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To amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan (for himself and Mr. GARRETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, 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

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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 Reserve Ac-
5 countability and Transparency Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICY RULES OF THE FED-**
 2 **ERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Reserve Act (12
 4 U.S.C. 221 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
 5 2B the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 2C. DIRECTIVE POLICY RULES OF THE FEDERAL**
 7 **OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the following
 9 definitions shall apply:

10 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
 11 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
 12 mittees’ means the Committee on Financial Services
 13 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
 14 on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Sen-
 15 ate.

16 “(2) DIRECTIVE POLICY RULE.—The term ‘Di-
 17 rective Policy Rule’ means a policy rule developed by
 18 the Federal Open Market Committee that meets the
 19 requirements of subsection (c) and that provides the
 20 basis for the Open Market Operations Directive.

21 “(3) GDP.—The term ‘GDP’ means the gross
 22 domestic product of the United States as computed
 23 and published by the Department of Commerce.

24 “(4) INTERMEDIATE POLICY INPUT.—The term
 25 ‘Intermediate Policy Input’—

1 “(A) may include any variable determined
2 by the Federal Open Market Committee as a
3 necessary input to guide open-market oper-
4 ations;

5 “(B) shall include an estimate of, and the
6 method of calculation for, the current rate of
7 inflation or current inflation expectations; and

8 “(C) shall include, specifying whether the
9 variable or estimate is historical, current, or a
10 forecast and the method of calculation, at least
11 one of—

12 “(i) an estimate of real GDP, nominal
13 GDP, or potential GDP;

14 “(ii) an estimate of the monetary ag-
15 gregate compiled by the Board of Gov-
16 ernors of the Federal Reserve System and
17 Federal reserve banks; or

18 “(iii) an interactive variable or a net
19 estimate composed of the estimates de-
20 scribed in clauses (i) and (ii).

21 “(5) LEGISLATIVE DAY.—The term ‘legislative
22 day’ means a day on which either House of Congress
23 is in session.

24 “(6) OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE.—
25 The term ‘Open Market Operations Directive’ means

1 an order to achieve a specified Policy Instrument
2 Target provided to the Federal Reserve Bank of
3 New York by the Federal Open Market Committee
4 pursuant to powers authorized under section 14 of
5 this Act that guide open-market operations.

6 “(7) POLICY INSTRUMENT.—The term ‘Policy
7 Instrument’ means—

8 “(A) the nominal Federal funds rate;

9 “(B) the nominal rate of interest paid on
10 nonborrowed reserves; or

11 “(C) the discount window primary credit
12 interest rate most recently published on the
13 Federal Reserve Statistical Release on selected
14 interest rates (daily or weekly), commonly re-
15 ferred to as the H.15 release.

16 “(8) POLICY INSTRUMENT TARGET.—The term
17 ‘Policy Instrument Target’ means the target for the
18 Policy Instrument specified in the Open Market Op-
19 erations Directive.

20 “(9) REFERENCE POLICY RULE.—The term
21 ‘Reference Policy Rule’ means a calculation of the
22 nominal Federal funds rate as equal to the sum of
23 the following:

24 “(A) The rate of inflation over the pre-
25 vious four quarters.

1 “(B) One-half of the percentage deviation
2 of the real GDP from an estimate of potential
3 GDP.

4 “(C) One-half of the difference between the
5 rate of inflation over the previous four quarters
6 and two.

7 “(D) Two.

8 “(b) SUBMITTING A DIRECTIVE POLICY RULE.—Not
9 later than 48 hours after the end of a meeting of the Fed-
10 eral Open Market Committee, the Chairman of the Fed-
11 eral Open Market Committee shall submit to the appro-
12 priate congressional committees and the Comptroller Gen-
13 eral of the United States a Directive Policy Rule and a
14 statement that identifies the members of the Federal Open
15 Market Committee who voted in favor of the Rule.

