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House of Representatives

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April 17, 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 March 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 March 2015

## **FULL COMMITTEE:**

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

#### **March 4, 2015**

Convened a Full Committee markup of H.R. 1119, the “Research and Development Efficiency Act”; H.R. 1156, the “International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015”; H.R. 1162, the “Science Prize Competitions Act”; H.R. 1158, the “Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015”; and H.R. 874, the “American Super Computing Leadership Act”.

#### **March 17, 2015**

Convened a Full Committee Hearing, *Reality Check: The Impact and Achievability of EPA’s Proposed Ozone Standards*.

#### **March 25, 2015**

Convened a Full Committee markup of H.R. 1561, the Weather Research and Forecast Innovation Act of 2015.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY:**

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

#### **March 24, 2015**

Convened an Energy Subcommittee Hearing, *Department of Energy Oversight: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy*.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT:**

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

#### **March 26, 2015**

Convened a joint Environment Subcommittee and Oversight Subcommittee Hearing, *Destruction of Records at EPA - When Records Must Be Kept*.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT:**

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

#### **March 26, 2015**

Convened a joint Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Environment Hearing, *Destruction of Records at EPA – When Records Must Be Kept*.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:**

**Hearings and Mark-ups**

**March 26, 2015**

Convened a joint Subcommittee on Research and Technology and Subcommittee on Oversight Hearing, *Destruction of Records at EPA – When Records Must Be Kept*.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE:**

**Hearings and Mark-ups**

**March 24, 2015**

Convened a Space Subcommittee Hearing, *Searching for the Origins of the Universe: An Update on the Progress of the James Webb Space Telescope*.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **FULL COMMITTEE:**

#### **March 4, 2015**

H.R. 874, American Super Computing Leadership Act, introduced by Rep. Randy Hultgren, was ordered reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, without amendment, by voice vote.

H.R. 1119, Research and Development Efficiency Act, introduced by Rep. Barbara Comstock, was ordered reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 1156, International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Daniel Lipinski, was ordered reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, without amendment, by voice vote.

H.R. 1158, Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Randy Hultgren, was ordered reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 1162, Science Prize Competitions Act, introduced by Rep. Donald Beyer, was ordered reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 1277, Ocean Acidification Research Partnerships Act, introduced by Rep. Lois Capps and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **March 13, 2015**

H.R. 1360, America's FOCUS Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Chaka Fattah and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **March 17, 2015**

H.R. 1029, EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas, passed the House by a recorded vote of 236 – 181 (Roll no. 121).

H.R. 1398, American Innovation Act, introduced by Rep. Bill Foster and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **March 18, 2015**

Executive Communication No. 814, Letter from Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule - NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (RINs: 2700-AE01 and 2700-AE09) received March 16, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

H.R. 1030, Secret Science Reform Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith, passed the House by a recorded vote of 241 – 175 (Roll no. 125).

H.R. 1426, Public Access to Public Science Act, introduced by Rep. James Sensenbrenner and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1441, Manufacturing Universities Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Elizabeth Esty and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**March 19, 2015**

Executive Communication No. 824, letter from Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs,, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation titled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016".

H.R. 12, Voter Empowerment Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. John Lewis and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1508, Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Bill Posey and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**March 23, 2015**

Executive Communication No. 852, letter from Assistant Administrator for Procurement, Contract Management Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule - NASA FAR Supplement, Contractor Whistleblower Protections (RIN: 2700-AE08) received March 19, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

**March 24, 2015**

H.R. 1561, Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**March 25, 2015**

H.R. 1561, the Weather Research and Forecast Innovation Act of 2015, introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas, was ordered reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 1597, Agile Acquisition to Retain Technological Edge Act, introduced by Rep. Mac Thornberry 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 March 2015.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT:**

**March 10, 2015**

H.R. 1277, Ocean Acidification Research Partnerships Act, introduced by Rep. Lois Capps and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Environment.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT:**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:**

**March 10, 2015**

H.R. 962, Startup Act, introduced by Rep. Robert Dold and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE:**

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

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**Monthly Statement by Paid Date**

