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

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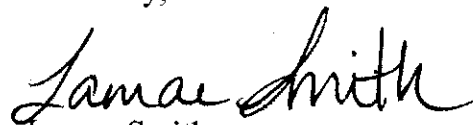
Dear Chairman Harper,

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 November 2017, 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 November 2017

## **FULL COMMITTEE:**

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

**November 15, 2017**

Convened a full Committee mark-up of H.R. 4376, the “Department of Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017”, H.R. 4377, the “Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act of 2017”, H.R. 4378, the “Nuclear Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017”, H.R. 4375, the “STEM Research and Education Effectiveness and Transparency Act”, H.R. 4323, the “Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act”, H.R. 4254, the “Women in Aerospace Education Act”, and H.R. 3397, the “Building Blocks of STEM Act”. H.R. 4376 was approved without amendment by voice vote. H.R. 4377 was approved without amendment by voice vote. H.R. 4378 was approved without amendment by voice vote. H.R. 4375 was approved without amendment by voice vote. H.R. 4323 was approved without amendment by voice vote. H.R. 4254 was approved as amended by voice vote. H.R. 3397 was approved as amended by voice vote. All bills were ordered reported to the House.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY:**

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

**November 1, 2017**

Convened an Energy Subcommittee Hearing, *The Future of Low Dose Radiation Research*.

**November 8, 2017**

Convened a joint Energy Subcommittee and Environment Subcommittee hearing, *Geoengineering: Innovation, Research, and Technology*.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT:**

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

**November 8, 2017**

Convened a joint Energy Subcommittee and Environment Subcommittee hearing, *Geoengineering: Innovation, Research, and Technology*.

**November 29, 2017**

Convened an Environment Subcommittee hearing, *The Future of WOTUS: Examining the Role of States*.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT:**

**Hearings and Mark-ups**

**November 14, 2017**

Convened an Oversight Subcommittee Hearing, *Bolstering the Government's Cybersecurity: A Survey of Compliance with the DHS Directive.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:**

**Hearings and Mark-ups**

**November 2, 2017**

Convened a Research and Technology Subcommittee Hearing, *Putting Food on the Table: A Review of the Importance of Agriculture Research.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE:**

**Hearings and Mark-ups**

**November 9, 2017**

Convened a Space Subcommittee Hearing, *An Update on NASA Exploration Systems Development.*

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **November 1, 2017**

H.R. 4209, America Wins Act, was introduced by Rep. John B. Larson and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### **November 3, 2017**

H.R. 4251, Rebuilding Resilient Energy Systems Act of 2017, was introduced by Jose E. Serrano and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### **November 6, 2017**

H.R. 4254, Women in Aerospace Education Act, was introduced by Rep. Stephen Knight and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### **November 7, 2017**

Executive Communication No. 3130, letter from Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report entitled, "Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force: 2017 Report to Congress," pursuant to Sec. 604 of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2014.

H.R. 4276, Safeguarding Election Infrastructure Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### **November 9, 2017**

H.R. 4323, Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act, was introduced by Rep. Neal P. Dunn and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 4354, Missed Opportunities in Science and Engineering Research Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. John Lewis and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 4363, Veterans Conservation Corps Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Jared Polis and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### **November 13, 2017**

H.R. 4375, STEM Research and Education Effectiveness and Transparency Act, was introduced by Rep. Barbara Comstock and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 4376, Department of Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Stephen Knight and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 4377, Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Randy Hultgren and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 4378, Nuclear Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Randy K. Weber and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**November 15, 2017**

H.R. 4254, Women in Aerospace Education Act, introduced by Rep. Stephen Knight and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, was marked up by the full committee and ordered reported as amended by voice vote.

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H.R. 4377, Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act of 2017, introduced by Rep. Randy Hultgren and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, was marked up by the full committee and ordered reported by voice vote.

H.R. 4378, Nuclear Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017, introduced by Rep. Randy K. Weber and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, was marked up by the full committee and ordered reported by voice vote.

H.R. 4395, Geospatial Data Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Bruce Westerman and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**November 16, 2017**

H.R. 4417, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2017, was introduced by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 4426, Sustainable Energy Development Reform Act, was introduced by Rep. Raul M. Grijalva and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**November 30, 2017**

H.R. 4489, Authorizing Critical Conservation and Enabling Sportsmen and Sportswomen Act, was introduced by Rep. Mike Thompson and referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY:**

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Energy during November 2017.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT:**

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Environment during November 2017.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT:**

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight during November 2017.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:**

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology during November 2017.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE:**

No bills or resolutions were referred to the Subcommittee on Space during November 2017.

