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S. RES. 119

Requiring authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on Government Accountability Office investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6 (legislative day, APRIL 4), 2017

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Congressional
4 Oversight to Start Taxpayer Savings Resolution” or the
5 “COST Savings Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON GOVERN-**
2 **MENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORTS.**

3 (a) **DUPLICATION REPORTS.**—Not later than 90 days
4 after the date on which the Comptroller General of the
5 United States transmits each annual report to Congress
6 identifying programs, agencies, offices, and initiatives with
7 duplicative goals and activities within the Government
8 under section 21 of the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint
9 Resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public
10 debt” (Public Law 111–139; 31 U.S.C. 712 note), each
11 standing committee of the Senate (except the Committee
12 on Appropriations) with jurisdiction over any such pro-
13 gram, agency, office, or initiative covered by that report
14 shall conduct hearings on the recommendations for con-
15 solidation and elimination of such program, agency, office,
16 or initiative.

17 (b) **HIGH RISK LIST.**—Not later than 90 days after
18 the date on which the Comptroller General of the United
19 States publishes a High Risk List, or any successor there-
20 to, each standing committee of the Senate (except the
21 Committee on Appropriations) with jurisdiction over any
22 agency or program area on the High Risk List shall con-
23 duct hearings on the vulnerabilities to fraud, waste, abuse,
24 and mismanagement, or need for transformation, of the
25 agency or program area.

1 (c) JOINT HEARINGS.—For any program, agency, of-
2 fice, initiative, or program area over which more than 1
3 standing committee of the Senate (except the Committee
4 on Appropriations) has jurisdiction, to the extent deter-
5 mined beneficial and appropriate by the Chairmen of the
6 committees, the committees may hold joint hearings under
7 subsection (a) or (b).

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