114-1      March

Description	March	YTD Including March	Cumulative Total
Non Statutory Compensation	\$380,672.94	\$1,088,250.86	\$1,088,250.86
<b>11 Personnel Compensation subtotal</b>	<b>\$380,672.94</b>	<b>\$1,088,250.86</b>	<b>\$1,088,250.86</b>
Lodging	\$199.28	\$199.28	\$199.28
Car Rental	\$75.88	\$75.88	\$75.88
Travel Subsistence	\$149.28	\$149.28	\$149.28
<b>21 Travel subtotal</b>	<b>\$424.44</b>	<b>\$424.44</b>	<b>\$424.44</b>
DC Telecommunication Equipment	\$500.00	\$812.00	\$812.00
DC Telecommunication Services	\$596.75	\$1,193.50	\$1,193.50
DC Telecommunication Tolls	\$1,992.62	\$3,855.02	\$3,855.02
HIR Graphics	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00
Postage/Courier/Box Rental	\$30.90	\$32.05	\$32.05
<b>23 Rent, Communications, and Utilities subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,141.27</b>	<b>\$5,913.57</b>	<b>\$5,913.57</b>
Printing & Reproduction	\$642.00	\$879.50	\$879.50
Photographic (Transfer)	\$19.20	\$19.20	\$19.20
<b>24 Printing and Reproduction subtotal</b>	<b>\$661.20</b>	<b>\$898.70</b>	<b>\$898.70</b>
Technology Service Contracts	\$3,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
<b>25 Other Services subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>
Bottled Water	\$392.98	\$469.84	\$469.84
Food & Beverage	\$588.40	\$588.40	\$588.40
Office Supplies (Outside)	\$1,624.74	\$1,764.37	\$1,764.37
Office Supplies (Transfer)	\$1,160.09	\$2,071.61	\$2,071.61
Publications/Reference Material	\$765.00	\$992.20	\$992.20
<b>26 Supplies and Materials subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,531.21</b>	<b>\$5,886.42</b>	<b>\$5,886.42</b>
Maintenance / Repairs	\$1,361.41	\$4,092.89	\$4,092.89
<b>31 Equipment subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,361.41</b>	<b>\$4,092.89</b>	<b>\$4,092.89</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$394,292.47</b>	<b>\$1,115,966.88</b>	<b>\$1,115,966.88</b>

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**Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date**  
**March**

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<b>Total Authorization</b>	
<b>114-1</b>	<b>\$5,335,582.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses for:</b>	
January, 2015	\$338,936.24
February, 2015	\$382,738.17
March, 2015	\$394,292.47
<b>Total Expenses to Date:</b>	<b>\$1,115,966.88</b>
<b>Unexpended Authorization</b>	<b>\$4,219,615.12</b>



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

**Monthly Statement by Paid Date**

**114-1      March**

<b>Description</b>	<b>YTD Including</b>		<b>Cumulative Total</b>
	<b>March</b>	<b>March</b>	
Franked Mail	\$45.21	\$90.78	\$90.78
<b>FM Franking subtotal</b>	<b>\$45.21</b>	<b>\$90.78</b>	<b>\$90.78</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$45.21</b>	<b>\$90.78</b>	<b>\$90.78</b>

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**Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date**  
**March**

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<b>Total Authorization</b>	
<b>114-1</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses for:</b>	
February, 2015	\$45.57
March, 2015	\$45.21
<b>Total Expenses to Date:</b>	<b>\$90.78</b>
<b>Unexpended Authorization</b>	<b>\$4,909.22</b>

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

Fiscal Year:	2015
Month Paid:	March-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
Florida, 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
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	\$4,166.67
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	\$6,666.67
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
Wandel, Bryan Paul	Finance Assistant	\$1,000.00

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Payroll Information for Monthly Committee Report

Name	Title	Gross Monthly Compensation
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	\$5,000.00
Wydler, Christopher	Senior Advisor to the Chairman	\$14,333.33
Yamada, Richard	Professional Staff	\$7,500.00
Grand Total		\$380,672.94

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

Traveler	Dates of Travel		Purpose	Itinerary	Reimbursement Claimed			
	From	To			Trans.	Per Diem	Other	TOTAL
Tom Hammond	3/10/15	3/11/15	Space Launch System Solid Rocket Motor Test in Promontory, Utah	DCA – SLC - DCA	\$914.08	\$73.06		\$987.14
Jared Stout	3/10/15	3/11/15	Space Launch System Solid Rocket Motor Test in Promontory, Utah	DCA – SLC - DCA	\$838.20	\$224.50		\$1,062.70