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Science, Space, and Technology**  
**Monthly Statement by Paid Date**  
**115-1    November**

Description	November	YTD Including November	Cumulative Total
Non Statutory Compensation	\$521,193.74	\$4,294,262.73	\$4,294,262.73
Accrued Leave	\$0.00	\$7,376.39	\$7,376.39
<b>11 Personnel Compensation subtotal</b>	<b>\$521,193.74</b>	<b>\$4,301,639.12</b>	<b>\$4,301,639.12</b>
Commercial Transportation	\$0.00	\$3,132.22	\$3,132.22
Lodging	\$0.00	\$375.13	\$375.13
Meals	\$6.75	\$666.46	\$666.46
Car Rental	\$0.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00
Taxi/Parking/Tolls	\$34.78	\$315.49	\$315.49
Witness Travel/Related Exp.	\$0.00	\$1,442.94	\$1,442.94
<b>21 Travel subtotal</b>	<b>\$41.53</b>	<b>\$7,807.24</b>	<b>\$7,807.24</b>
DC Telecommunication Equipment	\$724.00	\$3,454.00	\$3,454.00
DC Telecommunication Services	\$643.25	\$6,316.25	\$6,316.25
DC Telecommunication Tolls	\$3,292.01	\$23,988.92	\$23,988.92
HIR Graphics	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Postage/Courier/Box Rental	\$6.00	\$41.90	\$41.90
<b>23 Rent, Communications, and Utilities subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,665.26</b>	<b>\$33,871.07</b>	<b>\$33,871.07</b>
Printing & Reproduction	\$572.04	\$4,036.66	\$4,036.66
Photographic (Transfer)	\$0.00	\$866.30	\$866.30
Reproduction of Fed/Public Law	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,230.00
<b>24 Printing and Reproduction subtotal</b>	<b>\$572.04</b>	<b>\$6,132.96</b>	<b>\$6,132.96</b>
Laundry Services	\$41.98	\$648.94	\$648.94
Representational Expenses	\$0.00	\$202.75	\$202.75
Technology Service Contracts	\$3,500.00	\$38,915.29	\$38,915.29
<b>25 Other Services subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,541.98</b>	<b>\$39,766.98</b>	<b>\$39,766.98</b>
Bottled Water	\$325.11	\$3,184.49	\$3,184.49
Food & Beverage	\$76.69	\$2,041.53	\$2,041.53
Framing (Transfer)	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Habitation Expense	\$0.00	\$993.20	\$993.20
Office Supplies (Outside)	\$1,544.38	\$8,378.99	\$8,378.99
Office Supplies (Transfer)	\$464.42	\$5,723.23	\$5,723.23
Computer Software <\$500	\$4,793.10	\$5,288.10	\$5,288.10
Publications/Reference Material	\$20.00	\$4,425.38	\$4,425.38
<b>26 Supplies and Materials subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,223.70</b>	<b>\$32,034.92</b>	<b>\$32,034.92</b>
Comp. Hardware Purch. < \$25,000	\$0.00	\$914.00	\$914.00
Comp. Software Purch. < \$10,000	\$3,326.82	\$3,326.82	\$3,326.82
Maintenance / Repairs	\$1,398.01	\$21,538.94	\$21,538.94
Warranties	\$0.00	\$99.00	\$99.00
<b>31 Equipment subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,724.83</b>	<b>\$25,878.76</b>	<b>\$25,878.76</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$541,963.08</b>	<b>\$4,447,131.05</b>	<b>\$4,447,131.05</b>

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

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<b>Total Authorization</b>	
<b>115-1</b>	<b>\$5,484,978.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses for:</b>	
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January, 2017	\$352,727.39
February, 2017	\$394,148.61
March, 2017	\$381,964.78
April, 2017	\$376,282.14
May, 2017	\$386,988.89
June, 2017	\$398,912.38
July, 2017	\$381,631.74
August, 2017	\$386,016.32
September, 2017	\$408,821.25
October, 2017	\$437,674.47
November, 2017	\$541,963.08
<b>Total Expenses to Date:</b>	<b>\$4,447,131.05</b>
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<b>Unexpended Authorization</b>	<b>\$1,037,846.95</b>



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**Committee on Science, Space, and Technology - FM**  
**Monthly Statement by Paid Date**  
**115-1    November**

<b>Description</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD Including November</b>	<b>Cumulative Total</b>
Franked Mail	\$63.99	\$411.90	\$411.90
<b>FM Franking subtotal</b>	<b>\$63.99</b>	<b>\$411.90</b>	<b>\$411.90</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$63.99</b>	<b>\$411.90</b>	<b>\$411.90</b>

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**Fund Balance Statement by Paid Date**  
**November**

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<b>Total Authorization</b>	
<b>115-1</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses for:</b>	
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February, 2017	\$15.82
March, 2017	\$20.16
April, 2017	\$58.93
June, 2017	\$52.73
July, 2017	\$44.10
August, 2017	\$80.42
September, 2017	\$32.97
October, 2017	\$42.78
November, 2017	\$63.99
<b>Total Expenses to Date:</b>	<b>\$411.90</b>
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<b>Unexpended Authorization</b>	<b>\$4,588.10</b>