16 “(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR A DIRECTIVE POLICY
17 RULE.—A Directive Policy Rule shall—

18 “(1) identify the Policy Instrument the Direc-
19 tive Policy Rule is designed to target;

20 “(2) describe the strategy or rule of the Federal
21 Open Market Committee for the systematic quan-
22 titative adjustment of the Policy Instrument Target
23 to respond to a change in the Intermediate Policy
24 Inputs;

1 “(3) include a function that comprehensively
2 models the interactive relationship between the In-
3 termediate Policy Inputs;

4 “(4) include the coefficients of the Directive
5 Policy Rule that generate the current Policy Instru-
6 ment Target and a range of predicted future values
7 for the Policy Instrument Target if changes occur in
8 any Intermediate Policy Input;

9 “(5) describe the procedure for adjusting the
10 supply of bank reserves to achieve the Policy Instru-
11 ment Target;

12 “(6) include a statement as to whether the Di-
13 rective Policy Rule substantially conforms to the
14 Reference Policy Rule and, if applicable—

15 “(A) an explanation of the extent to which
16 it departs from the Reference Policy Rule;

17 “(B) a detailed justification for that depar-
18 ture; and

19 “(C) a description of the circumstances
20 under which the Directive Policy Rule may be
21 amended in the future;

22 “(7) include a certification that such Rule is ex-
23 pected to support the economy in achieving stable
24 prices and maximum natural employment over the
25 long term; and

1 “(8) include a calculation that describes with
2 mathematical precision the expected annual inflation
3 rate over a 5-year period.

4 “(d) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the
5 United States shall compare the Directive Policy Rule sub-
6 mitted under subsection (b) with the rule that was most
7 recently submitted to determine whether the Directive Pol-
8 icy Rule has materially changed. If the Directive Policy
9 Rule has materially changed, the Comptroller General
10 shall, not later than 7 days after each meeting of the Fed-
11 eral Open Market Committee, conduct an audit of the
12 Rule and submit a report to the appropriate congressional
13 committees specifying whether the Rule submitted after
14 that meeting and the Federal Open Market Committee are
15 in compliance with this section.

16 “(e) CHANGING MARKET CONDITIONS.—

17 “(1) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
18 this Act shall be construed to require that the plans
19 with respect to the systematic quantitative adjust-
20 ment of the Policy Instrument Target described
21 under subsection (c)(2) be implemented if the Fed-
22 eral Open Market Committee determines that such
23 plans cannot or should not be achieved due to
24 changing market conditions.

1 “(2) GAO APPROVAL OF UPDATE.—Upon deter-
2 mining that plans described in paragraph (1) cannot
3 or should not be achieved, the Federal Open Market
4 Committee shall submit an explanation for that de-
5 termination and an updated version of the Directive
6 Policy Rule to the Comptroller General of the
7 United States and the appropriate congressional
8 committees not later than 48 hours after making the
9 determination. The Comptroller General shall, not
10 later than 48 hours after receiving such updated
11 version, conduct an audit and issue a report deter-
12 mining whether such updated version and the Fed-
13 eral Open Market Committee are in compliance with
14 this section.

15 “(f) DIRECTIVE POLICY RULE AND FEDERAL OPEN
16 MARKET COMMITTEE NOT IN COMPLIANCE.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Comptroller General
18 of the United States determines that the Directive
19 Policy Rule and the Federal Open Market Com-
20 mittee are not in compliance with this section in the
21 report submitted pursuant to subsection (d), or that
22 the updated version of the Directive Policy Rule and
23 the Federal Open Market Committee are not in com-
24 pliance with this section in the report submitted pur-
25 suant to subsection (e)(2), the Chairman of the

1 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
2 shall, not later than 7 legislative days after the date
3 of submission of such a report, testify before the ap-
4 propriate congressional committees as to why the
5 Directive Policy Rule, the updated version, or the
6 Federal Open Market Committee is not in compli-
7 ance.

8 “(2) GAO AUDIT.—Notwithstanding subsection
9 (b) of section 714 of title 31, United States Code,
10 upon submitting a report of noncompliance pursuant
11 to subsection (d) or subsection (e)(2) and after the
12 period of 7 legislative days described in paragraph
13 (1), the Comptroller General shall audit the conduct
14 of monetary policy by the Board of Governors of the
15 Federal Reserve System and the Federal Open Mar-
16 ket Committee upon request of the appropriate con-
17 gressional committee. Such committee may specify
18 the parameters of such audit.

19 “(g) CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.—The Chairman of
20 the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
21 shall, if requested by either of the appropriate congres-
22 sional committees and not later than 7 legislative days
23 after such request, appear before such committee to ex-
24 plain any change to the Directive Policy Rule.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The second sen-
2 tence of subsection (b) of section 714 of title 31, United
3 States Code, is amended by striking “Audits” and insert-
4 ing “Except as provided in section 2C(f) of the Federal
5 Reserve Act, audits”.

