

as I understand it, the unanimous support of the Tennessee congressional delegation, which has always been the process threshold for these bills. Secondly, because of the substance.

Harold Middlebrook was born in Memphis, as my distinguished colleague, Mr. BURCHETT, tells us. He went to Morehouse and became involved as a college student in the civil rights movement. He was active both with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

At SNCC, he participated with Bob Moses and Ivanhoe Donaldson and a number of the other activists in SNCC, which was the organization that went door to door registering people to vote at great risk to life and limb.

They coined the expression “one person, one vote” later assimilated into the Supreme Court’s “one person, one vote” equal protection discourse in *Reynolds v. Sims* and *Wesberry v. Sanders*, but it started as a slogan of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

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Reverend Middlebrook came to pastor churches in Memphis, Bolivar, and Knoxville. He founded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission of Knoxville in honor of his late friend.

It is an honor to be able to rise in support of this legislation to create a post office that will be named in honor of Harold Middlebrook. I urge passage of the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am proud to support this bill to honor Reverend Harold Middlebrook.

I should have said in my notes earlier that there was an Urban League dinner, and Dr. Middlebrook, I thought, kind of had carried a heavy load his whole life. I remembered he was sitting off to the side. I was mayor of the county, and they asked me to come sit at the head table with all the, I guess, leaders.

Dr. Middlebrook was not at that table. My wife and I sat over at the side with Harold Middlebrook because I told him: You run with the ones that brung you, Preacher. He laughed and smiled. He told us great stories all night. I meant to say that, and I apologize.

I am proud to support this bill to honor my dear friend, Reverend Harold Middlebrook, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOLINARO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 9360.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FEDERAL AGENCY PERFORMANCE ACT OF 2024

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 709) to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 709

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Federal Agency Performance Act of 2024”.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF STRATEGIC REVIEWS AND REPORTING.

(a) STRATEGIC REVIEWS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1121 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking the section heading and inserting “**Progress reviews and use of performance information**”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) AGENCY REVIEWS OF PROGRESS TOWARDS STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.—

“(1) COVERED GOAL DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered goal’ means a goal or objective established in the strategic plan of the agency under section 306(a) of title 5.

“(2) REVIEW.—Not less frequently than annually and consistent with guidance issued by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the head and Chief Operating Officer of each agency, shall—

“(A) for each covered goal, review with the appropriate agency official responsible for the covered goal—

“(i) the progress achieved toward the covered goal—

“(I) during the most recent fiscal year; or

“(II) from recent sources of evidence available at the time of the review; and

“(ii) the likelihood that the agency will achieve the covered goal;

“(B) coordinate with relevant personnel within and outside the agency who contribute to the accomplishment of each covered goal;

“(C) assess progress toward each covered goal by reviewing performance information and other types of evidence relating to each covered goal, such as program evaluations and statistical data;

“(D) identify whether additional evidence is necessary to better assess progress toward each covered goal, and prioritize the development of the evidence described in subparagraph (C), such as through the plans required under section 312 of title 5, if applicable;

“(E) assess whether relevant organizations, program activities, regulations, policies, and other activities contribute as planned to each covered goal;

“(F) as appropriate, leverage the assessment performed under subparagraph (E) as part of the portfolio reviews required under section 503(c)(1)(G);

“(G) identify any risks or impediments that would reduce or otherwise decrease the likelihood that the agency will achieve the covered goal; and

“(H) for each covered goal at greatest risk of not being achieved, identify prospects and strategies for performance improvement, including any necessary changes to program activities, regulations, policies, or other activities of the agency.

“(3) SUPPORT.—In fulfilling the requirements of paragraph (2), the head and Chief Operating Officer of each agency shall be supported by—

“(A) the Performance Improvement Officer of the agency;

“(B) as appropriate, the Chief Data Officer, Evaluation Officer, Program Management Improvement Officer, and Statistical Official of the agency; and

“(C) any other senior agency official designated by the head of the agency, the sustained involvement of whom may help the agency increase the likelihood of achieving 1 or more covered goals.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for Chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1121 and inserting the following:

“1121. Progress reviews and use of performance information..”.

(b) SUMMARY REQUIRED.—Section 1116 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (6)(E), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) include a summary of the findings of the review of the agency under section 1121(c).”; and

(2) by striking subsections (f) through (i).

SEC. 3. REVISIONS TO THE FEDERAL PERFORMANCE WEBSITE.

