

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9342

To revise certain authorities of the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2026

Mrs. BICE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To revise certain authorities of the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “GPO Modernization Act of 2026”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—SALES PROGRAMS

Sec. 101. Sale of Government documents.

TITLE II—PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 201. Purpose and establishment.
 Sec. 202. Definitions.
 Sec. 203. Availability of Government publications.
 Sec. 204. Selections available to depository libraries.
 Sec. 205. Distribution to depositories.
 Sec. 206. Conforming amendment related to libraries of executive departments.
 Sec. 207. Requirements for depository libraries.
 Sec. 208. Free use of Government public information in depositories.
 Sec. 209. Regional depositories.
 Sec. 210. Cataloging and access.
 Sec. 211. National Collection of United States Public Information.
 Sec. 212. Printing or publication of Congressional Directory.

TITLE III—GPO OPERATIONAL MODERNIZATION

Sec. 301. Updating Oversight by the Joint Committee.
 Sec. 302. Modernizing authorities of the Government Publishing Office.
 Sec. 303. Updating and Modernizing Congressional Publishing.
 Sec. 304. GPO and the Federal Register.
 Sec. 305. Acceptance of gifts.
 Sec. 306. Simplified acquisitions.
 Sec. 307. Supplies or services.
 Sec. 308. Detail of employees.
 Sec. 309. Equalizing GPO Compensation with Other Legislative Branch Agencies.
 Sec. 310. Leave carryover for certain Government Publishing Office positions.

TITLE IV—PREPARATION OF CONSTITUTION ANNOTATED

Sec. 401. Repeal requirement for Congressional Research Service to prepare Annotated Constitution and supplements in hardbound version.

1 **TITLE I—SALES PROGRAMS**

2 **SEC. 101. SALE OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.**

3 (a) AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCU-
 4 MENTS.—Section 1702 of title 44, United States Code, is
 5 amended—

6 (1) in the first undesignated paragraph, by
 7 striking “The Director” and inserting “(a) AP-
 8 POINTMENT.—The Director”;

9 (2) in the second undesignated paragraph—

1 (A) by striking “When an officer” and in-
2 serting “(b) RECEIPT AND SALE.—When an of-
3 ficer”; and

4 (B) by striking “who shall receive and sell”
5 and inserting “who may receive and sell”; and

6 (3) in the third undesignated paragraph, by
7 striking “The Superintendent of Documents” and
8 inserting “(c) REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.—The
9 Superintendent of Documents”.

10 (b) REMOVE REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL FROM
11 DEPARTMENT IN WHICH DOCUMENT ORIGINATED.—Sec-
12 tion 1707 of such title is amended by striking “, subject
13 to the approval of the Secretary or head of the department
14 in which the public document originated”.

15 (c) PRICES; RESALE AUTHORITY.—Section 1708 of
16 such title is amended to read as follows:

17 **“§ 1708. Prices for sales copies of publications; cred-**
18 **iting of receipts; resale by dealers; sales**
19 **agents**

20 “(a) PRICES.—The price at which additional copies
21 of Government publications are offered for sale to the pub-
22 lic by the Superintendent of Documents shall be based on
23 the cost as determined by the Director of the Government
24 Publishing Office plus a premium to cover the costs of

1 sale and delivery. A discount may be allowed as deter-
2 mined by the Superintendent of Documents.

3 “(b) RESALE AUTHORITY.—The Superintendent of
4 Documents may prescribe terms and conditions under
5 which the Superintendent authorizes the resale of Govern-
6 ment publications by book dealers, and the Superintendent
7 may designate any Government officer as the Superintend-
8 ent’s agent for the sale of Government publications under
9 regulations agreed upon by the Superintendent of Docu-
10 ments and the head of the respective department or estab-
11 lishment of the Government.”.

12 (d) AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCU-
13 MENTS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRIBU-
14 TION, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF UNNEEDED DOCU-
15 MENTS.—Section 1720 of such title is amended by strik-
16 ing “distribution or sale” and inserting “distribution, sale,
17 or disposal in accordance with requirements established by
18 the Superintendent of Documents”.

19 **TITLE II—PUBLIC INFORMATION** 20 **PROGRAMS**

21 **SEC. 201. PURPOSE AND ESTABLISHMENT.**

22 Chapter 19 of title 44, United States Code, is amend-
23 ed by inserting before section 1901 the following new sec-
24 tion:

1 **“§ 1900. Purpose and establishment of the public in-**
2 **formation programs of the Super-**
3 **intendent of Documents**

4 “(a) The purposes of this chapter are the following:

5 “(1) To ensure the public’s right to free, equi-
6 table, and convenient access to Government public
7 information.

8 “(2) To establish the Public Information Pro-
9 grams of the Superintendent of Documents in the
10 Government Publishing Office, that together, func-
11 tion to identify, acquire, catalog, preserve, authen-
12 ticate, disseminate, reformat, and provide no-fee per-
13 manent public access to the corpus of Government
14 public information for future generations, including
15 the following programs and activities:

16 “(A) The Federal Depository Library Pro-
17 gram.

18 “(B) The Cataloging and Access Services
19 Program.

20 “(C) Online System of Access.

21 “(D) The National Collection of U.S. Gov-
22 ernment Public Information.