6 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE BLACKOUT**
7 **PERIOD.**

8 Section 12A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
9 263) is amended by adding at the end the following new
10 subsection:

11 “(d) BLACKOUT PERIOD.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—During a blackout period,
13 the only public communications that may be made
14 by members and staff of the Committee with respect
15 to macroeconomic or financial developments or about
16 current or prospective monetary policy issues are the
17 following:

18 “(A) The dissemination of published data,
19 surveys, and reports that have been cleared for
20 publication by the Board of Governors of the
21 Federal Reserve System.

22 “(B) Answers to technical questions spe-
23 cific to a data release.

1 “(C) Communications with respect to the
2 prudential or supervisory functions of the
3 Board of Governors.

4 “(2) BLACKOUT PERIOD DEFINED.—For pur-
5 poses of this subsection, and with respect to a meet-
6 ing of the Committee described under subsection (a),
7 the term ‘blackout period’ means the time period
8 that—

9 “(A) begins immediately after midnight on
10 the day that is one week prior to the date on
11 which such meeting takes place; and

12 “(B) ends at midnight on the day after the
13 date on which such meeting takes place.”.

14 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR STRESS TESTS AND SUPER-**
15 **VISORY LETTERS FOR THE BOARD OF GOV-**
16 **ERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.**

17 (a) STRESS TEST RULEMAKING, GAO REVIEW, AND
18 PUBLICATION OF RESULTS.—Section 165(i)(1)(B) of the
19 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protec-
20 tion Act (12 U.S.C. 5365(i)(1)(B)) is amended—

21 (1) by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

22 “(i) shall—

23 “(I) issue regulations, after pro-
24 viding for public notice and comment,
25 that provide for at least 3 different

1 sets of conditions under which the
2 evaluation required by this subsection
3 shall be conducted, including baseline,
4 adverse, and severely adverse, and
5 methodologies, including models used
6 to estimate losses on certain assets;
7 and

8 “(II) provide copies of such regu-
9 lations to the Comptroller General of
10 the United States and the Panel of
11 Economic Advisors of the Congres-
12 sional Budget Office before publishing
13 such regulations;”; and

14 (2) in clause (v), by inserting before the period
15 the following: “, including any results of a resub-
16 mitted test”.

17 (b) PUBLICATION OF THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORY
18 LETTERS SENT TO THE LARGEST BANK HOLDING COM-
19 PANIES.—Section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Re-
20 form and Consumer Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5365) is
21 further amended by adding at the end the following new
22 subsection:

23 “(1) PUBLICATION OF SUPERVISORY LETTER INFOR-
24 MATION.—The Board of Governors shall publicly dis-
25 close—

1 “(1) the aggregate number of supervisory let-
 2 ters sent to bank holding companies described in
 3 subsection (a) since the date of the enactment of
 4 this section, and keep such number updated; and

5 “(2) the aggregate number of such letters that
 6 are designated as ‘Matters Requiring Attention’ and
 7 the aggregate number of such letters that are des-
 8 ignated as ‘Matters Requiring Immediate Atten-
 9 tion’.”.

10 **SEC. 5. FREQUENCY OF TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRMAN OF**
 11 **THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FED-**
 12 **ERAL RESERVE SYSTEM TO CONGRESS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2B of the Federal Reserve
 14 Act (12 U.S.C. 225b) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “semi-annual” each place it ap-
 16 pears and inserting “quarterly”; and

17 (2) in subsection (a)(2)—

18 (A) by inserting “and October 20” after
 19 “July 20” each place it appears; and

20 (B) by inserting “and May 20” after
 21 “February 20” each place it appears.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (12) of
 23 section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
 24 247b(12)) is amended by striking “semi-annual” and in-
 25 serting “quarterly”.

1 **SEC. 6. VICE CHAIRMAN FOR SUPERVISION REPORT RE-**
2 **QUIREMENT.**

3 Section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (12) as para-
5 graph (11); and

6 (2) in paragraph (11), as so redesignated, by
7 adding at the end the following: “In each such ap-
8 pearance, the Vice Chairman for Supervision shall
9 provide written testimony that includes the status of
10 all pending and anticipated rulemakings that are
11 being made by the Board of Governors of the Fed-
12 eral Reserve System. If, at the time of any appear-
13 ance described in this paragraph, the position of
14 Vice Chairman for Supervision is vacant, the Vice
15 Chairman for the Board of Governors of the Federal
16 Reserve System (who has the responsibility to serve
17 in the absence of the Chairman) shall appear instead
18 and provide the required written testimony. If, at
19 the time of any appearance described in this para-
20 graph, both Vice Chairman positions are vacant, the
21 Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal
22 Reserve System shall appear instead and provide the
23 required written testimony.”.