Section 1122 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) by inserting “required to be included on the single website under subparagraph (A) and the information”; before “in the program inventory”; and

(II) by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) ensure that the website described in subparagraph (A) conforms with the requirements for websites under section 3(a) of the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 note).”; and

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) archive and preserve—

“(i) the information included in the program inventory required under paragraph (2)(B), including the information described in paragraph (3), after the end of the period during which that information is made available; and

“(ii) the information included in the single website under paragraph (2)(A) in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) after the end of the period during which such information is made available on the website; and”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6) the results achieved toward the agency priority goals established under section 1120(b)—

“(A) during the most recent quarter and overall trend data for each quarter compared to the planned level of performance; and

“(B) at the end of the 2-year agency priority goal period compared to the overall planned level of performance;”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

“(5) the results achieved toward the priority goals developed under section 1120(a)(1)—

“(A) during the most recent quarter and overall trend data for each quarter compared to the planned level of performance; and

“(B) at the end of the 4-year Federal Government priority goal period compared to the overall planned level of performance;”.

SEC. 4. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITY GOALS.

Section 1120(a)(2) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking the second sentence and inserting “Such goals shall—

“(A) be updated and revised not less frequently than during the first year of each Presidential term;

“(B) be made publicly available not less frequently than concurrently with the submission of the budget of the United States Government under section 1105(a) made during the first full fiscal year following any year during which a term of the President commences under section 101 of title 3;

“(C) include plans for the successful achievement of each goal within each single Presidential term; and

“(D) explicitly cite to any specific contents of the budget described in subparagraph (B) that support the achievement of each goal.”.

SEC. 5. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITY GOAL CO-LEADERS.

Section 1115(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) for each Federal Government performance goal, identify, as appropriate, not fewer than 2 lead Government officials who shall jointly be responsible for coordinating the efforts to achieve the goal, of whom—

“(A) not less than 1 shall be from the Executive Office of the President; and

“(B) not less than 1 shall be from an agency identified as contributing to the Federal Government performance goal described in paragraph (2);”.

SEC. 6. REPEAL OF OUTDATED PILOT PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking Sections 1118 and 1119.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9704 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking the items relating to sections 1118 and 1119.

SEC. 7. CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS.

(a) CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT TO CITE TO EVIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section 306(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (8) by inserting “, as applicable” after “section 312”; and

(2) in paragraph (9), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “with respect to the head of an agency required to develop a plan described in subsection (a) or (b) of section 312,” before “an assessment”.

(b) CLARIFICATION OF TIMING OF AGENCY PERFORMANCE REPORT.—Section 1116(b)(1) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “shall occur no less than 150 days after” and inserting “shall occur not later than 150 days after”.

SEC. 8. GAO REPORT.

Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives a report on the effectiveness of this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, the Federal Agency Performance Act, which provides additional transparency, accountability, and priorities for the Federal Government.

Federal agencies have many different missions. To meet these missions, they are required to develop goals and objectives. Developing the goal is an important first step toward progress. However, we know that more must be done to ensure that these goals and objectives are being achieved.

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, as later modernized in 2010 by a reform act known as GPRAMA, collectively established a solid foundation of reforms to improve the overall performance and outcomes of Federal agencies.

GPRAMA addressed a number of issues, such as focusing attention on crosscutting management issues, enhancing the usefulness of performance information, increasing transparency, and ensuring leadership commitment and attention to improving the performance of Federal agencies.

S. 709 builds upon existing law to codify the performance management practices that have shown the most positive results.

This bill requires agencies to proactively assess their progress toward achieving their strategic goals and objectives. It ensures that merely developing the goal is not enough.

Agencies would be required to track their progress and develop plans to address identified risks to not achieving their stated goals. This bill also requires agencies to determine whether they need more evidence to better assess their progress.

Agencies would also be required to assign senior leadership attention to completing these efforts, a common-sense reform that ensures that the work gets done, Mr. Speaker.

I thank Oversight Committee members WILLIAM TIMMONS and RO KHANNA for leading the House companion to this bill.

I urge all my colleagues to support this important, sensible, and bipartisan legislation. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of the Federal Agency Performance Act. I also thank my colleagues, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. TIMMONS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. KHANNA), for leading this bill to modernize the

Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, which we refer to as GPRA, I believe.

I am pleased to support this bipartisan legislation. I thank Senator PETERS, the chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, for his leadership of the bill on the Senate side.

GPRA established a performance management framework in 1993 for Federal Government agencies. It was last modernized in 2010, so we are overdue serious attention to make sure the framework is operating as effectively and smoothly as it can.