23 “(E) Preservation Program.

24 “(F) Sales to the Public.

25 “(b) The Superintendent of Documents shall engage
26 in activities that enhance awareness and access to Govern-

1 ment public information or provide services that support
2 libraries in their efforts to serve their communities.”.

3 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

4 Section 1901 of title 44, United States Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 1901. Definitions**

7 “In this chapter—

8 “(1) the term ‘access services’ means those
9 functions or services which enable or enhance dis-
10 covery, awareness, and use of Government public in-
11 formation in the National Collection of U.S. Govern-
12 ment Public Information, and Federal documents
13 collections held by Federal depository libraries;

14 “(2) the term ‘Government public information’
15 means Federal Government publications or informa-
16 tion resources, regardless of physical form or me-
17 dium, compiled by Government employees, or at
18 Government expense, or as required by law, and dis-
19 seminated to the public by an agency or a contractor
20 thereof or of educational value, including such publi-
21 cations or information resources which have been de-
22 classified;

23 “(3) the term ‘Government publication’ means
24 informational matter which is published as an indi-

1 vidual document at Government expense, or as re-
2 quired by law;

3 “(4) the term ‘information’ means any commu-
4 nication or representation of knowledge such as
5 facts, data, or opinions in any medium or form, in-
6 cluding textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic,
7 narrative, electronic, or audiovisual forms;

8 “(5) the term ‘information lifecycle manage-
9 ment’ means the process of planning, budgeting, ad-
10 ministering, processing, and controlling information,
11 whether in the form of a tangible or digital informa-
12 tion asset, throughout the stages of the asset, in-
13 cluding the asset’s—

14 “(A) creation, identification, and acquisi-
15 tion;

16 “(B) organization, bibliographic control,
17 and metadata;

18 “(C) preservation, digitization, and refor-
19 mating;

20 “(D) authentication, access, and dissemi-
21 nation;

22 “(E) promotion;

23 “(F) storage; and

24 “(G) management through a trusted dig-
25 ital repository;

1 “(6) the term ‘permanent public access’ means
2 making Government public information resources
3 discoverable and available to, and accessible by, the
4 public on an indefinite, continuing basis, without
5 charge;

6 “(7) the term ‘preservation’ means strategic ini-
7 tiatives, programs, and processes designed to main-
8 tain useful access to information assets, serving the
9 information needs of both present and future gen-
10 erations; and

11 “(8) the term ‘unreported public information’
12 means Government public information which is not
13 cataloged or otherwise identifiable or retrievable by
14 an end user of the catalog described in section
15 1917.”.

16 **SEC. 203. AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

17 Section 1902 of such title is amended to read as fol-
18 lows:

19 **“§ 1902. Availability of Government publications**
20 **through Superintendent of Documents;**
21 **notification of publications not ordered**
22 **from Government Publishing Office**

23 “(a) AVAILABILITY.—The Superintendent of Docu-
24 ments shall make Government public information available

1 to depository libraries through the Superintendent of Doc-
2 uments Public Information Programs.

3 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each component of the Gov-
4 ernment shall—

5 “(1) notify the Superintendent of Documents of
6 tangible Government public information content it
7 has issued that is not also available digitally;

8 “(2) notify the Superintendent of Documents of
9 digital Government public information content it has
10 issued;

11 “(3) collaborate with the Superintendent of
12 Documents to ensure any such digital Government
13 public information remains permanently accessible;
14 and

15 “(4) furnish to the Superintendent of Docu-
16 ments any tangible Government public information it
17 has issued that was obtained from sources other
18 than the Government Publishing Office, unless other
19 arrangements have been made with the Super-
20 intendent of Documents to ensure the information is
21 accessible to depository libraries.

22 “(c) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirements of subsection
23 (b) do not apply to Government public information that
24 is confidential in character or classified for reasons of na-
25 tional security.”.

1 **SEC. 204. SELECTIONS AVAILABLE TO DEPOSITORY LI-**
2 **BRARIES.**

3 Section 1904 of such title is amended to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 **“§ 1904. Selections available to depository libraries**

6 “The Superintendent of Documents shall notify de-
7 pository libraries of those Government public information
8 products, regardless of format, that are available for selec-
9 tion for inclusion in their depository collections.”.

10 **SEC. 205. DISTRIBUTION TO DEPOSITORIES.**

11 Section 1905 of title 44, United States Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 **“§ 1905. Distribution to depositories; designation of**
14 **additional libraries; justification; author-**
15 **ization for certain designations**

16 “(a) Government public information available from
17 the Superintendent of Documents under this chapter shall
18 be distributed or made accessible to depository libraries
19 specifically designated by law and to libraries designated
20 pursuant to this section.

21 “(b) Libraries within areas served by Members of the
22 House, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner from the
23 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be designated by them
24 to receive Government public information to the extent
25 that the total number of libraries designated by them does
26 not exceed two within each area.

1 “(c) Not more than two additional libraries within a
2 State may be designated by each Senator from the State.

3 “(d) The Mayor of the District of Columbia may des-
4 ignate two depository libraries in the District of Columbia.