1 **SEC. 7. ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF REGULATIONS OF THE**
2 **BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RE-**
3 **SERVE SYSTEM.**

4 Section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
5 248) is amended by inserting after subsection (l) the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(m) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC IMPACTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before issuing any regula-
9 tion, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
10 System shall—

11 “(A) clearly identify the nature and source
12 of the problem that the proposed regulation is
13 designed to address, assess the significance of
14 that problem, and assess whether any new regu-
15 lation is warranted;

16 “(B) assess the qualitative and quan-
17 titative costs and benefits of the proposed regu-
18 lation and propose or adopt a regulation only
19 on a reasoned determination that the benefits
20 of the proposed regulation outweigh the costs of
21 the regulation;

22 “(C) identify and assess available alter-
23 natives to the proposed regulation that were
24 considered, including any alternative offered by
25 a member of the Board of Governors of the
26 Federal Reserve System or the Federal Open

1 Market Committee and including any modifica-
2 tion of an existing regulation, together with an
3 explanation of why the regulation meets the
4 regulatory objectives more effectively than the
5 alternatives; and

6 “(D) ensure that any proposed regulation
7 is accessible, consistent, written in plain lan-
8 guage, and easy to understand and shall meas-
9 ure, and seek to improve, the actual results of
10 regulatory requirements.

11 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS AND ACTIONS.—

12 “(A) REQUIRED ACTIONS.—In deciding
13 whether and how to regulate, the Board shall
14 assess the costs and benefits of available regu-
15 latory alternatives, including the alternative of
16 not regulating, and choose the approach that
17 maximizes net benefits. Specifically, the Board
18 shall—

19 “(i) evaluate whether, consistent with
20 achieving regulatory objectives, the regula-
21 tion is tailored to impose the least impact
22 on the availability of credit and economic
23 growth and to impose the least burden on
24 society, including market participants, in-
25 dividuals, businesses of different sizes, and

1 other entities (including State and local
2 governmental entities), taking into ac-
3 count, to the extent practicable, the cumu-
4 lative costs of regulations; and

5 “(ii) evaluate whether the regulation
6 is inconsistent, incompatible, or duplicative
7 of other Federal regulations.

8 “(B) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In
9 addition, in making a reasoned determination of
10 the costs and benefits of a proposed regulation,
11 the Board shall, to the extent that each is rel-
12 evant to the particular proposed regulation,
13 take into consideration the impact of the regu-
14 lation, including secondary costs such as an in-
15 crease in the cost or a reduction in the avail-
16 ability of credit or investment services or prod-
17 ucts, on—

18 “(i) the safety and soundness of the
19 United States banking system;

20 “(ii) market liquidity in securities
21 markets;

22 “(iii) small businesses;

23 “(iv) community banks;

24 “(v) economic growth;

25 “(vi) cost and access to capital;

- 1 “(vii) market stability;
- 2 “(viii) global competitiveness;
- 3 “(ix) job creation;
- 4 “(x) the effectiveness of the monetary
- 5 policy transmission mechanism; and
- 6 “(xi) employment levels.

7 “(3) EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS.—The
8 Board shall explain in its final rule the nature of
9 comments that it received and shall provide a re-
10 sponse to those comments in its final rule, including
11 an explanation of any changes that were made in re-
12 sponse to those comments and the reasons that the
13 Board did not incorporate concerns related to the
14 potential costs or benefits in the final rule.

15 “(4) POSTADOPTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the Board
17 adopts or amends a regulation designated as a
18 ‘major rule’ within the meaning of section
19 804(2) of title 5, United States Code, it shall
20 state, in its adopting release, the following:

21 “(i) The purposes and intended con-
22 sequences of the regulation.

23 “(ii) The assessment plan that will be
24 used, consistent with the requirements of
25 subparagraph (B), to assess whether the

1 regulation has achieved the stated pur-
2 poses.

