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House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

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September 3, 2015

The Honorable Candice Miller
Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
1309 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

COMMITTEE
HOUSE ADMINISTRATION
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Dear Chairman Miller,

In accordance with the regulations of the Committee on House Administration, I am submitting herewith the monthly report of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for July 2015, including the following:

- A summary of specific programs and investigations;
- A statement of expenses and fund balance;
- A statement of authorized Committee travel expenses, and
- A listing of Committee employees showing their titles and gross monthly salaries.

This letter also certifies that copies of this report are available to each Member of the Committee.

Sincerely,



Lamar Smith
Chairman

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY July 2015

FULL COMMITTEE:

Hearings and Mark-ups

July 9, 2015

Convened a Full Committee hearing, *Examining EPA's Regulatory Overreach*.

July 15, 2015

Convened a Full Committee hearing, *Investigating Contract Misconduct at the National Weather Service*.

July 28, 2015

Convened a Full Committee hearing, *Exploration of the Solar System: From Mercury to Pluto and Beyond*.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY:

Hearings and Mark-ups

July 23, 2015

Convened a joint Energy Subcommittee and Oversight Subcommittee hearing, *The EPA Renewable Fuel Standard Mandate*.

July 29, 2015

Convened an Energy Subcommittee hearing, *A Review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Licensing Process*.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT:

Hearings and Mark-ups

July 14, 2015

Convened an Environment Subcommittee hearing, *Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts, Part II*.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT:

Hearings and Mark-ups

July 8, 2015

Convened a joint Research and Technology Subcommittee and Oversight Subcommittee hearing, *Is the OPM Data Breach the Tip of the Iceberg?*

July 23, 2015

Convened a joint Energy Subcommittee and Oversight Subcommittee hearing, *The EPA Renewable Fuel Standard Mandate*.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:

Hearings and Mark-ups

July 8, 2015

Convened a joint Research and Technology Subcommittee and Oversight Subcommittee hearing, *Is the OPM Data Breach the Tip of the Iceberg?*

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE:

Hearings and Mark-ups

July 10, 2015

Convened a Space Subcommittee Hearing, *The International Space Station: Addressing Operational Challenges*.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

FULL COMMITTEE:

July 7, 2015

H.R. 2960, TALENT Act, introduced by Rep. Jared Polis, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 2961, to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle and simple cycle power generation systems, introduced by Rep. Paul Tonko, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

July 8, 2015

H.R. 2983, Drought Recovery and Resilience Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Executive Communication No. 2098, Letter from Assistant Administrator for Procurement, Office of Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule - NASA FAR Supplement Regulatory Review No. 3 (RIN: 2700-AE19) received July 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Pub. L. 104-121, { 251.

July 13, 2015

H.R. 3033, READ Act, introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 3038, Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015, Part II, introduced by Rep. Paul Ryan, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. It subsequently passed the House on July 15, 2015.

July 15, 2015

H.R. 3038, Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015, Part II, introduced by Rep. Paul Ryan and referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, passed the House by a vote of 312 – 119.

H.R. 3064, to authorize highway infrastructure and safety, transit, motor carrier, rail, and other surface transportation programs, and for other purposes, introduced by Rep. Chris Van Hollen, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

July 21, 2015

H.R. 3143, Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Jerry McNerney, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

July 23, 2015

H.R. 3182, Planetary Leadership Utilizing Teaching and Observations Act, introduced by Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

July 27, 2015

H.R. 3328, to require that until a comprehensive study is completed, the volume of cellulosic biofuel mandated under the renewable fuel program be limited to what is commercially available, and for other purposes, introduced by Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

July 28, 2015

H.R. 3236, Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Bill Shuster, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. It subsequently passed the House on July 29, 2015 and was signed into law on July 31, 2015.

H.R. 3263, Battery Storage Innovation Act, introduced by Rep. Mark Takano, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 3266, Smart Manufacturing Leadership Act, introduced by Rep. Peter Welch, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

July 29, 2015

H.R. 3236, Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Bill Shuster and referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, passed the House by a vote of 385 – 34. It was subsequently signed into law on July 31, 2015.

H.R. 3293, to provide for greater accountability in Federal funding for scientific research, to promote the progress of science in the United States that serves that national interest, introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 3392, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act, introduced by Rep. Scott Peters, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 3413, to require a report on requirements and risks in connection with the use of radioisotopic power systems for space exploration beyond low-Earth orbit, introduced by Rep. Steve Stivers, was referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

July 31, 2014

Memorial No. 107, Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Ohio, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 9, to establish a sustainable energy-abundance plan for Ohio to meet future Ohio energy needs with affordable, abundant, and environmentally friendly energy.

H.R. 3236, Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Bill Shuster and referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee was signed into law.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY:

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Energy during July 2015.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT:

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Environment during July 2015.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT:

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight during July 2015.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology during July 2015.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE:

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Space during July 2015.