5 “(e) The Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto
6 Rico, the Governor of Guam, the Governor of American
7 Samoa, and the Governor of the Commonwealth of the
8 Northern Mariana Islands may each designate one deposi-
9 tory library in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam,
10 American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
11 Mariana Islands, respectively. The Governor of the United
12 States Virgin Islands may designate one depository library
13 on the island of Saint Thomas and one on the island of
14 Saint Croix.

15 “(f) The Superintendent of Documents may des-
16 ignate libraries to be digital-only depository libraries for
17 Government public information if they are located in an
18 area with no congressional vacancies and they are not eli-
19 gible to be designated under existing by-law library provi-
20 sions of this section. Digital-only depository libraries must
21 be freely accessible to and provide services for the public
22 and otherwise meet the requirements of this title.

23 “(g) Before a library is designated as a depository
24 for Government public information, the Superintendent of
25 Documents shall assess the potential depository library to

1 determine its sustainability for housing a depository collec-
2 tion and for providing access services, including providing
3 access to digital content. The head of that library shall
4 furnish justification of the necessity for the additional des-
5 ignation to the library’s Senator, Member of the House,
6 Delegate, Resident Commissioner from the Common-
7 wealth of Puerto Rico, or the Mayor of the District of Co-
8 lumbia or Governor, as the case may be. The justification
9 shall also include the assessment of the Superintendent
10 of Documents. The justification for depository library des-
11 ignations shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of
12 Documents by the Senator, Member of the House, Dele-
13 gate, the Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth
14 of Puerto Rico, or the Mayor of the District of Columbia
15 or Governor, as the case may be.”.

16 **SEC. 206. CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATED TO LIBRAR-**
17 **IES OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

18 Section 1907 of title 44, United States Code, is
19 amended—

20 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Govern-
21 ment publications” and inserting “Government pub-
22 lic information”; and

23 (2) in the last sentence, by striking “Library of
24 Congress and the Archivist of the United States”
25 and inserting “Superintendent of Documents”.

1 **SEC. 207. REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES.**

2 Section 1909 of title 44, United States Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **“§ 1909. Requirements of depository libraries; reports**
5 **on conditions; consultations and training;**
6 **termination; replacement**

7 “(a) Only a library able to provide access to, custody
8 of, and services for deposited materials or access to and
9 services for online digital content and located in an area
10 where it can best serve the public need may be designated
11 as a depository library. The designated depository libraries
12 shall report to the Superintendent of Documents at least
13 every two years concerning their condition.

14 “(b) The Superintendent of Documents shall regu-
15 larly assess conditions in depository libraries. The Super-
16 intendent of Documents shall provide needed training and
17 support by making visits to depository libraries or by other
18 means and include the results of consultations in the Su-
19 perintendent of Documents’ annual report. When the Su-
20 perintendent of Documents ascertains that the designated
21 depository has ceased to be maintained so as to be acces-
22 sible to the public, or that the Government publications
23 which have been furnished the library have not been prop-
24 erly maintained, the Superintendent of Documents shall
25 remove the library from the directory of depository librar-
26 ies if the library fails to correct the unsatisfactory condi-

1 tions within an agreed upon time frame. A library may
 2 be designated, pursuant to section 1905 of this chapter,
 3 to replace a library deleted by the Superintendent of Docu-
 4 ments, provided that the designation may not be in excess
 5 of the number of depository libraries authorized by law.”.

6 **SEC. 208. FREE USE OF GOVERNMENT PUBLIC INFORMA-**
 7 **TION IN DEPOSITORIES.**

8 Section 1911 of title 44, United States Code, is
 9 amended to read as follows:

10 **“§ 1911. Free use of Government public information**
 11 **in depositories; disposal of unwanted**
 12 **Government public information**

13 “(a) **FREE USE BY THE PUBLIC.**—Depository librar-
 14 ies shall, pursuant to standards established by the Super-
 15 intendent of Documents, make Government public infor-
 16 mation accessible for free use by the public.

17 “(b) **DIGITAL INFORMATION SUBSTITUTES.**—Deposi-
 18 tory libraries may substitute digital information for tan-
 19 gible publications in accordance with Superintendent of
 20 Documents policy and guidance.

21 “(c) **DISPOSAL.**—A depository library not served by
 22 a regional depository library, or that is a regional depository
 23 library, may dispose of unwanted Government public
 24 information in accordance with Superintendent of Docu-
 25 ments policy and guidance. Depository libraries may dis-

1 pose of tangible publications which are Government prop-
2 erty after retention for five years under section 1912 of
3 this title, if the depository library is served by a regional
4 depository library.”.

5 **SEC. 209. REGIONAL DEPOSITORIES.**

6 Section 1912 of title 44, United States Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 1912. Regional depositories; designation; functions;**
9 **shared responsibilities, disposal of publi-**
10 **cations**

11 “(a) Not more than two depository libraries in each
12 State and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be des-
13 igned as regional depositories and shall receive from the
14 Superintendent of Documents copies of or access to all
15 new and revised Government publications authorized for
16 dissemination to depository libraries. Designation of re-
17 gional depository libraries may be made by a Senator or
18 the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico within the
19 areas served by them. Prior to the designation the Super-
20 intendent of Documents shall consult with the head of the
21 potential regional depository library and ascertain that the
22 library will fulfill the requirements for depository libraries.
23 The agreement to function as a regional depository library
24 shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of Documents

1 by the Senator or the Resident Commissioner from Puerto
2 Rico when the designation is made.

