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November 20, 2017

The Honorable Gregg Harper  
Chairman  
Committee on House Administration  
1309 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Mrs. Chairman:

In accordance with the regulations of the Committee on House Administration, I am submitting herewith one copy of the monthly report for July, 2017 including:

- Statement of expenses and fund balance;
- Summary of legislative activities;
- Statement of committee travel; and
- 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 on Rules.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Rules**

**Monthly Statement by Paid Date  
115-1 July**

Description	YTD Including		Cumulative Total
	July	July	
Non-Statutory Compensation	\$178,633.33	\$1,252,509.11	\$1,252,509.11
Accrued Leave	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Bonus	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Other Lump Sum	\$0.00	\$2,797.81	\$2,797.81
<b>11-Non Statutory Compensation subtotal</b>	<b>\$178,633.33</b>	<b>\$1,262,306.92</b>	<b>\$1,262,306.92</b>
Taxi/Parking/Tolls	\$0.00	\$175.31	\$175.31
<b>21-Travel subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$175.31</b>	<b>\$175.31</b>
Telecommunications Service and Equipment	\$0.00	\$34.95	\$34.95
DC Telecommunication Equipment (TRANSFER)	\$80.00	\$476.00	\$476.00
DC Telecommunication Service (TRANSFER)	\$419.25	\$2,523.25	\$2,523.25
DC Telecommunication Tolls (TRANSFER)	\$3,515.86	\$19,472.13	\$19,472.13
HIR Graphics (TRANSFER)	\$0.00	\$539.00	\$539.00
<b>23-Rent, Communications and Utilities subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,015.11</b>	<b>\$23,045.33</b>	<b>\$23,045.33</b>
Printing & Reproduction	\$0.00	\$176.90	\$176.90
Photographic (TRANSFER)	\$12.80	\$45.30	\$45.30
<b>24-Printing and Reproduction subtotal</b>	<b>\$12.80</b>	<b>\$222.20</b>	<b>\$222.20</b>
Technology Service Contracts	\$6,525.00	\$25,691.00	\$25,691.00
Web Development, Hosting, Email and Related Services	\$7,429.75	\$23,071.50	\$23,071.50
<b>25- subtotal</b>	<b>\$13,954.75</b>	<b>\$48,762.50</b>	<b>\$48,762.50</b>
Bottled Water	\$0.00	\$4,392.00	\$4,392.00
Food and Beverage	\$0.00	\$2,847.72	\$2,847.72
Habitation Expense	\$36.99	\$272.15	\$272.15
Office Supplies (Outside)	\$2,276.00	\$4,245.81	\$4,245.81
Office Supply (TRANSFER)	\$562.38	\$2,333.87	\$2,333.87
Publications/Reference Material	\$123.71	\$2,849.09	\$2,849.09
<b>26-Supplies and Materials subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,999.08</b>	<b>\$16,940.64</b>	<b>\$16,940.64</b>
Equipment & Software Maintenance	\$477.00	\$3,508.99	\$3,508.99
<b>31-Equipment subtotal</b>	<b>\$477.00</b>	<b>\$3,508.99</b>	<b>\$3,508.99</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$200,092.07</b>	<b>\$1,354,961.89</b>	<b>\$1,354,961.89</b>

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## Committee on Rules

## Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date

July

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**Total Authorization**

115-1

\$3,130,281.10

**Less Expenses for:**

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January	2017	\$170,039.01
February		\$191,669.03
March		\$188,061.23
April		\$190,781.09
May		\$210,735.02
June		\$203,584.44
July		\$200,092.07

**Total Expenses to Date:**

\$1,354,961.89

**Unexpended authorization**

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**\$1,775,319.21**

Fund Balance Statement  
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Committee on Rules  
115th Congress, 1st Session  
Full Committee  
July, 2017

Total Authorization for Full Committee		\$ 5,000.00
Less - Expenses,		
	January	0.00
	February	0.00
	March	0.00
	April	0.00
	May	0.00
	June	0.00
	July	0.00
Total Committee expenses to date		----- \$ 0.00 -----
Ending Balance:		\$ 5000.00
07/31/2017		-----

## Report of Travel Performed

Committee on Rules  
115<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1st Session  
July, 2017

There was \$ 0.00 of committee travel during the month of July, 2017.

Report to House Administration  
Summary of Activities

Committee on Rules  
115th Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
July, 2017

The Committee on Rules held 8 Meetings and reported 9 Rules during the month of July,  
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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

Tuesday, July 11, 2017  
7:47 PM

H.R. 2810	Armed Services	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 [General Debate]
H.R. 23	Natural Resources	Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017

The Committee granted, by record vote of 8-4, a structured rule for H.R. 2810. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-23, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee Report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. Provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report or against amendments en bloc as described in section 3 of this rule. The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 23. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-24 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.



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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

Wednesday, July 12, 2017  
11:37 PM

H.R. 2810

Armed Services

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018  
[Amendment Consideration]

The Committee granted, by record vote of 8-2, a structured rule for further consideration of H.R. 2810. The rule provides for no further general debate. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution.

In section 3, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc at any time consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.



