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H. R. 1648

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Rules, and Ways and Means, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fiscal Integrity
3 Through Transparency and Technology (FITT) Act of
4 2009”.

5 **TITLE I—CONSTRAINING THE**
6 **GROWTH OF THE FEDERAL**
7 **GOVERNMENT**

8 **SEC. 101. CONSTRAINING GROWTH.**

9 (a) CONSTRAINING GROWTH.—Title III of the Con-
10 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at
11 the end the following new section:

12 “CONSTRAINING THE GROWTH OF THE FEDERAL
13 GOVERNMENT

14 “SEC. 316. (a) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be
15 in order in the House of Representatives or the Senate
16 to consider any concurrent resolution on the budget for
17 any fiscal year if the percentage increase for the projected
18 total outlays for such fiscal year compared to the projected
19 total outlays for the preceding fiscal year set forth in the
20 most recently agreed to concurrent resolution on the budg-
21 et exceeds the allowable growth percentage.

22 “(b) ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE.—As used
23 in subsection (a), the term ‘allowable growth percentage’
24 for the applicable fiscal year refers to the mean of the
25 annual percentage growth of mean earnings of full-time,
26 year-round workers; compensation of employees; and gross

1 domestic product (GDP) for the United States for the
 2 most recent calendar year for which such data may be ob-
 3 tained from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of
 4 Economic Analysis (BEA) of the Department of Com-
 5 merce compared to the immediately preceding calendar
 6 year before the concurrent resolution on the budget for
 7 the applicable fiscal year is reported by the Committee on
 8 the Budget of the House of Representatives or Senate, as
 9 the case may be.

10 “(c) SUPER MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR WAIVER.—
 11 Subsection (a) may be waived or suspended in the House
 12 of Representatives or the Senate by a two-thirds vote of
 13 its Members voting, a quorum being present.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 15 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget
 16 and Impoundment Act of 1974 is amended by adding after
 17 the item relating to section 315 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Constraining the Growth of the Federal Government.”.

18 **TITLE II—EFFICIENCY AND RE-** 19 **SPONSIBILITY FROM THE** 20 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

21 **SEC. 201. ANNUAL REPORTS BY FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS** 22 **AND AGENCIES TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT-** 23 **ABILITY OFFICE.**

24 (a) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Each Federal depart-
 25 ment and agency annually shall submit to the Comptroller

1 General a report on the total operating costs of the depart-
2 ment or agency for the year covered by the report, with
3 a separate statement containing details on waste, fraud,
4 and abuse during such year.

5 (b) AUDIT BY GAO.—Each year the Comptroller
6 General shall randomly select 10 percent of the reports
7 submitted under subsection (a) and audit the reports.

8 (c) INTELLIGENCE REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Each
9 intelligence department and agency of the Federal Govern-
10 ment, and each intelligence-related division within a de-
11 partment or agency, shall submit to the Select Committee
12 on Intelligence of the House of Representatives the total
13 operating costs of the agency, department, or division for
14 the year covered by the report, with a separate statement
15 containing details on waste, fraud, and abuse during such
16 year.

17 (d) FIRST REPORTS.—The first reports under this
18 section shall be submitted not later than one year after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 202. ANNUAL REPORT BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

21 (a) ANNUAL GAO REPORT ON REPORTS OF FED-
22 ERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.—The Comptroller
23 General shall submit to Congress an annual report on the
24 results of the reports submitted under section 201(a).

1 (b) FIRST REPORT.—The first report under this sec-
2 tion shall be submitted not later than 18 months after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 203. PLAN FOR REDUCTION OF OPERATIONAL COSTS**
5 **OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.**

6 (a) PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal
8 department or agency shall design a plan to reduce its
9 operational costs from \$.36 of every \$1.00 appropriated
10 to the department or agency to \$.15 of every \$1.00 (or
11 reduce their operational costs by 41.67 percent) appro-
12 priated to the department or agency through the use of
13 new technologies and standard management practices.

14 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—Not later than 10
15 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, each
16 Federal department or agency shall implement the plan
17 for the department or agency developed under subsection
18 (a).

19 (c) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS.—Each Federal de-
20 partment or agency shall submit to Congress a report each
21 year detailing the progress of the department or agency
22 in implementing the plan for the department or agency
23 developed under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 204. INFORMING TAXPAYERS.**

2 (a) STATEMENT TO APPEAR ON TAX RETURNS.—

3 The Secretary of the Treasury shall include, on each form
4 for making the return of tax imposed under chapter 1 of
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, a statement of the
6 aggregate dollar amount of waste, fraud, and abuse by all
7 Federal departments and agencies for the most recent
8 year for which the Secretary has received information
9 under subsection (b).

10 (b) DETERMINATION OF AGGREGATE WASTE,
11 FRAUD, AND ABUSE BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—The
12 Comptroller General shall annually report to the Secretary
13 of the Treasury the aggregate dollar amount of waste,
14 fraud, and abuse by all Federal departments and agencies
15 as determined by the Comptroller General on the basis of
16 the reports submitted by Federal departments and agen-
17 cies under section 201.

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