3 “(b) Regional depository libraries shall retain at least
4 one copy of all Government publications received, except
5 those authorized to be discarded by the Superintendent
6 of Documents policy and guidance or covered by collabo-
7 rative agreements approved by the Superintendent of Doc-
8 uments, or make accessible digital versions (in accordance
9 with Superintendent of Documents policy) and, within the
10 area served, will provide leadership and coordination for
11 the provision of program-related activities for depository
12 libraries.

13 “(c) Regional depository libraries from different
14 States may share responsibilities by entering into agree-
15 ments in accordance with Superintendent of Documents
16 guidance and upon approval of a Senator from each of
17 the States.

18 “(d) The Superintendent of Documents shall estab-
19 lish not fewer than four multistate collection service areas
20 to support collaborative collection and service coordination
21 among depository libraries within such area.

22 “(e) Publications distributed by the Superintendent
23 of Documents to depository libraries are holdings of the
24 National Collection of U.S. Government Public Informa-
25 tion and remain the property of the United States Govern-

1 ment. Libraries designated as regional depositories will co-
2 ordinate with the Superintendent of Documents on the
3 disposition of Government Publications from depository li-
4 braries, within the areas served by them, which the deposi-
5 tory library has retained for five years or when the deposi-
6 tory library is relinquishing its depository designation. The
7 Superintendent of Documents shall manage the National
8 Collection of U.S. Government Public Information to
9 maximize the access to, use of, and preservation of Gov-
10 ernment public information in the depository library pro-
11 gram.”.

12 **SEC. 210. CATALOGING AND ACCESS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 44, United
14 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing new section:

16 **“§ 1917. Cataloging and access services**

17 “(a) CATALOGING DESCRIBED.—The Superintendent
18 of Documents shall provide descriptive cataloging records
19 for the corpus of Government public information. The cat-
20 aloging records shall be created using library or informa-
21 tion industry standards and best practices and shall in-
22 clude metadata elements in accordance with Super-
23 intendent of Documents policy.

24 “(b) ACCESS AND AWARENESS SERVICES.—The Su-
25 perintendent of Documents shall engage in activities that

1 enhance access to and awareness of Government public in-
2 formation or provide services that support libraries or or-
3 ganizations that support libraries in their efforts to serve
4 their communities' Government information needs.

5 “(c) SPECIFIC ACCESS SERVICES.—

6 “(1) The Superintendent of Documents shall
7 maintain an online comprehensive catalog of histor-
8 ical and current, tangible and digital Government
9 public information cataloged under subsection (a),
10 and such catalog shall show where the Government
11 public information may be obtained or accessed. The
12 catalog shall be machine- or device-independent and
13 available for free use by the public.

14 “(2) The Superintendent of Documents shall
15 carry out a program to bring unreported Govern-
16 ment public information under bibliographic control
17 and to make records associated with such informa-
18 tion available through the catalog established by this
19 section and such other methods as may be appro-
20 priate.

21 “(3) The Superintendent of Documents may
22 make the records of such catalog available to Fed-
23 eral depository libraries, bibliographic utilities that
24 support widely available record sharing, or other en-

1 tities that make available Government public infor-
2 mation.

3 “(4) The Superintendent of Documents may ac-
4 cept records for inclusion in such catalog from li-
5 braries and agencies of the Federal Government,
6 Federal depository libraries, bibliographic utilities
7 that support widely available record sharing, or
8 other entities that make available Government public
9 information.

10 “(5) The Superintendent of Documents may ac-
11 quire digital Government public information for in-
12 clusion in the Cataloging and Access Services Pro-
13 gram, Federal Depository Library Program, and
14 GPO’s System of Online Access through automated
15 and manual harvesting of public websites. Such con-
16 tent will be cataloged, made accessible through the
17 catalog established under this subsection, and pre-
18 served.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 17 of
20 such title is amended by repealing sections 1710 and
21 1711.

1 **SEC. 211. NATIONAL COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES PUB-**
2 **LIC INFORMATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 44, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 1918. National Collection of United States Public**
7 **Information**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—

9 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby estab-
10 lished a National Collection of United States Gov-
11 ernment Public Information (referred to in this
12 chapter as the ‘National Collection’).

13 “(2) PURPOSE.—The Federal Government’s
14 publications and information are national assets and
15 resources. Their availability and accessibility ensures
16 an informed citizenry and an improved quality of life
17 for them while spurring innovation. The National
18 Collection is established to ensure the public’s right
19 to free, equitable, and convenient access to Govern-
20 ment public information.

21 “(b) SCOPE OF THE NATIONAL COLLECTION.—The
22 content included in the National Collection is the corpus
23 of Government public information.

24 “(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
25 OF DOCUMENTS.—The Superintendent of Documents
26 shall administer the National Collection and shall—

1 “(1) guarantee free permanent public access to
2 the geographically distributed National Collection;

3 “(2) apply information lifecycle management
4 best practices to the National Collection;

5 “(3) acquire and bring under bibliographic con-
6 trol public Government information products, re-
7 gardless of format, in scope of the National Collec-
8 tion;

9 “(4) ensure a minimum of four tangible copies
10 of distributed publications exist in the depository li-
11 brary program distributed geographically in four Na-
12 tional Collection service areas; and

13 “(5) collaborate with stakeholders, including the
14 Library of Congress, libraries of the United States,
15 Federal agencies, Congress, the Judiciary, and Fed-
16 eral Depository Library Program member libraries
17 in as much as is practicable, to ensure preservation,
18 comprehensiveness, and accessibility of the National
19 Collection.