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

Fiscal Year:	2017
Month Paid:	November-17
Type	(Multiple Items)

Name	Title	Gross Monthly Compensation
Anderson, Catherine	Staff Assistant	\$7,000.00
Andres, Don		(\$1,558.32)
Barber, Sara	Professional Staff	\$8,833.33
Beavin, Michael	Professional Staff	\$11,194.44
Bharwani, Rajesh D.	Deputy Staff Director	\$10,316.67
Brazauskas, Joseph	Staff Director	\$13,166.67
Callen, Ashley	Chief Counsel for Investigations/Staff Dir.	\$14,034.25
Carpenter, Matthew	Intern	\$500.00
Colliatie, Drew	Professional Staff	\$9,875.00
Connally, Thomas	Counsel	\$7,750.00
Domenech, Emily	Staff Director	\$13,166.67
Dziadon, Daniel	Intern	\$633.34
	Policy Assistant	\$1,375.00
English, Jonlyn Bristol	Professional Staff	\$9,666.67
Eskandani, Rebekah	Press Secretary/Digital Media Coord.	\$7,500.00
Faith, G. Ryan	Professional Staff	\$10,250.00
Finke, Gina	Executive Assistant	\$7,333.33
Florida, Joseph	Professional Staff	\$8,416.67
Fromm, Sharon Molly (Boyl)	Gen. Counsel & Parliamentarian	\$14,000.00
Grigoryan, Juliya	Counsel	\$9,250.00
Gurley, Emily Hollis	Finance Assistant	\$750.00
Hall, Steven "Troy"	Intern	\$1,000.00
Hammond, Tom J.	Staff Director	\$13,916.67
Hooghan, Priyanka	Professional Staff	\$8,833.33
Johnson, Stanton R.	Professional Staff	\$9,666.67
Jordan, Taylor R.	Professional Staff	\$10,250.00
Kaprelian, Lydia	Intern	\$500.00
Kassel, Chase	Policy Asst. & Member Svcs Coord.	\$9,583.33
Kopshever, Kristin N	Admin. & Comm. Director	\$12,333.33
Larson, Bess	Policy Assistant	\$6,750.00
Li, Allen	Senior Professional Staff	\$12,125.00
Loyd, Weston	Press Assistant	\$5,000.00
Marin, Mark	Chief of Staff	\$14,375.00
McDonald, Thea	Communications Director	\$10,083.33
Micheletti, Tyler	Intern	\$600.00
Norman, Russell Evan	Deputy Chief Counsel	\$12,416.67
Obermann, Richard M.	Chief of Staff	\$14,224.66
O'Brien, Hillary	Professional Staff	\$7,750.00
Palasits, Sara	Research Assistant	\$7,250.00
Pasternak, Douglas S.	Staff Director	\$13,000.00
Philp, Curtis	Shared Employee	\$9,034.25
Piazza, John L.	Chief Counsel	\$14,224.66
Rankin, Charles "Duncan"	Professional Staff	\$2,750.00
Ratliff, Sara	Policy Assistant	\$5,333.33
Roos, Amber Harris	Finance Assistant	\$1,000.00
Rosenberg, Adam	Staff Director	\$12,541.67
Ross, Abigail E.	Finance Assistant	\$4,100.00
Ross, John E.	Finance Director	\$725.00

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
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Name	Title	Gross Monthly Compensation
Shank, Christopher M.	Senior Advisor	\$1,527.78
Shannon, Cliff	Staff Director	\$14,166.67
Smith, Ashley	Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Counsel	\$14,034.25
Sokolov, Dahlia L.	Staff Director	\$13,583.33
Traynham, Benjamin	Counsel	\$9,416.67
VerVelde, Brandon	Press Secretary	\$5,416.67
Vinyard, Ashlee	Shared Employee	\$4,659.25
Voyles, Travis	Professional Staff	\$7,750.00
Wandel, Bryan Paul	Finance Assistant	\$750.00
Ward, Jimmy	Professional Staff	\$8,166.67
Weerasinghe, Pamitha D.	Professional Staff	\$9,500.00
Whitney, Pamela L.	Senior Professional Staff	\$14,034.25
Whittaker, Larry W.	Shared Employee	\$5,700.92
Wickre, Jennifer	Professional Staff	\$10,333.33
Wright, Sangina Q.	Senior Publications Editor	\$5,000.00
Wydler, Christopher	Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Advisor	\$14,333.33
Grand Total		\$521,193.74

**REPORT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED**  
 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
 November 2017

Traveler	Dates of Travel		Purpose	Itinerary	Reimbursement Claimed			
	From	To			Trans.	Per Diem	Other	TOTAL

\*\*There was no travel performed by the Committee during the month of November 2017.