

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 622

To stop secret spending.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

To stop secret spending.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Stop Secret
4 Spending Resolution”.

5 **SEC. 2. STOPPING SECRET SPENDING.**

6 (a) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In the Senate, legisla-
7 tion that has been subject to a hotline notification may
8 not pass by unanimous consent unless the hotline notifica-
9 tion has been posted on the public website of the Senate
10 for at least 3 calendar days as provided in subsection (b).

11 (b) POSTING ON SENATE WEBPAGE.—At the same
12 time as a hotline notification occurs with respect to any

1 legislation, the majority leader shall post in a prominent
 2 place on the public webpage of the Senate a notice that
 3 the legislation has been hotlined and the legislation's num-
 4 ber, title, link to full text, and sponsor and the estimated
 5 cost to implement and the number of new programs cre-
 6 ated by the legislation.

7 (c) LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Senate
 9 shall establish for both the Senate Calendar of Busi-
 10 ness and the Senate Executive Calendar a separate
 11 section entitled “Notice of Intent To Pass by Unani-
 12 mous Consent”.

13 (2) CONTENT.—The section required by para-
 14 graph (1) shall—

15 (A) include any legislation posted as re-
 16 quired by subsection (b) and the date the hot-
 17 line notification occurred; and

18 (B) be updated as appropriate.

19 (3) REMOVAL.—Items included on the calendar
 20 under this subsection shall be removed from the cal-
 21 endar once passed by the Senate.

22 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—This section shall not apply—

23 (1) if a quorum of the Senate is present at the
 24 time the unanimous consent is propounded to pass
 25 the bill;

1 (2) to any legislation relating to an imminent or
2 ongoing emergency, as jointly agreed to by the ma-
3 jority and minority leaders; and

4 (3) to legislation dealing solely with post office
5 namings.

6 (e) SUSPENSION.—The Presiding Officer shall not
7 entertain any request to suspend this section by unani-
8 mous consent.

9 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

10 (1) the term “hotline notification” means when
11 the majority leader in consultation with the minority
12 leader, provides notice of intent to pass legislation
13 by unanimous consent by contacting each Senate of-
14 fice with a message on a special alert line (commonly
15 referred to as the hotline) that provides information
16 on what bill or bills the majority leader is seeking
17 to pass through unanimous consent; and

18 (2) the term “legislation” means a bill or joint
19 resolution.

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