20 “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE
21 GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.—The Director of the
22 Government Publishing Office, acting through the Super-
23 intendent of Documents, shall—

24 “(1) operate a digital repository system that
25 functions as the Government Publishing Office’s on-

1 line system of access through which members of the
2 public may obtain, at no charge, information that is
3 included in the National Collection;

4 “(2) develop and enhance such system as need-
5 ed;

6 “(3) digitize, authenticate, manage, preserve,
7 and provide a permanent means of accessing infor-
8 mation;

9 “(4) provide access to information in an open
10 format to the extent practicable;

11 “(5) provide funding for system development,
12 operational support, and infrastructure; and

13 “(6) have the ability to provide services to Fed-
14 eral agencies for the purpose of carrying out this
15 title.

16 “(e) PROTECTING USER PRIVACY.—The Director of
17 the Government Publishing Office, acting through the Su-
18 perintendent of Documents, shall implement measures to
19 protect the privacy of individuals using the digital reposi-
20 tory described in subsection (d), and shall ensure that
21 such measures provide users with at least the same level
22 of privacy as provided under section 552a of title 5 (com-
23 monly known as the Privacy Act of 1974) and section 208
24 of the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–347).

1 “(f) REMOVAL OF PUBLIC GOVERNMENT INFORMA-
2 TION FROM NATIONAL COLLECTION.—The Super-
3 intendent of Documents shall publicly disclose online, not
4 less than annually, a list of any public Government infor-
5 mation removed from public access in the National Collec-
6 tion or the digital repository described in subsection (d),
7 and the reasons for such removals.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Chapter 41 of title
9 44, United States Code, is hereby repealed.

10 **SEC. 212. PRINTING OR PUBLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL**
11 **DIRECTORY.**

12 Section 721 of title 44, United States Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 **“§ 721. Congressional Directory**

15 “There shall be prepared under the direction of the
16 Director of the Government Publishing Office (1) a Con-
17 gressional Directory, which shall be prepared in a digital
18 format available at a public website of the Government
19 Publishing Office as early as practicable during the first
20 session of each Congress and (2) a supplement to each
21 Congressional Directory, which shall be prepared in a dig-
22 ital format available at a public website of the Government
23 Publishing Office as early as practicable during the second
24 regular session of each Congress.”.

1 **TITLE III—GPO OPERATIONAL**
 2 **MODERNIZATION**

3 **SEC. 301. UPDATING OVERSIGHT BY THE JOINT COM-**
 4 **MITTEE.**

5 (a) REDESIGNATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON
 6 PRINTING TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING.—

7 (1) The Joint Committee on Printing is hereby
 8 redesignated the Joint Committee on Publishing.

9 (2) Any reference to the Joint Committee on
 10 Printing in any law, rule, regulation, certificate, di-
 11 rective, instruction, or any other official paper in
 12 force on the date of enactment of this Act shall be
 13 considered to refer and apply to the Joint Com-
 14 mittee on Publishing.

15 (b) MODERNIZING JOINT COMMITTEE STRUC-
 16 TURE.—Chapter 1 of title 44, United States Code, is
 17 amended to read as follows:

18 **“CHAPTER 1—JOINT COMMITTEE ON**
 19 **PUBLISHING**

“101. Joint Committee on Publishing: membership.

“102. Joint Committee on Publishing: purpose and authority.

“103. Joint Committee on Publishing: succession; powers during recess.

“104. Joint Committee on Publishing: remedial powers.

20 **“§ 101. Joint Committee on Publishing: membership**

21 “The Joint Committee on Publishing shall consist of
 22 the chair and four members of the Committee on Rules
 23 and Administration of the Senate and the chair and four

1 members of the Committee on House Oversight of the
2 House of Representatives.

3 **“§ 102. Joint Committee on Publishing: purpose and**
4 **authority**

5 “The Joint Committee on Publishing shall oversee
6 the Government Publishing Office and supervise the Di-
7 rector of the Government Publishing Office.

8 **“§ 103. Joint Committee on Publishing: succession;**
9 **powers during recess**

10 “The members of the Joint Committee on Publishing
11 who are reelected to the succeeding Congress shall con-
12 tinue as members of the committee until their successors
13 are chosen. The President of the Senate and the Speaker
14 of the House of Representatives shall, on the last day of
15 a Congress, appoint members of their respective Houses
16 who have been elected to the succeeding Congress to fill
17 vacancies which may then be about to occur on the Com-
18 mittee, and the appointees and members of the Committee
19 who have been reelected shall continue until their succes-
20 sors are chosen. When Congress is not in session, the
21 Joint Committee may exercise all its powers and duties
22 as when Congress is in session.

1 **“§ 104. Joint Committee on Publishing: remedial pow-**
2 **ers**

3 “The Joint Committee on Publishing may use any
4 measures it considers necessary to remedy neglect, delay,
5 duplication, or waste in the public printing and binding
6 and the distribution of Congressional publications in any
7 form.”.

