



H.R. 3571 - To amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term.

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3571 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Robert Brady (D-PA) on September 18, 2007. It was referred to the Committee on House Administration, but never considered.

H.R. 3571 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 2, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3571 would allow former Office of Compliance employees to serve in appointed positions within the office. It also permits the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and the General Counsel to serve two terms (current law limits them to one term).

Note: A GAO report from 2004 recommended increasing the term limit "to prevent the loss of critical organization knowledge."

BACKGROUND

The Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104-1) established the independent, non-partisan Office of Compliance to administer and enforce employment and workplace safety laws in the Legislative Branch. The Office consists of a five-member Board of Directors, four executive staff appointed by the Board of Directors, and support staff that include attorneys and safety and health inspectors. Under current law, former officers and employees are not allowed to serve in appointed positions in the Office of Compliance within 4 years of working in the office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[GAO Report: Office of Compliance \(February 2004\)](#)

COST

There is currently no Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate for H.R. 3571.

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