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Monthly Statement by Paid Date
114-1 July

Description	July	YTD Including July	Cumulative Total
Non Statutory Compensation	\$389,317.94	\$2,640,760.94	\$2,640,760.94
Accrued Leave	\$0.00	\$2,465.27	\$2,465.27
11 Personnel Compensation subtotal	\$389,317.94	\$2,643,226.21	\$2,643,226.21
Commercial Transportation	\$461.50	\$3,443.80	\$3,443.80
Lodging	\$226.26	\$1,336.28	\$1,336.28
Car Rental	\$146.07	\$536.26	\$536.26
Private Auto Mileage	\$272.55	\$272.55	\$272.55
Travel Subsistence	\$328.75	\$638.93	\$638.93
21 Travel subtotal	\$1,435.13	\$6,227.82	\$6,227.82
DC Telecommunication Equipment	\$224.00	\$1,708.00	\$1,708.00
DC Telecommunication Services	\$596.75	\$3,580.50	\$3,580.50
DC Telecommunication Tolls	\$1,470.93	\$11,246.00	\$11,246.00
HIR Graphics	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$21.00
Recording (Transfer)	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
Postage/Courier/Box Rental	\$2.38	\$48.56	\$48.56
23 Rent, Communications, and Utilities subtotal	\$2,434.06	\$16,744.06	\$16,744.06
Printing & Reproduction	\$224.38	\$1,350.27	\$1,350.27
Photographic (Transfer)	\$0.00	\$19.20	\$19.20
24 Printing and Reproduction subtotal	\$224.38	\$1,369.47	\$1,369.47
Laundry Services	\$0.00	\$118.99	\$118.99
Technology Service Contracts	\$3,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00
25 Other Services subtotal	\$3,500.00	\$24,618.99	\$24,618.99
Bottled Water	\$274.68	\$1,832.54	\$1,832.54
Food & Beverage	\$602.97	\$1,197.96	\$1,197.96
Office Supplies (Outside)	\$1,956.99	\$4,876.42	\$4,876.42
Office Supplies (Transfer)	\$613.20	\$5,395.31	\$5,395.31
Computer Software <\$500	\$0.00	\$392.00	\$392.00
Publications/Reference Material	\$530.65	\$2,127.79	\$2,127.79
26 Supplies and Materials subtotal	\$3,978.49	\$15,822.02	\$15,822.02
Comp. Hardware Purch. < \$25,000	\$509.05	\$3,207.56	\$3,207.56
Comp. Software Purch. < \$10,000	\$4,900.00	\$5,504.46	\$5,504.46
Maintenance / Repairs	\$1,471.01	\$9,834.74	\$9,834.74
Warranties	\$0.00	\$99.00	\$99.00
31 Equipment subtotal	\$6,880.06	\$18,645.76	\$18,645.76
Total Expenses	\$407,770.06	\$2,726,654.33	\$2,726,654.33

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Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date
July

Total Authorization	
114-1	\$5,335,582.00
Less Expenses for:	
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January, 2015	\$338,936.24
February, 2015	\$382,738.17
March, 2015	\$394,292.47
April, 2015	\$387,560.66
May, 2015	\$392,726.77
June, 2015	\$422,629.96
July, 2015	\$407,770.06
Total Expenses to Date:	\$2,726,654.33
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Unexpended Authorization	\$2,608,927.67

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Monthly Statement by Paid Date
114-1 July

Description	YTD Including		Cumulative Total
	July	July	
Franked Mail	\$78.38	\$333.43	\$333.43
FM Franking subtotal	\$78.38	\$333.43	\$333.43
Total Expenses	\$78.38	\$333.43	\$333.43

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Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date
July

Total Authorization	
114-1	\$5,000.00
Less Expenses for:	
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February, 2015	\$45.57
March, 2015	\$45.21
April, 2015	\$50.32
May, 2015	\$54.18
June, 2015	\$59.77
July, 2015	\$78.38
Total Expenses to Date:	\$333.43
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Unexpended Authorization	\$4,666.57

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Payroll Information for Monthly Committee Report

Fiscal Year:	2015
Month Paid:	July-15
Type	(Multiple Items)