8 (c) REMOVING EXTRANEOUS REFERENCES TO THE
9 JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.—

10 (1) Section 1108 of title 44, United States
11 Code, is amended by striking “, subject to regulation
12 by the Joint Committee on Printing.”.

13 (2) Section 1301 of title 44, United States
14 Code, is amended by striking “in accordance with di-
15 rections of the Joint Committee on Printing.”.

16 (3) Section 1320A of title 44, United States
17 Code, is amended by striking “and with the approval
18 of the Joint Committee on Printing”.

19 (4) Section 312 of the Federal Power Act (16
20 U.S.C. 825k) is amended by striking “All printing
21 for the Federal Power Commission” and all that fol-
22 lows through “providing for interdepartmental
23 work.”.

24 (5) Section 5(c) of the National Foundation on
25 the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20
26 U.S.C. 954(c)) is amended by striking “In the case

1 of publications under paragraph (10) of this sub-
2 section such publications may be supported without
3 regard for the provisions of section 501 of title 44,
4 United States Code, only if the Chairperson consults
5 with the Joint Committee on Printing of the Con-
6 gress and the Chairperson submits to the Committee
7 on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate and
8 the Committee on Education and Labor of the
9 House of Representatives a report justifying any ex-
10 emption from such section 501.”.

11 (6) Section 7(c) of the National Foundation on
12 the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20
13 U.S.C. 956) is amended by striking “In the case of
14 publications under clause (8) of this subsection such
15 publications may be supported without regard for
16 the provisions of section 501 of title 44, United
17 States Code, only if the Chairperson consults with
18 the Joint Committee on Printing of the Congress
19 and the Chairperson submits to the Committee on
20 Labor and Human Resources of the Senate and the
21 Committee on Education and Labor of the House of
22 Representatives a report justifying any exemption
23 from such section 501.”.

24 (7) Section 411(a) of title 28, United States
25 Code, is amended by striking the last sentence.

1 (d) SERVICES FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL RE-
2 GION.—Section 1121 of title 44, United States Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **“§ 1121. Paper and envelopes for Government agen-**
5 **cies in the National Capital region**

6 “The Director of the Government Publishing Office
7 may procure, as provided by sections 509–516 of this title,
8 and furnish on requisition, paper and envelopes (not in-
9 cluding envelopes printed in the course of manufacture)
10 in common use by two or more departments, establish-
11 ments, or services of the Government in the National Cap-
12 ital region, within the meaning of section 8702 of title 40,
13 United States Code, and reimbursement shall be made to
14 the Director of the Government Publishing Office from ap-
15 propriations or funds available for the purpose. Paper and
16 envelopes so furnished by the Director of the Government
17 Publishing Office may not be procured in any other man-
18 ner.”.

19 **SEC. 302. MODERNIZING AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERN-**
20 **MENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.**

21 (a) PRINT AND PUBLISHING PROCUREMENT SERV-
22 ICES.—Section 502 of title 44, United States Code, is
23 amended—

24 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “, **PUB-**
25 **LISHING**” after “**BINDING**”;

1 (2) in the text, by inserting “, publishing” after
2 “binding”; and

3 (3) by striking “Joint Committee on Printing”
4 and inserting “Joint Committee on Publishing”.

5 (b) REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—Sections
6 503, 504, 1104, 1105, and 1112 of title 44, United States
7 Code, are repealed.

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections 505, 508
9 through 515, 517, 702, 703, 707, 709, 714, 717, 718,
10 722 through 724, 728, 738, and 901 through 905 of title
11 44, United States Code, are amended by striking “Joint
12 Committee on Printing” in each place it appears and in-
13 serting “Joint Committee on Publishing”.

14 **SEC. 303. UPDATING AND MODERNIZING CONGRESSIONAL**
15 **PUBLISHING.**

16 (a) HOUSE AND SENATE DOCUMENTS AND RE-
17 PORTS.—Section 701 of title 44, United States Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 **“§ 701. ‘Usual number’ of documents and reports; dis-**
20 **tribution of House and Senate documents**
21 **and reports; binding; reports on private**
22 **bills; number of copies printed; distribu-**
23 **tion**

24 “(a) The order by either House of Congress to print
25 a document or report shall signify the ‘usual number’ of

1 copies for binding and distribution among those entitled
2 to receive them. A greater number may not be printed un-
3 less ordered by either House, or as provided by this sec-
4 tion. When a special number of a document or report is
5 ordered printed, the usual number shall also be printed,
6 unless already ordered.

7 “(b) The ‘usual number’ of documents and reports
8 shall be established by the Joint Committee on Publishing,
9 and shall be printed at one time and distributed according
10 to instruction of the Joint Committee Publishing.”.

11 (b) **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.**—Section 706 of title
12 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 **“§ 706. Bills and resolutions: number and distribution**

14 “(a) Public bills, resolutions, and private bills shall
15 be printed in bill form, and, unless specially ordered by
16 either House, shall be printed only when referred to a com-
17 mittee, when favorably reported back, and after their pas-
18 sage by either House. Concurrent and simple resolutions
19 shall be printed in bill form when reported and after their
20 passage by either House, except by special order.

