

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO**  
2 **MAKE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE DISBURSE-**  
3 **MENTS IN EVENT OF DEATH OF CANDIDATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302 of the Federal Elec-  
5 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102) is amended  
6 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(j)(1) Each candidate may, with respect to each au-  
8 thorized committee of the candidate, designate an indi-  
9 vidual who shall be responsible for disbursing funds in the  
10 accounts of the committee in the event of the death of  
11 the candidate, and may also designate another individual  
12 to carry out the responsibilities of the designated indi-  
13 vidual under this subsection in the event of the death or  
14 incapacity of the designated individual or the unwilling-  
15 ness of the designated individual to carry out the respon-  
16 sibilities.

17 “(2) In order to designate an individual under this  
18 subsection, the candidate shall file with the Commission  
19 a signed written statement (in a standardized form devel-  
20 oped by the Commission) that contains the name and ad-  
21 dress of the individual and the name of the authorized  
22 committee for which the designation shall apply, and that  
23 may contain the candidate’s instructions regarding the  
24 disbursement of the funds involved by the individual. At  
25 any time after filing the statement, the candidate may re-  
26 voke the designation of an individual by filing with the

1 Commission a signed written statement of revocation (in  
2 a standardized form developed by the Commission).

3 “(3) Upon the death of a candidate who has des-  
4 igned an individual for purposes of paragraph (1), funds  
5 in the accounts of each authorized committee of the can-  
6 didate may be disbursed only under the direction and in  
7 accordance with the instructions of such individual, sub-  
8 ject to the terms and conditions applicable to the disburse-  
9 ment of such funds under this Act or any other applicable  
10 Federal or State law (other than any provision of State  
11 law which authorizes any person other than such indi-  
12 vidual to direct the disbursement of such funds).

13 “(4) Nothing in paragraph (3) may be construed to  
14 grant any authority to an individual who is designated  
15 pursuant to this subsection other than the authority to  
16 direct the disbursement of funds as provided in such para-  
17 graph, or may be construed to affect the responsibility of  
18 the treasurer of an authorized committee for which funds  
19 are disbursed in accordance with such paragraph to file  
20 reports of the disbursements of such funds under section  
21 304(a).”.

22 (b) INCLUSION OF DESIGNATION IN STATEMENT OF  
23 ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE.—Section 303(b) of the  
24 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.  
25 30103(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the  
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at  
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
6 paragraph:

7 “(7) in the case of an authorized committee of  
8 a candidate who has designated an individual under  
9 section 302(j) (including a second individual des-  
10 ignated to carry out the responsibilities of that indi-  
11 vidual under such section in the event of that indi-  
12 vidual’s death or incapacity or unwillingness to carry  
13 out the responsibilities) to disburse funds from the  
14 accounts of the committee in the event of the death  
15 of the candidate, a copy of the statement filed by the  
16 candidate with the Commission under such section  
17 (as well as a copy of any subsequent statement of  
18 revocation filed by the candidate with the Commis-  
19 sion under such section).”.

20 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with  
22 respect to authorized campaign committees which are des-  
23 ignated under section 302(e)(1) of the Federal Election

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1 Campaign Act of 1971 before, on, or after the date of the  
2 enactment of this Act.

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The CHAIRMAN. I recognize the Ranking Member, Mr. Brady, for any statement that he wishes to give.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Chair, first thank you for including H.R. 4734 among the other bills for consideration today. This is a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act. The bill allows a candidate for Federal office to designate someone to disburse their campaign funds in the event of his or her death. The Federal candidate would be able to designate this person by filing an appropriate form with the FEC and could change the designee at any time.

Our friend from North Carolina, Walter Jones, has championed this proposal for many years. I was pleased that he worked with me this year to get the measure reintroduced.

This bill is familiar to the Committee. Should we report this bill favorably, it would be the fourth time it has been sent to the floor where it passed on three previous occasions. Each time the Senate declined to act on it. What they did, because it was such a good bill, they kept on loading other things into it and we couldn't get it passed. I hope the fourth time is a charm.

This is a simple commonsense fix for a minor flaw in our campaign finance laws. It provides clear guidance to those charged with the financial responsibility over a candidate's funds while preserving the intentions of the candidate in the event of his or her death. I am happy to support this bill, and I look forward to it finally becoming law.

Madam Chair, I had my own experience with a treasurer when I first got elected. We all want to have the optics right and put in a lawyer—no disrespect to lawyers, but lawyers are lawyers—or an accountant—to look good. And then after about a year or so I found out that my treasurer was allocating funds to some other people that I didn't want to have happen while I was still alive. Imagine what would happen if I wasn't.

So nobody wants to really put a spouse or a family member or a person with the same name as the treasurer, again, because of the optics. This allows us to do that, and that person has no say whatsoever on disbursing of funds on any way, shape, or form while we are still alive. But in the event, unfortunately, of our death—which nobody gets out of this business alive, you know, it can happen while we are in office, and that person that we designate would know what charities we want to give our money to, what candidates we want to support, or who we may want to give it back.

So I do believe this is a time that we are going to push as hard as we can to have the Senate hear it and try to get this done that benefits all of us. And thank you again for bringing this up.

And I yield back.

The CHAIRMAN. I thank the gentleman very much, and I certainly concur in everything that he said. I mean, if you think about it, a lot of these Federal candidate accounts are worth a lot of money and you certainly want to make sure that if, God forbid, something happens, that you do have a treasurer who is going to be able to disburse the remaining funds in a way that the candidate would have wanted it to go to, like you say, the charities that you felt strongly about or officeholders, et cetera.

So I think it is a commonsense bill, although I am stunned to hear you say that the Senate actually loaded this thing up and it couldn't move. Kidding. Anyway, I certainly support this as well.

Is there any other Member that wishes to—yes, Mr. Harper.

Mr. HARPER. Yes. I just wanted to remind everyone that lawyers are people too.

Mr. BRADY. What kind of people?

Ms. LOFGREN. You are surrounded by them.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, gentlemen.

Any other Member?

Okay. If not, I move that the Committee favorably report the bill to the House. The question is on the motion.

All the Members that are in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

Opposed, say nay.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, the ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

I would ask unanimous consent that the staff be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to the measure the Committee just considered.

Without objection, so ordered.

And this concludes today's markup. Without objection, this part of the meeting is adjourned, and we will have the Chief come in and start with our hearing.

[Whereupon, at 11:12 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]