Name	Title	Gross Monthly Compensation
Andres, Don	Shared Employee	\$833.33
Bharwani, Rajesh D.	Deputy Staff Director	\$10,161.67
Boyl, Molly	Gen. Counsel & Parliamentarian	\$10,000.00
Brazauskas, Joseph	Senior Counsel	\$7,500.00
Brown, Jennifer Y.	Chief of Staff	\$10,781.25
Carrigan, Alisa	Policy Assistant	\$3,333.33
Colliatie, Drew	Professional Staff	\$6,250.00
Corcoran, Brian	Policy Assistant	\$3,750.00
Crist, Laura	Press Secretary	\$2,916.67
Danford, Christa	Scheduler	\$2,083.33
Danford, James Brian	Speech Writer	\$5,000.00
Domenech, Emily	Professional Staff	\$8,000.00
Doyle, Timothy	Staff Director	\$11,666.67
Dunn, McKayla	Intern	\$1,000.00
Echols, Lamar	Professional Staff	\$6,666.67
English, Jonlyn Bristol	Professional Staff	\$4,333.33
Feddeman, Virginia	Intern	\$500.00
Flarida, Joseph	Staff/Press Assistant	\$3,333.33
Gallo, Marcy E.	Staff Director	\$9,166.67
Grady, Sarah	Professional Staff	\$6,250.00
Gurley, Emily Hollis	Finance Assistant	\$250.00
Hammond, Tom J.	Staff Director	\$12,366.67
Jordan, Taylor R.	Professional Staff	\$5,416.67
Kepczyk, Alexander	Intern	\$1,000.00
Kopshever, Kristin N	Admin. & Comm. Director	\$5,833.33
Kurz, Zachary S.	Communications Director	\$10,000.00
Li, Allen	Professional Staff	\$7,291.67
Marin, Mark	Staff Director	\$14,166.67
McDonald, Thea	Executive Assistant / Press Assistant	\$3,333.33
Miller, Elise	Intern	\$1,000.00
Minerio, Michael	Counsel	\$6,666.67
Montgomery, Kimberly	Professional Staff	\$5,666.67
Norman, Russell Evan	Deputy Chief Counsel	\$7,583.33
Obermann, Richard M.	Chief of Staff	\$13,750.00
Pasternak, Douglas S.	Professional Staff	\$9,458.33
Pearson, Daniel R.	Professional Staff	\$11,541.67
Piazza, John L.	Chief Counsel	\$11,833.33
Rice, Christian	Staff Assistant	\$4,166.67
Roos, Amber Harris	Finance Assistant	\$1,000.00
Rosenberg, Adam	Staff Director	\$8,625.00
Ross, John E.	Finance Director	\$100.00
Schroeder, Bradley	Intern	\$500.00
Shank, Christopher M.	Policy Director	\$13,750.00
Shannon, Cliff	Staff Director	\$14,166.67
Smith, Ashley	Senior Counsel & Chief Clerk	\$12,366.67
Sokolov, Dahlia L.	Staff Director	\$11,000.00
Stoika, Michelle	Policy Assistant	\$7,166.67
Stout, Jared	Professional Staff	\$6,250.00
Umaretiya, Amy	Intern	\$500.00

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Name	Title	Gross Monthly Compensation
Vinyard, Ashlee	Shared Employee	\$6,250.00
Wandel, Bryan Paul	Finance Assistant	\$1,000.00
Weerasinghe, Pamitha D.	Professional Staff	\$4,166.67
Weston, Aaron	Counsel	\$10,083.34
Whitney, Pamela L.	Professional Staff	\$8,958.33
Whittaker, Larry W.	Shared Employee	\$3,750.00
Wickre, Jennifer	Professional Staff	\$8,000.00
Wright, Sangina Q.	Deputy Clerk	\$5,000.00
Wydler, Christopher	Senior Advisor to the Chairman	\$14,333.33
Yamada, Richard	Professional Staff	\$7,500.00
Grand Total		\$389,317.94

REPORT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

114th Congress, 1st Session

July 2015

Traveler	Dates of Travel		Purpose	Itinerary	Reimbursement Claimed		
	From	To			Trans.	Per Diem	Other
Cliff Shannon	6-30-2015	7-01-2015	Carnegie Mellon University research facilities	DC – Pittsburgh, PA – DC	\$302.24		\$302.24
Cong. Randy Weber	7-16-2015	7-17-2015	Vogtle Reactors and Savannah River National Lab visit	DCA – Savannah, GA – Tampa, FL	\$1,014.34	\$412.16	\$1,426.50
Cong. John Moolenaar	7-16-2015	7-17-2015	Vogtle Reactors and Savannah River National Lab visit	DCA – Savannah, GA	\$616.74	\$405.16	\$1,021.90
Cong. Bruce Westerman	7-16-2015	7-17-2015	Vogtle Reactors and Savannah River National Lab visit	DCA – Savannah, GA – Little Rock, GA	\$1,085.92	\$405.16	\$1,491.08
Cong. Gary Palmer	7-16-2015	7-17-2015	Vogtle Reactors and Savannah River National Lab visit	DCA – Savannah, GA – Atlanta, GA	\$1,088.83	\$414.66	\$1,503.49
Cong. Barry Loudermilk	7-16-2015	7-17-2015	Vogtle Reactors and Savannah River National Lab visit	DCA – Savannah, GA – Atlanta, GA	\$873.34	\$405.16	\$1,278.50
Mark Marin	7-16-2015	7-17-2015	Vogtle Reactors and Savannah River National Lab visit	DCA – Savannah, GA – DCA	\$841.34	\$412.16	\$1,253.50
Aaron Weston	7-16-2015	7-17-2015	Vogtle Reactors and Savannah River National Lab visit	DCA – Savannah, GA – DCA	\$791.34	\$405.16	\$1,196.50