This bill would promote both accountability and transparency. It would codify OMB's practice of conducting regular strategic reviews of Federal agency performance goals, and it would also set new requirements to improve publicly available data on performance.gov, allowing the public greater transparency into agency progress toward the goals that have been set forth.

The bill makes commonsense updates to ensure agencies are providing services to the people as efficiently and as effectively as possible, which is why we have a government, to serve the people.

I encourage all my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. TIMMONS), my dear friend.

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of S. 709, the Federal Agency Performance Act.

I also thank my colleague, Mr. KHANNA, for partnering with me on the House companion version of this important bill and Chairman COMER for his support.

The Federal Agency Performance Act will help the incoming Trump administration root out waste, fraud, and abuse within many Federal agencies. The Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 already made important strides in improving agency performance. This bill builds on those reforms by introducing new proven practices that will reduce frivolous spending of taxpayer dollars.

Specifically, the bill requires agencies to develop clear strategic plans for how taxpayer money is allocated. Just as importantly, though, it holds agency employees accountable by requiring them to report their progress toward achieving those goals. By establishing a more rigorous strategic review process, improving access to publicly available data, and incorporating evidence-based practices into planning, we create a stronger framework for how taxpayer money is spent. This leads to greater transparency and accountability, not just for individual agencies, but across the government as a whole.

To increase government efficiency and demand accountability, I urge all of my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I urge everybody to pass this, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 709, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CORPORAL MATTHEW A. WYATT POST OFFICE

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8976) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West White Street in Millstadt, Illinois, as the "Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8976

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CORPORAL MATTHEW A. WYATT POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West White Street in Millstadt, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office in Illinois for Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt.

Wyatt joined the United States Marine Corps shortly after graduating high school in June of 2001. On December 3, 2004, Corporal Wyatt was killed while stopping a suicide bomber's truck at the gates of his forward operating base in Iraq.

I support naming a post office in memory of Corporal Wyatt, and I encourage all my colleagues to support this bill. As a historical note, my father was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 8976, which has bipartisan support.

Again, it is an honor to be able to support legislation named after Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt, who was a proud member of a military family, who joined the Marine Corps after graduating from high school in June of 2001. He was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Marine Corporal Matthew Wyatt was deployed to the Iraqi-Jordanian border, where tragically he was killed in action at the age of 21.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this legislation, which would honor his legacy by naming a post office in his hometown of Millstadt, Illinois, after him. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST), who is a marine.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 8976, to rename the post office in Millstadt, Illinois, in honor of a fallen hero, Corporal Matthew Wyatt.

Matt was a marine, serving in Iraq's Al Anbar Province when a suicide bomber approached his base in a truck loaded with explosives. Matt and another marine quickly took action to attempt to block the breach, but the explosion killed both servicemen instantly.

Yesterday marked the 20th anniversary of their passing. Now, despite the passage of time, it is a mile marker that I am sure gets no easier for his loved ones left behind. It is a pain many of us could not imagine.

Matt had something special. He had something he couldn't learn by watching television or even being taught in a classroom. He was instilled with a commitment to his country that is really tough to find today.

Now, I spoke about Matt's background when I introduced this legislation in the spring, but it is important for me to share it again. Military service was in Matt's blood. It came from his father, Marine Gunnery Sergeant Alan Wyatt, and two grandfathers, one Army and one Navy.

When his mother, Verlone, asked if he was willing to go to war, without hesitation Matt said yes. His bravery in battle earned him the Purple Heart

and Bronze Star. His commanding officer personally traveled to Millstadt to present the family with his medals.

Though we mourn a precious life cut short, we honor a legacy that runs long. This is a small and meaningful tribute to a small-town southern Illinoisan who made a big difference for his country.

I am proud today that the people's House is taking the opportunity to honor him. I encourage all of my colleagues here to support this bill and pass H.R. 8976 in honor of Corporal Matthew Wyatt of Millstadt, Illinois. Semper fi, marine. Oorah.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the naming of a post office after Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt.

My mama lost her oldest brother in the Second World War, and to the day she died, she talked about him. I could identify with what Marine Bost was just saying. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 8976.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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FLOYD B. OLSON POST OFFICE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8841) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Center Street East in Roseau, Minnesota, as the "Floyd B. Olson Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8841

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FLOYD B. OLSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Center Street East in Roseau, Minnesota, shall be known and designated as the "Floyd B. Olson Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Floyd B. Olson Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members