

Union Calendar No. 538

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5063

[Report No. 114–694]

To limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. MARINO, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. ISSA, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. BUCK, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. TROTT, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, and Mr. DUFFY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 18, 2016

Additional sponsors: Mr. JORDAN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. HURT of Virginia, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HOLDING, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. BRAT, and Mr. GROTHMAN

JULY 18, 2016

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 26, 2016]

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 “Stop Settlement Slush*
 5 *Funds Act of 2016”.*

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON DONATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO**
 7 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE**
 8 **UNITED STATES IS A PARTY.**

9 (a) *LIMITATION ON REQUIRED DONATIONS.*—*An offi-*
 10 *cial or agent of the Government may not enter into or en-*
 11 *force any settlement agreement on behalf of the United*
 12 *States, directing or providing for a payment to any person*
 13 *or entity other than the United States, other than a pay-*
 14 *ment that provides restitution for or otherwise directly rem-*
 15 *edies actual harm (including to the environment) directly*
 16 *and proximately caused by the party making the payment,*
 17 *or constitutes payment for services rendered in connection*
 18 *with the case.*

19 (b) *PENALTY.*—*Any official or agent of the Govern-*
 20 *ment who violates subsection (a), shall be subject to the same*
 21 *penalties that would apply in the case of a violation of sec-*
 22 *tion 3302 of title 31, United States Code.*

23 (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*Subsections (a) and (b) apply*
 24 *only in the case of a settlement agreement concluded on or*
 25 *after the date of enactment of this Act.*

1 (d) *DEFINITION.*—*The term “settlement agreement”*
2 *means a settlement agreement resolving a civil action or*
3 *potential civil action.*

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