

## Legislative Branch Agenda 2013

### **Enact the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act**

Congress should enact the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act to make agency reports more accessible to the public.

#### **Background**

Congress often requires agencies to report on their activities. The reports provide valuable insight the nature and status of agency activities. Unfortunately, many reports are difficult to find, hindering both congressional and public oversight.

The ACMRA would ensure that reports required by statute or conference report will be available online in a central location, in open formats, in a timely manner. Reports may be withheld or redacted in certain circumstances. Enactment of the ACMRA will help encourage agencies to comply with their reporting requirements and encourage agencies to limit redactions to the extent possible.