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Memorandum of Understanding

We, the chairs of the committees with jurisdiction over the Department of Homeland Security or its components, are hereby recording our agreement on the following principles for the 117th Congress:

1. The Department of Homeland Security (“the Department”) and its components should be authorized on a regular basis to ensure robust oversight and improve its operation.
2. Committees with jurisdiction over the Department and its components will prioritize any expired or expiring authorizations within the Department and its components in that committee’s jurisdiction.
3. To the maximum extent practicable, the committees with jurisdiction over components of the Department will coordinate with the Committee on Homeland Security to produce comprehensive authorization legislation for the Department and consult with the Committee on Homeland Security prior to consideration of component authorization legislation in a committee markup. Prior to consideration of component authorization legislation in a committee markup, the Committee on Homeland Security will consult with any other committee that is a party to this agreement that is a committee with jurisdiction over that component.
4. The Committee on Homeland Security will coordinate with the committees with jurisdiction over components of the Department in the development of any comprehensive authorization bill for the Department.
5. The committees will work in good faith to expeditiously consider any bill to comprehensively authorize the Department, including timely resolution of any matters subject to a sequential or additional referral.
6. To the extent that there are policy differences between the committees regarding a provision of a bill or comprehensive authorization bill for the Department, the committees will make best efforts to resolve any such dispute and where the Committee on Homeland Security has policy differences regarding a measure to be advanced by another committee that is a party to this agreement, the Committee on Homeland Security will make best efforts to achieve a timely resolution of such dispute.
7. Consistent with existing rules and precedents of the House, the Committee on Homeland Security Committee shall not include any provision in a bill that the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means has determined to be a revenue provision or a provision affecting revenue. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to preclude the Committee on Ways and Means from exercising an additional or sequential referral over any measure or to waive clause 5(a) of Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.
8. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as altering or expanding any committee’s jurisdiction under rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives or the referral of any measure thereunder and will not be construed as support for any claim for sequential referral on legislation pertaining to the Department generally, including policies, programs, and general management of component agencies.
9. Further, nothing in this agreement shall be construed to affect the provision of information by the Executive Branch to committees of jurisdiction pursuant to law or otherwise.
10. Further, nothing in this agreement shall be construed as altering any responsibilities or authority of any committee under Rule XI of the House of Representatives.

11. Further, nothing in this agreement precludes a further agreement between the committees with regard to the implementation of a process to collaborate on comprehensive authorization legislation and component-specific measures.
12. Consistent with past practice, committees that are party to this agreement will consult with the Committee on Oversight and Reform when statutes under its Rule X jurisdiction are implicated by comprehensive reauthorization legislation.

Signed,

David Scott, *Chair*  
Committee on Agriculture

Frank Pallone, Jr., *Chair*  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

Maxine Waters, *Chair*  
Committee on Financial Services

Bennie G. Thompson, *Chair*  
Committee on Homeland Security

Adam Schiff, *Chair*  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Jerrold Nadler, *Chair*  
Committee on the Judiciary

Carolyn B. Maloney, *Chair*  
Committee on Oversight and Reform

Eddie Bernice Johnson, *Chair*  
Committee on Science, Space and Technology

Peter A. DeFazio, *Chair*  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Richard Neal, *Chair*  
Committee on Ways and Means