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H. R. 2137

To require the review of all Federal departments and agencies and their programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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 Agency Sunset
5 Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.**

7 (a) GENERAL RULE.—Each Executive department,
8 each Executive agency, and each program of each such
9 department and agency shall be reviewed every 7 years

1 after the first review which shall be conducted as deter-
2 mined under subsection (b). A department, agency, and
3 program shall be reviewed to determine if there is a con-
4 tinued need for the department, agency, or program.

5 (b) REVIEW PROCEDURE.—An Executive department
6 or agency and its programs shall be reviewed by the com-
7 mittees of the House of Representatives and the Senate
8 which have legislative jurisdiction over the department,
9 agency, or program. Within 90 days of the date of the
10 enactment of this Act, all the committees of the House
11 of Representatives and all the committees of the Senate
12 shall jointly determine when the first review under sub-
13 section (a) shall be initiated. All such first reviews shall
14 be completed before the expiration of 1 year after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATIONS.—After the first review con-
17 ducted by the committees, no authorization of appropria-
18 tions for an Executive department, Executive agency, or
19 Executive department or agency program which was re-
20 viewed may be enacted after the expiration of the time
21 period for the subsequent review unless such review has
22 been completed. The same limitation on authorizations of
23 appropriation shall apply with respect to all subsequent
24 reviews.

1 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
2 terms “Executive department” and “Executive agency”
3 have the meaning given such terms by sections 101 and
4 105 of title 5, United States Code.

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