21 “(b) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-
22 fice shall ensure the distribution of such printed copies
23 to the Senate document room, the Secretary of the Senate,
24 the House document room, and the Superintendent of

1 Documents and other entities at the direction of the Joint
2 Committee on Publishing.”.

3 (c) CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.—Section 906 of title
4 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
5 **“§ 906. Congressional Record: gratuitous copies; de-**
6 **livery**

7 “The Director of the Government Publishing Office
8 shall furnish copies of the daily and permanent forms of
9 the Congressional Record under the direction of the Joint
10 Committee on Publishing.”.

11 **SEC. 304. GPO AND THE FEDERAL REGISTER.**

12 Title 44, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in section 1502, by striking “, together with
14 the Director of the Government Publishing Office,”;

15 (2) in section 1503, by striking “to the Govern-
16 ment Publishing Office” and insert “for publica-
17 tion”;

18 (3) by amending section 1504 to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 **“§ 1504. ‘Federal Register’; publishing; contents; dis-**
21 **tribution; price; physical copies**

22 “Documents required or authorized to be published
23 by section 1505 shall be published immediately in a serial
24 publication designated the ‘Federal Register’. The Direc-
25 tor of the Government Publishing Office may make avail-

1 able the facilities of the Government Publishing Office for
2 the prompt publication of the Federal Register in the
3 manner and at the times required by this chapter and the
4 regulations prescribed under it under an agreement with
5 the Archivist of the United States. The contents of the
6 daily issues shall constitute all documents, required or au-
7 thorized to be published, filed with the Office of the Fed-
8 eral Register up to the time of the day immediately pre-
9 ceding the day of publication fixed by regulations under
10 this chapter. There shall be published with each document
11 a copy of the notation, required to be made by section
12 1503, of the day and hour when, upon filing with the Of-
13 fice, the document was made available for public inspec-
14 tion. Distribution shall be made at a time in the morning
15 of the day of distribution fixed by regulations prescribed
16 under this chapter. The prices to be charged for the Fed-
17 eral Register may be fixed by the Administrative Com-
18 mittee of the Federal Register established by section 1506
19 without reference to the restrictions placed upon and fixed
20 for the sale of Government publications by sections 1705
21 and 1708. The Director of the Office of the Federal Reg-
22 ister shall arrange for the printing of at least two physical
23 copies of each published Federal Register issue. Of those,
24 not less than two copies shall be stored, each in a separate

1 facility, to ensure the preservation of the Federal Register
2 for the purposes of continuity of government.”;

3 (4) by amending section 1505(c) to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(c) ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION.—In a continuity
6 of operations event that limits the fulfillment of the publi-
7 cation requirements of this chapter, the Office of the Fed-
8 eral Register may establish an alternative method to pub-
9 lish the Federal Register until such time that the regular
10 publication may resume.”;

11 (5) in section 1506(a), by striking “an officer
12 of the Department of Justice designated by the At-
13 torney General, and the Director of the Government
14 Publishing Office or Acting Director of the Govern-
15 ment Publishing Office” and inserting “and an offi-
16 cer of the Department of Justice designated by the
17 Attorney General”; and

18 (6) by amending section 1509 to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 **“§ 1509. Costs of publication, etc.**

21 “(a) If the Government Publishing Office publishes
22 the Federal Register or Code of Federal Regulations, the
23 cost of such publishing, and, except as provided in sub-
24 section (b), other expenses incurred by the Government
25 Publishing Office in carrying out the duties under this

1 chapter shall be charged to the revolving fund provided
2 in section 309. Reimbursements for such costs and ex-
3 penses shall be made by the Federal agencies and credited,
4 together with all receipts, as provided in section 309(b).

5 “(b) If the Government Publishing Office publishes
6 any other publications of the Federal Register program,
7 the costs of such publications and other expenses incurred
8 by the Government Publishing Office in connection with
9 such publications, shall be borne by the appropriations to
10 the Government Publishing Office and the appropriations
11 are made available, and are authorized to be increased by
12 additional sums necessary for the purposes, the increases
13 to be based upon estimates submitted by the Director of
14 the Government Publishing Office.”.

15 **SEC. 305. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.**

16 (a) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—Section
17 318(a) of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph

19 (1);

20 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
21 graph (2) and inserting “; and”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following new
23 paragraph:

24 “(3) in accordance with subsection (c), accept,
25 hold, administer, and utilize gifts and bequests of

1 property for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the
2 work of the Government Publishing Office.”.

3 (b) **AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.**—Section 318 of such
4 title is amended by adding at the end the following new
5 subsection:

6 “(c)(1) Gifts and bequests of money and the proceeds
7 from sales of other property received as gifts or bequests
8 shall be deposited in the Revolving Fund established under
9 section 309 of this title and shall be used solely for govern-
10 mental purposes.

11 “(2) Property accepted pursuant to this provision,
12 and the proceeds thereof, shall be used as nearly as pos-
13 sible in accordance with the terms of the gift or bequest.

14 “(3) For purposes of Federal income, estate, or gift
15 taxes, property accepted under this section shall be consid-
16 ered as a gift, devise, or bequest to the United States.”.

17 (c) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—The heading of sec-
18 tion 318 of such title is amended by adding “; **GIFT AC-**
19 **CEPTANCE**” at the end.

