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House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

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May 15, 2015

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

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 April 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 April 2015

## **FULL COMMITTEE:**

### **Hearings and Mark-ups**

#### **April 15, 2015**

Convened a Full Committee Hearing, *The President's UN Climate Pledge: Scientifically Justified or a New Tax on Americans?*

#### **April 22, 2015**

Convened a Full Committee Markup of H.R. 1806, *the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015*, favorably reported out of Committee as amended by a vote of 19 to 16.

#### **April 23, 2015**

Convened a Full Committee Hearing, *Hydraulic Fracturing: Banning Proven Technologies on Possibilities Instead of Probabilities.*

#### **April 30, 2015**

Convened a Full Committee Markup of H.R. 2039, *the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act for 2016 and 2017*, favorably reported out of Committee by a vote of 19 to 15.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY:**

### **Hearings and Mark-ups**

No Energy Subcommittee hearings or markups were held in April 2015.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT:**

### **Hearings and Mark-ups**

#### **April 29, 2015**

Convened a joint Environment Subcommittee Hearing, *Reality Check Part II: The Impact of EPA's Proposed Ozone Standards on Rural America.*

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT:**

### **Hearings and Mark-ups**

No Oversight Subcommittee hearings or markups were held in April 2015.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:**

**Hearings and Mark-ups**

**March 26, 2015**

No Research and Technology Subcommittee hearings or markups were held in April 2015.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE:**

**Hearings and Mark-ups**

**April 16, 2015**

Convened a Space Subcommittee Hearing, *An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for Fiscal Year 2016*.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **FULL COMMITTEE:**

#### **April 14, 2015**

H.R. 1764, United States Chief Technology Officer Act, introduced by Rep. Barry Loudermilk and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **April 15, 2015**

H.R. 1775, Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Donna Edwards and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1806, America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and was favorably reported out of Committee by a vote of 19 to 15 on April 22, 2015.

#### **April 16, 2015**

H.R. 1870, to authorize Energy Innovation Hubs, introduced by Rep. Alan Grayson and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1871, to authorize a nuclear physics program, introduced by Rep. Alan Grayson and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1872, to authorize Energy Frontier Research Centers, introduced by Rep. Alan Grayson and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **April 21, 2015**

H.R. 1898, America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1924, Hispanic Opportunity Program in Education and Science Act, introduced by Rep. Jose Serrano and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H. Res. 215, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any comprehensive plan to reform our national energy policy must promote the sustainable use of renewable and alternative energy sources; increase our domestic refining capacity; promote conservation and increased energy efficiency; expand research and development, including domestic onshore and offshore exploration; and enhance consumer education, introduced by Rep. Robert Latta and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **April 22, 2015**

H.R. 1806, America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, was favorably reported out of Committee by a vote of 19 to 15.

H.R. 1930, End Polluter Welfare Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Keith Ellison and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1967, Ocean Acidification Innovation Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Derek Kilmer and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1978, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes, introduced by Rep. Jared Polis and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**April 23, 2015**

H.R. 2000, to provide for a competitive grant program for apprenticeship and internship programs through the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, introduced by Rep. Marc Veasey and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**April 27, 2015**

H.R. 2036, to direct the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to plan to return to the Moon and develop a sustained human presence on the Moon, introduced by Rep. Bill Posey and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Memorial No. 27, Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 7, urging the Department of Energy, the Administration and Congress to join Idaho in exploring the favorable geologic conditions of the Geothermal Resource Research Area on the western edge of the Idaho National Laboratory.

**April 28, 2015**

H.R. 2039, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act for 2016 and 2017, introduced by Rep. Steven Palazzo and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and was favorably reported out of Committee by a vote of 19 to 15 on April 30, 2015.

H.R. 2057, to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to State educational agencies to develop comprehensive plans to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes, introduced by Rep. Tony Cardenas and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**April 29, 2015**

H.R. 2093, to preserve American space leadership, and for other purposes, introduced by Rep. John Culberson and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 2111, to eliminate certain programs of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes, introduced by Rep. Sam Johnson and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**April 30, 2015**

H.R. 2039, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act for 2016 and 2017, introduced by Rep. Steven Palazzo and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, was favorably reported out of Committee by a vote of 19 to 15.

