

bill contained sec. 9001 through sec. 9709 that would enact the Department of State Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate amendment with various technical and clarifying amendments.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI

(Community Project Funding Items)

TITLE	AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT LOCATION	AMOUNT (Dollars in Thousands)	MEMBER(S)
4601	Army	Guided Missile Maintenance Building (Design)	Anniston Army Depot, AL	5,300	Rogers, Mike (AL)
4601	Army	Joint Inter-Agency Task Force-South Command and Control Facility	Naval Air Station Key West, FL	90,000	Gimenez, Carlos A. (FL)
4601	Navy	Child Development Center (Design)	Naval Air Station Oceana, VA	4,080	Kiggans, Jennifer A. (VA)
4601	Navy	Child Development Center (Design)	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, VA	2,751	Kiggans, Jennifer A. (VA)
4601	Navy	Child Development Center (Design)	Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL	6,900	Waltz, Michael (FL)/ Rutherford, John H. (FL)
4601	Navy	Communications Center & Infrastructure Upgrades (Design)	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island Command, FL	4,300	Waltz, Michael (FL)
4601	Navy	F35 Aircraft Engine Repair Facility (Design)	Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL	13,737	Rutherford, John H. (FL)
4601	Navy	PDI: Defense Access Roads III	Naval Base Guam, GU	100,000	Moylan, James C. (GU)
4601	Navy	Unaccompanied Housing (Design)	Naval Air Station Oceana, VA	16,000	Kiggans, Jennifer A. (VA)
4601	Navy	Water Treatment Plant	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI	75,000	Case, Ed (HI)
4601	Navy	Waterfront Emergency Power (Design)	Naval Station Mayport, FL	13,700	Rutherford, John H. (FL)
4601	Air Force	ADAL Child Development Center	Barksdale Air Force Base, LA	22,000	Johnson, Mike (LA)
4601	Air Force	Advanced Materials Research Laboratory - C2A (Design)	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH	9,200	Turner, Michael R. (OH)
4601	Air Force	BMT – Classroom/Dining Facility 4	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX	60,000	Gonzales, Tony (TX)
4601	Air Force	Combat Arms Training & Maintenance Complex	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC	41,000	Davis, Donald (NC)
4601	Air Force	F35: Academic Training Center	Ebbing Air National Guard Base, AK	74,000	Womack, Steve (AR)
4601	Air Force	Multi-Domain Operations Complex	Beale Air Force Base, CA	55,000	Garamendi, John (CA)
4601	Air Force	Power Independence	Buckley Space Force Base, CO	68,000	Crow, Jason (CO)
4601	Defense-Wide	General Purpose Warehouse (Design)	Anniston Army Depot, AL	3,420	Rogers, Mike (AL)
4601	Defense-Wide	Small Arms Warehouse (Design)	Anniston Army Depot, AL	14,500	Rogers, Mike (AL)
4601	Army National Guard	Readiness Center Addition/Alteration (Design)	Detroit Olympia, MI	4,400	James, John (MI)
4601	Army Reserve	Aviation Support Facility	Fort Knox, KY	57,000	Guthrie, Brett (KY)
4601	Army Reserve	Vertical Skills Instruction Facility	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ	16,000	Kim, Andy (NJ)
4601	Navy Reserve	Whole Hangar Repair	Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, TX	10,000	Ellzey, Jake (TX)
4601	Air Force Reserve	512th Operations Group Facility	Dover Air Force Base, DE	42,000	Blunt Rochester, Lisa (DE)

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on December 5, 2024, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 7438. To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the FIFA World Cup 2026, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7218. To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend the program for promotion of public health knowledge and awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5799. To designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 90 West in Uvalde

County, Texas, as the “James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint”.

H.R. 5536. To require transparency in notices of funding opportunity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5302. To designate the Air and Marine Operations Marine Unit of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection located at 101 Km 18.5 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, as the “Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit”.

H.R. 2950. To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8932. To establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA.

H.R. 7764. To establish a commission to study the potential transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, further reported that on December 10, 2024, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 5863. To provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters.

H.R. 3821. To reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.

H.R. 1432. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1086 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

# NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

U.S. CONGRESS, OFFICE OF  
CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS,  
Washington, DC, December 10, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
The United States Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Section 207(d) of the Congressional Accountability Act (CAA), 2 U.S.C. 1316b(d), requires the Board of Directors of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (Board) to issue substantive regulations implementing section 207 of the CAA relating to the Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act of 2019.

Section 304(b)(3) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. 1384(b)(3), requires that, with regard to substantive regulations under the CAA, after the Board has published a general notice of proposed rulemaking as required by subsection (b)(1) and received comments pursuant to subsection (b)(2), "the Board shall adopt regulations and shall transmit notice of such action together with a copy of such regulations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate for publication in the Congressional Record on the first day on which both Houses are in session following such transmittal."

The Board has adopted the regulations in the Notice of Adoption of Substantive Regulations and Transmittal for Congressional Approval, which accompany this transmittal letter. The Board requests that the accompanying Notice be published in the House version of the Congressional Record on the first day on which both Houses are in session following receipt of this transmittal. The Board has adopted the same regulations for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the other covered entities and facilities, and therefore recommends that the adopted regulations be approved by concurrent resolution of the Congress.

