

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 4499.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4499, a bill that makes important technical corrections to our Federal statutes and ensures that references in the United States Code remain accurate.

The Office of the Law Revision Counsel, or OLRC, is responsible for preparing and publishing the United States Code, which organizes the Federal laws enacted by Congress. In 2017, the OLRC moved various laws to title 34 of the United States Code, which pertains to crime control and law enforcement. This was done to ensure that our Nation's laws are properly organized.

H.R. 4499 updates references to these laws throughout the titles of the code affected by their move to title 34. While these may be technical changes, they are important for maintaining an accurate and accessible United States Code. I am grateful that Congress is taking action through my bill, as well as the other legislation being considered by the House today, to ensure that our laws accurately reflect the current code.

I thank the Office of the Law Revision Counsel for all the work it does, as well as those on the Judiciary Committee who helped address these much-needed changes. I urge all my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Today, we are considering a series of bipartisan and, one hopes, non-controversial bills to help ensure that the U.S. Code is up-to-date and accessible to all American citizens. We do this at least once every Congress. This is the first time we are doing it in the 119th Congress, I believe, and I am very pleased to support this package.

Currently consisting of 54 different titles, the U.S. Code is a compilation of the vast array of Federal laws organized by coherent subject matter areas. As new laws are passed, they get assimilated into the code, which is a painstaking process undertaken by the dedicated professionals who work in the Office of the Law Revision Counsel.

As part of the office's efforts to maintain the code, they work to make it more efficient and easier to navigate and understand. This includes correcting technical errors, removing ambiguities, updating statutory cross-ref-

erences, and repealing provisions that have become obsolete.

The bills we are considering today are a result of this exhaustive process. It is important to note that these bills make no change to the substantive meaning or effect of any existing laws. They are purely technical in nature and will help ensure that the code is authoritative, accurate, and accessible.

I thank Chairman JORDAN for continuing our Judiciary Committee's long tradition of considering these bills in a bipartisan way. I thank the sponsors of each bill for bringing them forward today.

The first of them is H.R. 4499, which updates cross-references and corrects related technical errors throughout the code to accommodate previous reclassification efforts in title 34.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support the legislation, and I thank my distinguished colleague for his leadership. I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, so I will not belabor the point. I like this legislation, and I am voting for it. I hope everybody does. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I support this bill. I am very grateful for the bipartisan support, and I urge everyone to support H.R. 4499. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRESNAHAN). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4499, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE, AS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE CODE

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4523) to make technical amendments to title 49, United States Code, as necessary to improve the Code.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4523

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

SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Table of contents.

Sec. 2. Purpose.

Sec. 3. Technical amendments to chapter 224 of title 49, United States Code.

Sec. 4. Other technical amendments.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to make technical amendments to title 49, United States Code, as necessary to improve the Code.

SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 224 OF TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 22401 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(A) The term” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) as subclauses (I), (II), and (III);

(ii) by striking “(B) The cost” and inserting the following:

“(B) DIRECT LOAN.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The cost”; and

(iii) by striking “Calculation of the cost of a direct loan” and inserting:

“(ii) INCLUSION.—Calculation of the cost of a direct loan”;

(C) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subclauses (I) and (II);

(ii) by striking “(C) The cost” and inserting the following:

“(C) LOAN GUARANTEE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The cost”; and

(iii) by striking “Calculation of the cost of a loan guarantee” and inserting the following:

“(ii) INCLUSION.—Calculation of the cost of a loan guarantee”;

(D) in subparagraph (D), by striking “(D) The cost” and inserting the following:

“(D) MODIFICATION.—The cost”;

(E) in subparagraph (E), by striking “(E) In estimating” and inserting the following:

“(E) NET PRESENT VALUES.—In estimating”; and

(F) in subparagraph (F), by striking “(F) When funds” and inserting the following:

“(F) BASIS OF ESTIMATED COST.—When funds”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “(2 U.S.C. 900(c)(9))” after “Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985”; and

(3) in paragraph (12)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “of this title” after “section 20102”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “of this title” after “section 24102”.

(b) DIRECT LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES.—Section 22402 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “government sponsored” and inserting “government-sponsored”;

(2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “of this title” after “section 20157(i)”;

(3) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “(2 U.S.C. 661c(b)(1))” after “section 504(b)(1) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990”;

(B) in paragraph (5)—

(i) in the matter before subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting “of this title” after “section 22406(a)(2)”;

(II) by striking “(Public Law 114-94)” and inserting “(Public Law 114-94, 129 Stat. 1312)”;

(III) by striking “(Public Law 94-210)” and inserting “(Public Law 94-210, 90 Stat. 31)”;

and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(Public Law 117-58, div. B, 135 Stat. 652)” after “Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021”; and

(C) in paragraph (7), by inserting “(Public Law 117-58, div. B, 135 Stat. 652)” after “Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021”;

(4) in subsection (g)(1)(C)(ii)(II), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(5) in subsection (h)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by inserting “of this title” after “section 24312”; and

(ii) by inserting “of this title” after “section 24308(a)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22404”; and

(6) in subsection (i)—

(A) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking the heading “ACTIONS BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET” and inserting the heading “ACTIONS BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET”;

(B) in paragraph (4)(A)—

(i) by inserting “(Public Law 117–58, div. B, 135 Stat. 652)” after “Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021”; and

(ii) by striking “an streamlined” and inserting “a streamlined”; and

(C) in paragraph (6)(A)—

(i) in clause (iv), by striking “refinancing an” and inserting “refinancing of an”; and

(ii) in clause (ix), by inserting “of this title” after “section 5323(j)”.