H.R. 2177, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes, introduced by Rep. David McKinley and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY:**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT:**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT:**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE:**

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

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

Description	April	YTD Including April	Cumulative Total
Non Statutory Compensation	\$375,422.93	\$1,463,673.79	\$1,463,673.79
Accrued Leave	\$444.44	\$444.44	\$444.44
<b>11 Personnel Compensation subtotal</b>	<b>\$375,867.37</b>	<b>\$1,464,118.23</b>	<b>\$1,464,118.23</b>
Commercial Transportation	\$1,676.40	\$1,676.40	\$1,676.40
Lodging	\$328.42	\$527.70	\$527.70
Car Rental	\$269.51	\$345.39	\$345.39
Travel Subsistence	\$107.51	\$256.79	\$256.79
<b>21 Travel subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,381.84</b>	<b>\$2,806.28</b>	<b>\$2,806.28</b>
DC Telecommunication Equipment	\$224.00	\$1,036.00	\$1,036.00
DC Telecommunication Services	\$596.75	\$1,790.25	\$1,790.25
DC Telecommunication Tolls	\$1,727.65	\$5,582.67	\$5,582.67
HIR Graphics	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$21.00
Postage/Courier/Box Rental	\$0.00	\$32.05	\$32.05
<b>23 Rent, Communications, and Utilities subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,548.40</b>	<b>\$8,461.97</b>	<b>\$8,461.97</b>
Printing & Reproduction	\$0.00	\$879.50	\$879.50
Photographic (Transfer)	\$0.00	\$19.20	\$19.20
<b>24 Printing and Reproduction subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$898.70</b>	<b>\$898.70</b>
Technology Service Contracts	\$3,500.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
<b>25 Other Services subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>
Bottled Water	\$38.43	\$508.27	\$508.27
Food & Beverage	\$6.59	\$594.99	\$594.99
Office Supplies (Outside)	\$81.68	\$1,846.05	\$1,846.05
Office Supplies (Transfer)	\$1,214.00	\$3,285.61	\$3,285.61
Publications/Reference Material	\$0.00	\$992.20	\$992.20
<b>26 Supplies and Materials subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,340.70</b>	<b>\$7,227.12</b>	<b>\$7,227.12</b>
Comp. Software <\$10k	\$604.46	\$604.46	\$604.46
Maintenance / Repairs	\$1,317.89	\$5,410.78	\$5,410.78
<b>31 Equipment subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,922.35</b>	<b>\$6,015.24</b>	<b>\$6,015.24</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$387,560.66</b>	<b>\$1,503,527.54</b>	<b>\$1,503,527.54</b>

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**Committee on Science, Space, and Technology**  
**Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date**  
**April**

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<b>Total Authorization</b>	
<b>114-1</b>	<b>\$5,335,582.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses for:</b>	
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January, 2015	\$338,936.24
February, 2015	\$382,738.17
March, 2015	\$394,292.47
April, 2015	\$387,560.66
<b>Total Expenses to Date:</b>	<b>\$1,503,527.54</b>
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<b>Unexpended Authorization</b>	<b>\$3,832,054.46</b>



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**Committee on Science, Space, and Technology - FM**

**Monthly Statement by Paid Date**

114-1      April

<b>Description</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>YTD Including</b>	<b>Cumulative Total</b>
		<b>April</b>	
Franked Mail	\$50.32	\$141.10	\$141.10
<b>FM Franking subtotal</b>	<b>\$50.32</b>	<b>\$141.10</b>	<b>\$141.10</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$50.32</b>	<b>\$141.10</b>	<b>\$141.10</b>

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**Committee on Science, Space, and Technology - FM**  
**Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date**  
**April**

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<b>Total Authorization</b>	
<b>114-1</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses for:</b>	
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February, 2015	\$45.57
March, 2015	\$45.21
April, 2015	\$50.32
<b>Total Expenses to Date:</b>	<b>\$141.10</b>
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<b>Unexpended Authorization</b>	<b>\$4,858.90</b>

