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S. RES. 427

To prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 2012

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

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RESOLUTION

To prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping
Federal programs.

1   *Resolved,*

2   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3   This resolution may be cited as the "Preventing Du-

4 plicative and Overlapping Government Programs Resolu-

5 tion".

6   **SEC. 2. REPORTED LEGISLATION.**

7   Paragraph 11 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules

8 of the Senate is amended—

9   (1) in subparagraph (c), by striking "and (b)"

10   and inserting "(b), and (c)";

1   (2) by redesignating subparagraph (c) and sub-
2 paragraph (d); and

3   (3) by inserting after subparagraph (b) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 "(c) The report accompanying each bill or joint reso-
6 lution of a public character reported by any committee (in-
7 cluding the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
8 mittee on the Budget) shall contain—

9   "(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research
10   Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution
11   creates any new Federal program, office, or initia-
12   tive that would duplicate or overlap any existing
13   Federal program, office, or initiative with similar
14   mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a
15   listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Fed-
16   eral program or programs, office or offices, or initia-
17   tive or initiatives; and

18   "(2) an explanation provided by the committee
19   as to why the creation of each new program, office,
20   or initiative is necessary if a similar program or pro-
21   grams, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives al-
22   ready exist.".

23 **SEC. 3. CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.**

24   Rule XVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is
25 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

1   ''6. (a) It shall not be in order in the Senate to pro-

2 ceed to any bill or joint resolution unless the committee

3 of jurisdiction has prepared and posted on the committee

4 website an overlapping and duplicative programs analysis

5 and explanation for the bill or joint resolution as described

6 in subparagraph (b) prior to proceeding.

7   ''(b) The analysis and explanation required by this

8 subparagraph shall contain—

9   ''(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research

10   Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution

11   creates any new Federal program, office, or initia-

12   tive that would duplicate or overlap any existing

13   Federal program, office, or initiative with similar

14   mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a

15   listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Fed-

16   eral program or programs, office or offices, or initia-

17   tive or initiatives; and

18   ''(2) an explanation provided by the committee

19   as to why the creation of each new program, office,

20   or initiative is necessary if a similar program or pro-

21   grams, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives al-

22   ready exist.

23   ''(c) This paragraph may be waived by joint agree-

24 ment of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of

1 the Senate upon their certification that such waiver is nec-

2 essary as a result of—

3   ''(1) a significant disruption to Senate facilities

4   or to the availability of the Internet; or

5   ''(2) an emergency as determined by the lead-

6   ers.''.

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