20 **SEC. 306. SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS.**

21 Section 311 of title 44, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**SMALL**
24 **PURCHASE**” and inserting “**SIMPLIFIED ACQUI-**
25 **SITION**”;

1 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(b) In addition to the authority to negotiate other-
4 wise provided by law, the Director of the Government Pub-
5 lishing Office may negotiate purchases and contracts for
6 supplies or services for which the Director of the Govern-
7 ment Publishing Office determines that it is impracticable
8 to secure competition by advertising. The Director of the
9 Government Publishing Office may designate one or more
10 employees of the Government Publishing Office to carry
11 out this subsection.”; and

12 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “\$100,000”
13 and inserting “\$350,000”.

14 **SEC. 307. SUPPLIES OR SERVICES.**

15 Section 314 of title 44, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**INKS,**
18 **GLUES, AND OTHER SUPPLIES**” and inserting
19 “**SUPPLIES OR SERVICES**”;

20 (2) by striking “Inks, glues, and other supplies
21 manufactured” and inserting “Supplies manufac-
22 tured or services performed”; and

23 (3) by inserting “publishing” after “in connec-
24 tion with its”.

1 **SEC. 308. DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.**

2 Section 316 of title 44, United States Code, is
3 amended by striking “and binding” and inserting “, bind-
4 ing, and publishing”.

5 **SEC. 309. EQUALIZING GPO COMPENSATION WITH OTHER**
6 **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AGENCIES.**

7 Section 303 of title 44, United States Code, is
8 amended by striking the second sentence.

9 **SEC. 310. LEAVE CARRYOVER FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT**
10 **PUBLISHING OFFICE POSITIONS.**

11 Section 6304(f)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is
12 amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “or”;

14 (2) in the first subparagraph (H), by striking
15 the period and inserting a semicolon;

16 (3) in the second subparagraph (H)—

17 (A) by redesignating such subparagraph as
18 subparagraph (I); and

19 (B) by striking the period at the end and
20 inserting “; or”; and

21 (4) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(J) a position in the Government Pub-
23 lishing Office senior level service.”.

1 **TITLE IV—PREPARATION OF**
2 **CONSTITUTION ANNOTATED**

3 **SECTION 401. REPEAL REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRES-**
4 **SIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE TO PREPARE**
5 **ANNOTATED CONSTITUTION AND SUPPLE-**
6 **MENTS IN HARDBOUND VERSION.**

7 (a) REPEAL.—The first section of Public Law 91–
8 589 (2 U.S.C. 168) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “the Librarian of Congress” and
10 inserting “(a) subject to subsection (b), the Librar-
11 ian of Congress”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(b)(1) Upon the completion of the October 2031
15 term of the Supreme Court and upon the completion of
16 each tenth October term of the Supreme Court thereafter,
17 the Librarian of Congress shall have prepared a digital
18 decennial revised edition of the Constitution Annotated,
19 which shall contain annotations of all decisions theretofore
20 rendered by the Supreme Court construing provisions of
21 the Constitution, in place of the hardbound decennial re-
22 vised edition of the Constitution Annotated described in
23 subsection (a)(3).

24 “(2) Upon the completion of the October 2026 term
25 of the Supreme Court and upon the completion of each

1 subsequent October term of the Supreme Court beginning
2 in an odd-numbered year (the final digit of which is not
3 a 1), the Librarian shall have prepared a digital cumu-
4 lative pocket-part supplement to the most recent decennial
5 revised edition of the Constitution Annotated, which shall
6 contain cumulative annotations of all such decisions ren-
7 dered by the Supreme Court which were not included in
8 the most recent revised edition of the Constitution Anno-
9 tated, in place of the hardbound editions of the cumulative
10 pocket-part supplement described in subsection (a)(4).”.

11 (b) ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL
12 VERSIONS.—Section 2 of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C.
13 168a) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “All hardbound” and inserting
15 “(a) All hardbound”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(b)(1) The digital decennial revised editions of the
19 Constitution Annotated prepared under subsection (b)(1)
20 of the first section of this Joint Resolution and the digital
21 cumulative pocket-part supplements prepared under sub-
22 section (b)(2) of the first section of this Joint Resolution
23 shall be available at a public website of the Library of Con-
24 gress.

1 “(2) The Librarian of Congress shall ensure the con-
2 tinuing availability of the documents referred to in para-
3 graph (1) to Congress and the public.”.

4 (c) REPEAL OF ADDITIONAL PRINTING REQUIRE-
5 MENTS.—

6 (1) MANDATORY PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL
7 COPIES.—Section 3 of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C.
8 168b) is amended—

9 (A) by striking “There shall be printed”
10 and inserting “(a) There shall be printed”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following new
12 subsection:

13 “(b) Subsection (a) does not apply after completion
14 of the October 2026 term of the Supreme Court, and the
15 Librarian of Congress shall provide the decennial revised
16 editions of the Constitution Annotated and the cumulative
17 pocket part supplements prepared under this Joint Reso-
18 lution exclusively in a digital format available at a public
19 website of the Library of Congress.”.

20 (2) PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL COPIES PURSU-
21 ANT TO CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.—Section 4 of
22 Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C. 168c) is repealed.

○