

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANDED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Meeting Jointly

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

12:00 PM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Jonathan Dismang, Vice Chair; Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; Joshua Bryant, Jim Dotson, Stephanie Flowers, Mark Johnson, Fredrick J. Love, and Jamie Scott; Representatives Keith Brooks, Chair; Stephen Meeks, Co-Chair; Lincoln Barnett, Rick Beck, Karilyn Brown, John P. Carr, Andrew Collins, Denise Jones Ennett, Tony Furman, Denise Garner, Diana Gonzales Worthen, Julie Mayberry, Rick McClure, Jessie McGruder, Ryan A. Rose, DeAnn Vaught, and Steven Walker

Other members present: Senators Justin Boyd, Alan Clark, and Brad Simon; Representatives Fred Allen, Glenn Barnes, Howard M. Beaty Jr., Cameron Cooper, James Eaton, Jon S. Eubanks, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Justin Gonzales, Brad Hall, Jack Ladyman, John Maddox, Aaron Pilkington, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye, and Joy Springer

Representative Stephen Meeks called the meeting to order.

Discussion of Lunar Base Program by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

[Exhibits C1-C2]

Representative French Hill, District 2, United States House of Representatives; Joel Graham, Associate Administrator for the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, NASA; and Kelvin Manning, Deputy Associate Administrator, Human Spaceflight Mission Directorate, NASA; provided an overview of NASA's Lunar Base Program. They discussed the importance of the Artemis programs and how over the course of three phases the United States will return to the moon for research and development.

Consideration to Approve the October 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.