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To provide for a Special Assistant to the President to conduct a Federal performance audit and review, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KRUEGER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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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.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Federal Efficiency Im-  
5       provement Act of 1993”.

6       **SEC. 2. FEDERAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND REVIEW.**

7       (a) SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.—(1)

8       No later than 30 days after the date of the enactment  
9       of this Act, the President shall appoint a Special Assistant  
10      to the President for the Improvement of Federal Effi-

1 ciency (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Special  
2 Assistant”) to serve within the Executive Office of the  
3 President. The Special Assistant shall conduct the Federal  
4 Performance Audit and Review described under subsection  
5 (b).

6 (2) The Special Assistant shall establish a staff of  
7 no more than 200 persons, that shall be composed of Fed-  
8 eral employees who are—

9 (A) selected by the Special Assistant based  
10 upon experience and expertise in auditing or inves-  
11 tigation of Federal programs and agency activities;  
12 and

13 (B) detailed to serve on such staff—

14 (i) without reimbursement to employing  
15 agencies;

16 (ii) with the approval of the head of the  
17 agency of each such employee; and

18 (iii) without interruption or loss of civil  
19 service status or privilege.

20 (3) No employee detailed under paragraph (2) may  
21 remain on such detail after the date occurring 30 days  
22 after the date of the submission of the final report under  
23 section 3.

24 (4) The Special Assistant may secure directly from  
25 any Federal department or agency such information as the

1 Special Assistant considers necessary to carry out the pro-  
2 visions of this Act. Upon request of the Special Assistant,  
3 the head of such department or agency shall furnish such  
4 information to the Special Assistant.

5 (5) The General Accounting Office and the Inspectors  
6 General as defined under section 11(3) of the Inspector  
7 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) shall provide such  
8 support services as the Special Assistant may require, in-  
9 cluding the detail of employees and the furnishing of infor-  
10 mation under paragraphs (2) and (4) to the greatest ex-  
11 tent as provided by law.

12 (b) FEDERAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND REVIEW.—  
13 The Special Assistant, in conducting a Federal Perform-  
14 ance Audit and Review, shall—

15 (1) examine any Federal program or activity of  
16 an agency and make recommendations for improving  
17 efficiency and effectiveness;

18 (2) review all applicable reports, analyses, and  
19 studies conducted by the General Accounting Office,  
20 including the General Accounting Office 1992 tran-  
21 sition series, to avoid duplication of studies and se-  
22 lect programs and activities to audit and review;

23 (3) propose savings by restructuring incentives  
24 to motivate Federal employees;

1           (4) propose actions to improve the efficiency  
2           and quality of services delivered;

3           (5) propose actions to restructure Government  
4           organization to provide for long-term efficiency and  
5           savings;

6           (6) study the Federal Government by function,  
7           not by agency structure, to avoid an unintentional  
8           bias in favor of the status quo;

9           (7) establish a special team to study Govern-  
10          ment-wide issues such as procurement and person-  
11          nel;

12          (8) establish a telephone line for public com-  
13          ment and hold regional public meetings to increase  
14          public input; and

15          (9) study ways to improve the effectiveness and  
16          to increase the independence of Inspectors General  
17          in Executive agencies.

18 **SEC. 3. FINAL REPORT.**

19          No later than 6 months after the date of the enact-  
20          ment of this Act, the Special Assistant shall submit a final  
21          report to the President and the Congress on the Federal  
22          Performance Audit and Review conducted under this Act.  
23          Such report shall include—

24                 (1) detailed findings;

1           (2) recommended actions to be taken by the  
2           President, including specific rescissions of budget  
3           authority to implement the recommendations result-  
4           ing from the audit and review; and

5           (3) proposals for legislation to implement such  
6           recommendations.

7   **SEC. 4. RESCISSION PROPOSALS.**

8           No later than 60 days after the submission of the  
9           final report under section 3, the President shall submit  
10          such rescissions of budget authority under title X of the  
11          Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of  
12          1974 (2 U.S.C. 681 et seq.) as he determines necessary  
13          to implement any recommendation in such report.

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