

Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Full Committee Markup

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, 2020

MANAGER'S AMENDMENT

Offered by Mr. Quigley of Illinois

In the BILL:

On page 5, line 3, strike "human rights".

On page 91, line 3, insert "and section 5" after "section 3".

In the REPORT:

On page 10, strike the first full paragraph and insert the following:

"Cybersecurity.—The President's budget requested an increase in funding for the Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection (OCIP) of nearly 140 percent. The Committee recognizes the need to protect the financial services sector and its customers from the devastating effects of cyberattacks and supports efforts by both industry and government to mitigate this threat. However, the Department has not adequately supported how the requested funding will further this goal. Therefore, prior to the obligation of any funds for this purpose, OCIP is directed to submit a report to the Committee on its collaborative efforts with the financial services sector to improve cybersecurity controls and safeguards; proposed ways to enhance these efforts, including a description of how these efforts will produce measurable improvements; and estimated costs for each discrete activity, including a proposed plan for the obligation of funds for each activity in fiscal year 2020.

Cyber Fraud.—Cyber fraud and related cyber-enabled crimes pose a severe threat to the national security and the financial services sector of the United States.

As a result of the unique nature of cybercrime, it is very difficult for law enforcement to respond to and prosecute cybercrime in a timely manner, leading to the existing low level of deterrence and a rapidly growing threat. The Committee determines that this status quo is unacceptable and that if left unchecked, cybercrime's effects on American businesses will become more severe. The Committee directs the Department of the Treasury and its component agencies and bureaus to work with other relevant Federal agencies, the private sector, and Congress to establish best practices for active cyber defense techniques to better defend American companies from cyberattack."

On page 12, in the first paragraph under the heading "Committee Recommendation", insert "and corruption-related" after "human rights".

On page 13, in the last sentence in the paragraph on "Human Rights Sanction Enforcement", strike "an increase of \$1,000,000 above the request" and insert "funding".

On page 13, after the paragraph on "Human Rights Sanctions Enforcement", insert the following:

"Venezuela Sanctions.—The Committee appreciates OFAC's efforts to employ sanctions in response to the activities of the Venezuelan government and Venezuelan individuals. These sanctions are in place to address terrorism, drug trafficking, human rights violations, corruption, and antidemocratic activities. The Committee directs OFAC to vigorously enforce these sanctions and take additional actions as necessary to promote democracy and improve the lives of Venezuelans.

Sanctions Transparency.—In an effort to improve transparency and inform the public about the status of various sanctions regimes, both public and private, the Committee urges OFAC to make publicly available in a concise and searchable format via its internet site a list of the government and private entities subject to sanctions by the United States, and a list of government and private entities that have imposed sanctions regimes on the United States and its allies."

On page 49, after the second full paragraph under the heading "Committee Recommendation", insert the following:

"CPSC is directed to include in its VGB Grant Program solicitation explicit language indicating that some aspects of the grant proposal may be achieved by contracting with other entities, including civic organizations."

On page 61 of the Report after the paragraph on "Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Court Space" insert the following:

"FBI Headquarters Consolidation.—The Committee notes that there is no current plan to proceed with construction of a new Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters. As such, the recommendation does not include funding for this effort. The Committee encourages GSA to work with the FBI to submit a prospectus for a new consolidated headquarters building in the National Capital Region that meets Interagency Security Committee Level V security standards."

On page 72, before the heading "Office of Inspector General", insert the following:

"Nixon Recordings.—The Committee encourages NARA to continue its effort to make available online to researchers, transcribers, and other interested parties the audio recordings of former President Richard Nixon."

Amendment to Financial Services and General Government Report
Offered by Mr. Cuellar of Texas

On page 62 of the Committee report after the paragraph on "Mexico-America Border Coordinator", insert the following:

"The Committee is concerned that many of our land ports of entry on the southwest border were either not designed to accommodate asylum seekers or do not have adequate space to process the large numbers of asylum seekers who legally present themselves for primary inspection by CBP officers. The lack of processing space at land ports of entry strands vulnerable asylum seekers in Mexico and leads some to attempt to cross illegally in more remote locations between the ports of entry, further overwhelming U.S. Border Patrol resources.

Therefore, the Committee directs GSA, in conjunction with CBP, to explore establishing a Center of Excellence to prioritize Construction and Acquisition program funding for major repairs and alterations at southwest border land ports of entry that have the highest number of asylum seekers. The Administrator is directed to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 60 days of enactment of this Act on the prioritization of and investments for all Capital Program – Construction and Acquisition projects."