(c) ADMINISTRATION OF DIRECT LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES.—Section 22403 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”;

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”;

(3) in subsection (c), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”;

(4) in subsection (d)(3), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402(f)”;

(5) in subsection (g), in the matter before paragraph (1), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”;

(6) in subsection (h)(1), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”;

(7) in subsection (i)—

(A) in the matter before paragraph (1), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402” each place it appears; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “of this section”; and

(8) in subsection (m), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”.

(d) SUBSTANTIVE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS.—Section 22405(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402”.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 22406 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking the period at the end;

(2) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22402(f)(5)”; and

(3) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “of this title” after “section 22403(1)(1)”.

SEC. 4. OTHER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND INNOVATIVE FINANCE BUREAU.—Section 116(d)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “of this title” after “sections 22401 through 22403”.

(b) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT OF 2021.—Section 21303(1) of the Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021 (49 U.S.C. 22402 note) is amended by striking “section 22402(b)(1)(E) of title 49” and inserting “section 22402(b)(1)(F) of title 49”.

(c) GRANT CONDITIONS.—Section 22905(c)(2)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “of this title” after “section 22404”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ONDER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ONDER. 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 on H.R. 4523.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 4523, which provides technical corrections to Federal transportation law related to the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program.

The meaning of the law remains unchanged. It simply improves the statute for legal clarity and accuracy. This is part of Congress’ role in providing revisions to the code to account for new laws passed by Congress and additions or changes those laws make. It is a simple and straightforward measure that ensures the United States Code reflects the most up-to-date information.

I encourage my colleagues to support this and other technical corrections bills on the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

The legislation makes a variety of technical corrections to title 49, following enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, but it makes no substantive changes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this bipartisan bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ONDER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4523.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDING CHAPTERS 4, 10, AND 131 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, AS NECESSARY TO KEEP THOSE CHAPTERS CURRENT AND TO CORRECT RELATED TECHNICAL ERRORS

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4465) to amend chapters 4, 10, and 131 of title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep those chapters current and to correct related technical errors.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4465

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

SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Table of contents.

Sec. 2. Purpose; effect on existing law.

Sec. 3. Amendments to chapters 4, 10, and 131 of title 5, United States Code.

Sec. 4. Subsequent amendments.

Sec. 5. Conforming amendments.

Sec. 6. Transitional and savings provisions.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE; EFFECT ON EXISTING LAW.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to amend chapters 4, 10, and 131 of title 5, United States Code, as necessary—

(1) to keep those chapters current by incorporating laws enacted after October 19, 2021, that are deemed to amend or repeal provisions of those chapters pursuant to section 5 of Public Law 117–286 (136 Stat. 4360); and

(2) to correct related technical errors.

(b) EFFECT ON EXISTING LAW.—The amendments made by this Act do not change the meaning or effect of the existing law. The amendments only incorporate laws as described in subsection (a) to reflect existing law in chapters 4, 10, and 131 of title 5, United States Code, and correct related technical errors.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 4, 10, AND 131 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—

(1) SECTION 401.—

(A) Section 401 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(i) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6), respectively; and

(ii) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redesignated, the following new paragraph (1):

“(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

“(B) the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives; and

“(C) any other relevant congressional committee or subcommittee of jurisdiction.”.

(B) Section 401(5) of title 5, United States Code, as redesignated by subparagraph (A), is amended to read as follows:

“(5) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, the term ‘Inspector General’ means the Inspector General of an establishment.”.

(2) SECTION 403.—

(A) Section 403(b) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(b) REMOVAL OR TRANSFER.—

“(1) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT; WRITTEN COMMUNICATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An Inspector General may be removed from office by the President. If an Inspector General is removed from office or is transferred to another position or location within an establishment, the President shall communicate in writing the substantive rationale, including detailed and case-specific reasons, for any such removal or transfer to both Houses of Congress (including to the appropriate congressional committees), not later than 30 days before the removal or transfer. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a personnel action otherwise authorized by law, other than transfer or removal.

“(B) WRITTEN COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS IN CASE OF OPEN OR COMPLETED INQUIRY.—If there is an open or completed inquiry into an Inspector General that relates to the removal or transfer of the Inspector General under subparagraph (A), the written communication required under that subparagraph shall—

“(i) identify each entity that is conducting, or that conducted, the inquiry; and

“(ii) in the case of a completed inquiry, contain the findings made during the inquiry.”.