3 “(iii) Appropriate postimplementation
4 quantitative and qualitative metrics to
5 measure the economic impact of the regu-
6 lation and the extent to which the regula-
7 tion has accomplished the stated purpose
8 of the regulation.

9 “(iv) Any reasonably foreseeable indi-
10 rect effects that may result from the regu-
11 lation.

12 “(B) REQUIREMENTS OF ASSESSMENT
13 PLAN AND REPORT.—

14 “(i) REQUIREMENTS OF PLAN.—The
15 assessment plan required under this para-
16 graph shall consider the costs, benefits,
17 and intended and unintended consequences
18 of the regulation. The plan shall specify
19 the data to be collected, the methods for
20 collection and analysis of the data, and a
21 date for completion of the assessment. The
22 assessment plan shall include an analysis
23 of any jobs added or lost as a result of the
24 regulation, differentiating between public
25 and private sector jobs.

1 “(ii) SUBMISSION AND PUBLICATION
2 OF REPORT.—The Board shall, not later
3 than 2 years after the publication of the
4 adopting release, publish the assessment
5 plan in the Federal Register for notice and
6 comment. If the Board determines, at least
7 90 days before the deadline for publication
8 of the assessment plan, that an extension
9 is necessary, the Board shall publish a no-
10 tice of such extension and the specific rea-
11 sons why the extension is necessary in the
12 Federal Register. Any material modifica-
13 tion of the assessment plan, as necessary
14 to assess unforeseen aspects or con-
15 sequences of the regulation, shall be
16 promptly published in the Federal Register
17 for notice and comment.

18 “(iii) DATA COLLECTION NOT SUB-
19 JECT TO NOTICE AND COMMENT REQUIRE-
20 MENTS.—If the Board has published the
21 assessment plan for notice and comment at
22 least 30 days before the adoption of a reg-
23 ulation designated as a major rule, the col-
24 lection of data under the assessment plan
25 shall not be subject to the notice and com-

1 ment requirements in section 3506(c) of
2 title 44, United States Code (commonly re-
3 ferred to as the Paperwork Reduction Act).
4 Any material modification of the plan that
5 requires collection of data not previously
6 published for notice and comment shall
7 also be exempt from such requirements if
8 the Board has published notice in the Fed-
9 eral Register for comment on the addi-
10 tional data to be collected, at least 30 days
11 before the initiation of data collection.

12 “(iv) FINAL ACTION.—Not later than
13 180 days after publication of the assess-
14 ment plan in the Federal Register, the
15 Board shall issue for notice and comment
16 a proposal to amend or rescind the regula-
17 tion, or shall publish a notice that the
18 Board has determined that no action will
19 be taken on the regulation. Such a notice
20 will be deemed a final agency action.

21 “(5) COVERED REGULATIONS AND OTHER AC-
22 TIONS.—Solely as used in this subsection, the term
23 ‘regulation’—

24 “(A) means a statement of general applica-
25 bility and future effect that is designed to im-

1 plement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy, or
2 to describe the procedure or practice require-
3 ments of the Board of Governors, including
4 rules, orders of general applicability, interpre-
5 tive releases, and other statements of general
6 applicability that the Board of Governors in-
7 tends to have the force and effect of law; and

8 “(B) does not include—

9 “(i) a regulation issued in accordance
10 with the formal rulemaking provisions of
11 section 556 or 557 of title 5, United States
12 Code;

13 “(ii) a regulation that is limited to the
14 organization, management, or personnel
15 matters of the Board of Governors;

16 “(iii) a regulation promulgated pursu-
17 ant to statutory authority that expressly
18 prohibits compliance with this provision; or

19 “(iv) a regulation that is certified by
20 the Board of Governors to be an emer-
21 gency action, if such certification is pub-
22 lished in the Federal Register.”.

1 **SEC. 8. SALARIES, FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES, AND OFFICE**
2 **STAFF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF**
3 **THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 of the Federal Reserve
5 Act (12 U.S.C. 248) is further amended—

6 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (s)
7 (relating to assessments, fees, and other charges for
8 certain companies) as subsection (t); and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 sections:

11 “(u) ETHICS STANDARDS FOR MEMBERS AND EM-
12 PLOYEES.—

13 “(1) PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED FINANCIAL
14 INTERESTS AND TRANSACTIONS.—The members and
15 employees of the Board of Governors of the Federal
16 Reserve System shall be subject to the provisions
17 under section 4401.102 of title 5, Code of Federal
18 Regulations, to the same extent as such provisions
19 apply to an employee of the Securities and Exchange
20 Commission.

