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The Honorable Bryan Steil Chairman Committee on House Administration 1309 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Joe Morelle Ranking Member Committee on House Administration 1216 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Steil and Ranking Member Morelle,

Pursuant to Section 504 of House Resolution 756 from the 116th Congress, I am submitting this quarterly report about establishing and maintaining a database of votes taken in Committees.

## **Committee Voting Module and Centralized Committee Portal**

With your assistance, my office received initial funding from the fiscal year 2023 Modernization Initiatives Account to begin building the next-generation platform for managing Committee work. This funding allows us to collaborate with vendor partners to build the infrastructure for a Committee portal and to develop the first three modules:

- Committee Vote Module: a tool for managing Committee votes as data
- Committee Referral Module: a tool for informing Committee staff which bills are referred to each Committee
- Committee Membership Module: a tool for managing Member names and rank order for Committee and Subcommittee rosters and official tally sheets

The product team comprises staff from our Legislative Computer Systems (LCS) division, the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO's) House Digital Service team and the vendor. Since the last report, they have

- Completed user requirements and user experience (UX) designs, which included 12 initial interviews with staff from nine Committees and four follow-up interviews to review UX design wireframes.
- Continued application development of user-facing components, back-end services, and data integration.
- Briefed Committee (full Committee and Modernization Subcommittee) staff on progress-to-date on October 23, 2024.

The product team aims to introduce a small group of Committee users to the pilot phase by the end of the first quarter of 2025.

## **Committee Repository and Deconflict Committee Scheduler**

As the Committee is aware, LCS staff provide draft and published Committee Repository data for CAO's Deconflict Committee Scheduler and HouseCal (calendar.house.gov). We continue to support these products and are working with CAO staff on change-of-Congress tasks necessary to support all three applications.

Finally, unless otherwise directed, we will submit the next report on Committee votes and related Committee functions on or before July 15, 2025. If you or others on the Committee have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Kevin F. McCumber Acting Clerk of the House

cc: The Honorable David Valadao, Chairman, Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee The Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Ranking Member, Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee Chief Administrative Officer Catherine L. Szpindor