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H. RES. 623

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prevent duplicative and overlapping government programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MYRICK (for herself, Mr. COOPER, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prevent duplicative and overlapping government programs.

1 *Resolved*, That clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of
2 the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the
3 end the following new paragraph:

4 “(i)(1) The report accompanying each bill or joint
5 resolution of a public character reported by any committee
6 (including the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
7 mittee on the Budget) shall contain—

8 “(A) an analysis by the Congressional Research
9 Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution
10 creates any new Federal program, office, or initia-

1 tive that would duplicate or overlap any existing
2 Federal program, office, or initiative with similar
3 mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a
4 listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Fed-
5 eral program or programs, office or offices, or initia-
6 tive or initiatives; and

7 “(B) an explanation provided by the committee
8 as to why the creation of each new program, office,
9 or initiative is necessary if a similar program or pro-
10 grams, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives
11 exist.

12 “(2)(A) It shall not be in order to consider a bill or
13 joint resolution described in subparagraph (1) unless the
14 committee of jurisdiction has prepared and posted on its
15 website an overlapping and duplicative program analysis
16 and explanation for the bill or joint resolution.

17 “(B) The analysis and explanation required by this
18 subparagraph shall contain—

19 “(i) an analysis by the Congressional Research
20 Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution
21 creates any new Federal program, office, or initia-
22 tive that would duplicate or overlap any existing
23 Federal program, office, or initiative with similar
24 mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a
25 listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Fed-

1 eral program or programs, office or offices, or initia-
2 tive or initiatives; and

3 “(ii) an explanation provided by the committee
4 as to why the creation of each new program, office,
5 or initiative is necessary if a similar program or pro-
6 grams, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives
7 exist.”.

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