21 “(2) TREATMENT OF BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS
22 AND AVAILABILITY OF ACCOUNT STATEMENTS.—The
23 members and employees of the Board of Governors
24 of the Federal Reserve System shall—

25 “(A) disclose all brokerage accounts that
26 they maintain, as well as those in which they

1 control trading or have a financial interest (in-
2 cluding managed accounts, trust accounts, in-
3 vestment club accounts, and the accounts of
4 spouses or minor children who live with the
5 member or employee); and

6 “(B) with respect to any securities account
7 that the member or employee is required to dis-
8 close to the Board of Governors, authorize their
9 brokers and dealers to send duplicate account
10 statements directly to Board of Governors.

11 “(3) PROHIBITIONS RELATED TO OUTSIDE EM-
12 PLOYMENT AND ACTIVITIES.—The members and em-
13 ployees of the Board of Governors of the Federal
14 Reserve System shall be subject to the prohibitions
15 related to outside employment and activities de-
16 scribed under section 4401.103(c) of title 5, Code of
17 Federal Regulations, to the same extent as such pro-
18 hibitions apply to an employee of the Securities and
19 Exchange Commission.

20 “(4) ADDITIONAL ETHICS STANDARDS.—The
21 members and employees of the Board of Governors
22 of the Federal Reserve System shall be subject to—

23 “(A) the employee responsibilities and con-
24 duct regulations of the Office of Personnel

1 Management under part 735 of title 5, Code of
2 Federal Regulations;

3 “(B) the canons of ethics contained in sub-
4 part C of part 200 of title 17, Code of Federal
5 Regulations, to the same extent as such subpart
6 applies to the employees of the Securities and
7 Exchange Commission; and

8 “(C) the regulations concerning the con-
9 duct of members and employees and former
10 members and employees contained in subpart M
11 of part 200 of title 17, Code of Federal Regula-
12 tions, to the same extent as such subpart ap-
13 plies to the employees of the Securities and Ex-
14 change Commission.

15 “(v) DISCLOSURE OF STAFF SALARIES AND FINAN-
16 CIAL INFORMATION.—The Board of Governors of the Fed-
17 eral Reserve System shall make publicly available, on the
18 website of the Board of Governors, a searchable database
19 that contains the names of all members, officers, and em-
20 ployees of the Board of Governors and each Federal re-
21 serve bank who receive an annual salary in excess of the
22 annual rate of basic pay for GS–15 of the General Sched-
23 ule, and—

1 “(1) the yearly salary information for such indi-
 2 viduals, along with any nonsalary compensation re-
 3 ceived by such individuals; and

4 “(2) any financial disclosures required to be
 5 made by such individuals.”.

6 (b) OFFICE STAFF FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE
 7 BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—Subsection (l) of section 11 of
 8 the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248) is amended by
 9 adding at the end the following: “Each member of the
 10 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may
 11 employ, at a minimum, 2 individuals, with such individuals
 12 selected by such member and the salaries of such individ-
 13 uals set by such member. A member may employ addi-
 14 tional individuals as determined necessary by the Board
 15 of Governors.”.

16 **SEC. 9. REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIA-**
 17 **TIONS.**

18 (a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS REQUIREMENTS.—Sec-
 19 tion 11 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248), as
 20 amended by section 8 of this Act, is further amended by
 21 adding at the end the following new subsection:

22 “(w) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.—

23 “(1) NOTICE OF NEGOTIATIONS; CONSULTA-
 24 TION.—At least 90 calendar days before any mem-
 25 ber or employee of the Board of Governors of the

1 Federal Reserve System enters into negotiations
2 with any foreign or multinational entity, the Board
3 of Governors shall—

4 “(A) issue a notice of negotiations to the
5 Committee on Financial Services of the House
6 of Representatives and the Committee on Bank-
7 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

8 “(B) make such notice available to the
9 public, including on the website of the Board of
10 Governors; and

11 “(C) solicit public comment, and consult
12 with the committees described under subpara-
13 graph (A), with respect to the topic matter,
14 scope, and goals of the negotiations.