Any inquiries regarding this notice should be addressed to Martin J. Crane, Executive Director of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, Room LA-200, 110 Second Street SE, Washington, DC 20540-1999; 202-724-9250.

Sincerely,

BARBARA CHILDS WALLACE,  
Chair of the Board of Directors,  
Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL  
WORKPLACE RIGHTS

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

**Regulations Implementing Certain Substantive Rights and Protections for Job Applicants, as Required by Section 207 of the Congressional Accountability Act ("CAA").**

**Notice of Adoption of Substantive Regulations and Submission for Approval as Required by 2 U.S.C. § 1316b of the CAA.**

### Procedural Summary:

#### Issuance of the Board's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act of 2019 ("FCA") was enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2020 (H. Rept. 116-333, Title XI, Sections 1121-1124). Under the FCA, Federal employers (including employing offices in the legislative branch) may not request from most job applicants information on arrest and conviction history until a conditional job offer has been extended. Congress applied the FCA to the legislative branch by amending the CAA to add a new section 207, 2 U.S.C. § 1316b.

On June 13, 2024, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights ("OCWR") published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPR") in the *Congressional Record*. 170 Cong. Rec. H4056-02, S4091-04 (daily ed. June 13, 2024). The NPR proposed substantive regulations relating to implementation of the FCA in the legislative branch. The Board, now having considered comments to the NPR, has adopted, and is submitting for approval by the Congress, final substantive regulations implementing section 207 of the CAA.

#### Why did the Board propose these substantive regulations?

Section 207(d) of the CAA requires the Board to issue substantive regulations implementing section 207. Section 207(d) requires the Board's regulations to be:

the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management . . . except to the extent that the Board may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section.

#### What procedure followed the Board's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking?

The NPR included a 30-day comment period, which began on June 13, 2024. The Board received three sets of comments to the proposed substantive regulations. The Board has reviewed these comments, made certain changes to its proposed substantive regulations in response to the comments, adopted final substantive regulations, and is submitting them for approval by Congress pursuant to section 304 of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. § 1384.

#### What is the effect of the Board's adoption of these substantive regulations?

Adoption of these substantive regulations by the Board does not complete the promulgation process. Pursuant to section 304, following the Board's adoption of the regulations, it must transmit notice of such action together with the regulations and a recommendation regarding the method for Congressional approval of the regulations to the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate for publication in the *Congressional Record*. This Notice of Adoption of Substantive Regulations and Submission for Congressional Approval completes this step.

#### What are the next steps in the process of promulgation of these regulations?

Pursuant to section 304(b)(4) of the CAA, the Board is required to "include a recommendation in the general notice of proposed rulemaking and in the regulations as to whether the regulations should be approved by resolution of the Senate, by resolution of the House of Representatives, by concurrent resolution, or by joint resolution." The Board has adopted the same regulations for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the other covered entities and facilities, and the Board recommends that the adopted regulations be approved by concurrent resolution of the Congress.

#### Are these substantive regulations also recommended by OCWR's Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director for the Senate, and the Deputy Executive Director for the House of Representatives?

As required by section 304(b)(1) of the CAA, these substantive regulations are recommended by the Deputy Director for the Senate in regard to regulations under subsection (a)(2)(B)(i), the Deputy Director for the House of Representatives in regard to regulations under subsection (a)(2)(B)(ii), and the Executive Director for regulations under subsection (a)(2)(B)(iii).

#### Has the Board previously adopted substantive regulations implementing 2 U.S.C. § 1316b?

No.

#### Are these substantive regulations available to persons with disabilities in an alternate format?

This Notice is available on the OCWR's website, [www.ocwr.gov](http://www.ocwr.gov), which is compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794d. This Notice can also be made available in large print, braille, or other alternative format. Requests for this Notice in an alternative format should be made to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, 202-724-9250 (voice); 202-426-1913 (fax); or [ADAaccess@ocwr.gov](mailto:ADAaccess@ocwr.gov) (email).

#### The Board's Responses to Comments Received

The Board received comments from three sources. The comments addressed four major points, and one commenter also proposed a number of minor corrections, most of which the Board has incorporated.

#### Political Appointees

The FCA directs the Office of Personnel Management ("OPM") to issue regulations identifying positions in the executive branch with respect to which the prohibitions under subsection (a) of the Act shall not apply. OPM's substantive regulations thus provide at 5 CFR § 920.201(b)(2) that such prohibitions shall not apply with respect to an applicant for a "political appointment." OPM's regulations define "political appointment" at 5 CFR § 920.101:

*Political appointment* means an appointment by the President without Senate confirmation (except those appointed under 5 CFR 213.3102(c)); an appointment to a position compensated under the Executive Schedule (5 U.S.C. 5312 through 5316); an appointment of a White House Fellow to be assigned as an assistant to a top-level Federal officer (5 CFR 213.3102(z)); a Schedule C appointment (5 CFR 213.3301, 213.3302); a non-career, limited term, or limited emergency Senior Executive Service appointment (5 CFR part 317, subpart F); an appointee to serve in a political capacity under agency-specific authority; and a provisional political appointment.

In the NPR, the Board did not include a parallel exception for political appointments