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

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

Name	Title	Gross Monthly Compensation
Andres, Don	Shared Employee	\$2,500.00
Bharwani, Rajesh D.	Deputy Staff Director	\$9,166.67
Blume, Michael	Intern	\$600.00
Boyl, Molly	Gen. Counsel & Parliamentarian	\$10,000.00
Brown, Jennifer Y.	Chief of Staff	\$10,781.25
Carrigan, Alisa	Intern	\$1,000.00
Corcoran, Brian	Policy Assistant	\$3,750.00
Crist, Laura	Press Secretary	\$2,916.67
Danford, James Brian	Speech Writer	\$5,000.00
Domenech, Emily	Professional Staff	\$7,500.00
Doyle, Timothy	Staff Director	\$11,666.67
Duncan, Kirsten M.	Professional Staff	\$7,083.33
Echols, Lamar	Professional Staff	\$6,666.67
English, Jonlyn Bristol	Professional Staff	\$4,333.33
Flarida, Joseph	Staff/Press Assistant	\$2,916.67
Follett, Andrew	Intern	\$1,000.00
Frost, Lana A.	Oversight Counsel/Policy Asst.	\$5,416.67
Gallo, Marcy E.	Staff Director	\$9,166.67
Grady, Sarah	Professional Staff	\$6,250.00
Green, Ryan	Intern	\$1,000.00
Gurley, Emily Hollis	Finance Assistant	\$250.00
Hammond, Tom J.	Staff Director	\$11,666.67
Harris, Amber E.	Finance Assistant	\$1,000.00
Jones, Rachel	Professional Staff	\$7,500.00
Jordan, Taylor R.	Professional Staff	\$5,416.67
Kopshever, Kristin N	Administrative Assistant	\$5,833.33
Kurz, Zachary S.	Communications Director	\$10,000.00
Li, Allen	Professional Staff	\$7,291.67
Marin, Mark	Staff Director	\$13,750.00
McDonald, Thea	Executive Assistant / Press Assistant	\$3,333.33
Minerio, Michael	Counsel	\$2,444.44
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
O'Leary, Christopher J.	Professional Staff	\$138.89
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
Rosenberg, Adam	Staff Director	\$8,625.00
Rose-Sonnesyn, Allison J.	Professional Staff	\$444.44
Ross, John E.	Finance Director	\$1,500.00
Shank, Christopher M.	Policy Director	\$13,750.00
Shannon, Cliff	Staff Director	\$13,333.33
Smith, Ashley	Senior Counsel & Chief Clerk	\$11,666.67
Sokolov, Dahlia L.	Staff Director	\$11,000.00
Stoika, Michelle	Policy Assistant	\$4,166.67
Stout, Jared	Professional Staff	\$6,250.00
Vinyard, Ashlee	Shared Employee	\$2,333.33

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

Name	Title	Gross Monthly Compensation
Wandel, Bryan Paul	Finance Assistant	\$1,000.00
Weerasinghe, Pamitha D.	Professional Staff	\$4,166.67
Weston, Aaron	Counsel	\$6,250.00
Whitney, Pamela L.	Professional Staff	\$8,958.33
Whittaker, Larry W.	Shared Employee	\$3,750.00
Wickre, Jennifer	Professional Staff	\$7,500.00
Wright, Sangina Q.	Deputy Clerk	\$8,000.00
Wydler, Christopher	Senior Advisor to the Chairman	\$14,333.33
Yamada, Richard	Professional Staff	\$7,500.00
Grand Total		\$375,867.37

**REPORT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED**  
 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
 April 2015

Traveler	Dates of Travel		Purpose	Itinerary	Reimbursement Claimed		
	From	To			Trans.	Per Diem	Other
Kim Montgomery	4/16/15	4/17/15	Engineering Biology for Science and Industry: Accelerating Progress meeting	DC – NYC - DC	\$358.00	\$226.24	\$584.24
Emily Domenech	4/8/15	4/11/15	Roundtable in Kerrville, Texas on EPA Regulations	DCA – SAT – IAH – DCA	\$479.70	\$705.44	\$1,185.14