15 “(2) PUBLIC REPORTS ON NEGOTIATIONS.—

16 After the end of any negotiation described under
17 paragraph (1), the Board of Governors shall issue a
18 public report on the topics that were discussed at
19 the negotiation and any new or revised rulemakings
20 or policy changes that the Board of Governors be-
21 lieves should be implemented as a result of the nego-
22 tiations.

23 “(3) NOTICE OF AGREEMENTS; CONSULTA-
24 TION.—At least 90 calendar days before any mem-
25 ber or employee of the Board of Governors of the

1 Federal Reserve System enters into any agreement
2 with any foreign or multinational entity, the Board
3 of Governors shall—

4 “(A) issue a notice of agreement to the
5 Committee on Financial Services of the House
6 of Representatives and the Committee on Bank-
7 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

8 “(B) make such notice available to the
9 public, including on the website of the Board of
10 Governors; and

11 “(C) consult with such committees with re-
12 spect to the nature of the agreement and any
13 anticipated effects such agreement will have on
14 the economy.”.

15 (b) FDIC REQUIREMENTS.—The Federal Deposit
16 Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.) is amended by
17 adding at the end the following new section:

18 **“SEC. 50. INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.**

19 “(a) NOTICE OF NEGOTIATIONS; CONSULTATION.—
20 At least 90 calendar days before the Board of Directors
21 enters into negotiations with any foreign or multinational
22 entity, the Board of Directors shall—

23 “(1) issue a notice of negotiations to the Com-
24 mittee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Banking, Hous-
2 ing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

3 “(2) make such notice available to the public,
4 including on the website of the Corporation; and

5 “(3) solicit public comment, and consult with
6 the committees described under paragraph (1), with
7 respect to the topic matter, scope, and goals of the
8 negotiations.

9 “(b) PUBLIC REPORTS ON NEGOTIATIONS.—After
10 the end of any negotiation described under subsection (a),
11 the Board of Directors shall issue a public report on the
12 topics that were discussed at the negotiation and any new
13 or revised rulemakings or policy changes that the Board
14 of Directors believes should be implemented as a result
15 of the negotiations.

16 “(c) NOTICE OF AGREEMENTS; CONSULTATION.—At
17 least 90 calendar days before the Board of Directors en-
18 ters into any agreement with any foreign or multinational
19 entity, the Board of Directors shall—

20 “(1) issue a notice of agreement to the Com-
21 mittee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives and the Committee on Banking, Hous-
23 ing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

24 “(2) make such notice available to the public,
25 including on the website of the Corporation; and

1 “(3) consult with such committees with respect
 2 to the nature of the agreement and any anticipated
 3 effects such agreement will have on the economy.”.

4 (c) TREASURY REQUIREMENTS.—Section 325 of title
 5 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 6 the following new subsection:

7 “(d) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.—

8 “(1) NOTICE OF NEGOTIATIONS; CONSULTA-
 9 TION.—At least 90 calendar days before the Sec-
 10 retary enters into negotiations with any foreign or
 11 multinational entity, the Secretary shall—

12 “(A) issue a notice of negotiations to the
 13 Committee on Financial Services of the House
 14 of Representatives and the Committee on Bank-
 15 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

16 “(B) make such notice available to the
 17 public, including on the website of the Depart-
 18 ment of the Treasury; and

19 “(C) solicit public comment, and consult
 20 with the committees described under subpara-
 21 graph (A), with respect to the topic matter,
 22 scope, and goals of the negotiations.

23 “(2) PUBLIC REPORTS ON NEGOTIATIONS.—
 24 After the end of any negotiation described under
 25 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall issue a public re-

1 port on the topics that were discussed at the nego-
2 tiation and any new or revised rulemakings or policy
3 changes that the Secretary believes should be imple-
4 mented as a result of the negotiations.

5 “(3) NOTICE OF AGREEMENTS; CONSULTA-
6 TION.—At least 90 calendar days before the Sec-
7 retary enters into any agreement with any foreign or
8 multinational entity, the Secretary shall—

9 “(A) issue a notice of agreement to the
10 Committee on Financial Services of the House
11 of Representatives and the Committee on Bank-
12 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

13 “(B) make such notice available to the
14 public, including on the website of the Depart-
15 ment of the Treasury; and

16 “(C) consult with such committees with re-
17 spect to the nature of the agreement and any
18 anticipated effects such agreement will have on
19 the economy.”.

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