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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

Monday, July 17, 2017  
6:31 PM

H.R. 806

Energy and Commerce Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017

The Committee granted, by record vote of 6-3, a structured rule for H.R. 806. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-26 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

Tuesday, July 18, 2017  
4:16 PM

H.R. 2910	Energy and Commerce	Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act
H.R. 2883	Energy and Commerce	Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act
H.R. 218	Natural Resources	King Cove Road Land Exchange Act

The Committee granted, by record vote of 7-3, a structured rule for H.R. 2910. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-28 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

In section 2, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 2883. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-29 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

In section 3, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 218. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-27 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified

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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

Monday, July 24, 2017  
5:35 PM

H.J. Res. 111

Financial Services

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Arbitration Agreements".

The Committee granted, by record vote of 9-4, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 111. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit.



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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

Tuesday, July 25, 2017  
9:06 PM

H.R. 3219                      Appropriations                      Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018 [Make  
America Secure Appropriations Act, 2018] [Meeting II]

The Committee granted, by record vote of 9-3, a structured rule for H.R. 3219. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-30 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of the resolution. Each amendment printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 20 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

In section 6, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 3219, it shall not be in order to use a decrease in Overseas Contingency Operations funds to offset an amendment that increases an appropriation not designated as Overseas Contingency Operations funds or vice versa, but does not apply to amendments between the Houses.

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**NOTICE OF ACTION**

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

5:10 PM

H.R. 3219

Appropriations

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018 [Make  
America Secure Appropriations Act, 2018] [Meeting II]

The Committee granted, by record vote of 7-4, a structured rule for H.R. 3219. The rule provides that no further general debate shall be in order. The rule provides that the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution, and available pro forma amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 473. Each further amendment printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment except amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 473, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against further amendments printed in part B of the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer further amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment except amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 473, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

In section 5, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of July 27, 2017, or July 28, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section.

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Thursday, July 27, 2017

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H.R. 3180                      Permanent Select                      Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018  
   Committee on  
   Intelligence

The Committee granted, by record vote of 7-3, a closed rule for H.R. 3180. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, and the bill as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

In section 2, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of August 1, 2017.

In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from July 31, 2017, through September 4, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3.

In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546).

In section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry).

Finally, section 7 of the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for the purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII. (motions to instruct conferees).

S. 114                              Veterans' Affairs                              Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act

The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for S. 114. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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Accounting Organization: 10RU000

Department: RU000 COMMITTEE ON RULES

SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEE - 3(D) PERSONNEL

Employee and Job Title	Annual Salary	Gross Pay	Period	Remarks	Employee No.
COTE, STEPHEN M STAFF DIRECTOR	172,500.00	14,375.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
SISSON, DONALD C MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR	172,400.00	14,366.67	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		

SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEE - PERSONNEL

Employee and Job Title	Annual Salary	Gross Pay	Period	Remarks	Employee No.
AGURKIS III, GEORGE J SR PROF STAFF & POLICY ADVISOR	86,000.00	7,166.67	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
BELAIR, BRENDAN M SHARED EMPLOYEE	70,000.00	5,833.33	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
BLAKE, NATHAN M SR. PROFESSIONAL STAFF	135,000.00	11,250.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
BOOTHE, CAROLINE STERLING COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	40,000.00	3,333.33	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
BUHL, CYNTHIA MAUREEN SHARED STAFF	60,000.00	5,000.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
DAVIS, ALEXANDER H PROFESSIONAL STAFF	100,000.00	8,333.33	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
ERB, CHRISTOPHER J DIRECTOR OF ADMIN AND TECH	130,000.00	10,833.33	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
FITZELLA, JAMES S CLERK	80,000.00	6,666.67	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
FLEMING, PARKER BATES STAFF ASSISTANT	40,000.00	3,333.33	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
GILL, HANNAH LUCILLE STAFF ASSISTANT	50,000.00	4,166.67	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
GOHRINGER, JEFFREY EARL COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	45,000.00	3,750.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
GROSS, KARAS ARLIE PATTISON DEPUTY STAFF DIRECTOR	145,000.00	12,083.33	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
HUBBARD, KEVIN O POLICY DIRECTOR	124,200.00	10,350.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
ISMAIL, LORI JAMIL PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER	60,000.00	5,000.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
KOONTZ, CARA MARIE SHARED EMPLOYEE	20,000.00	1,666.67	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		



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Employee and Job Title	Annual Salary	Gross Pay	Period	Remarks	Employee No.
LAUGHLIN, ROSEMARIE OLIVIA MAR PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER	60,000.00	5,000.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
MATOUS, KYLE M SHARED EMPLOYEE	6,000.00	500.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
MINKLER, ANN WHITNEY PROFESSIONAL STAFF	90,000.00	7,500.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
MORRISON, LALE M MINORITY ASSOCIATE-HASTINGS	60,000.00	5,000.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
NIXON, NATALIE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE OPS	111,000.00	9,250.00	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
PARDUE, LAURA ELIZABETH DEPUTY STAFF DIRECTOR	140,000.00	11,666.67	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
ROSSI, JANET MARIE SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR	70,000.00	5,833.33	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
SHEPARD, ERIC LANE STAFF ASSISTANT	42,500.00	3,541.67	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017		
VINCE, DAVID MARTIN COOPER SR PROF STAFF & POLICY ADVISOR	85,000.00	2,833.33	07/01/2017 to 07/31/2017	TERMINATED 07/12/17	

