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H. R. 9653

To establish special rules for certain agency adjudications, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KNOTT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Limiting Excessive
5 Government Obstruction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AGENCY ADJUDICATIONS.**

7 (a) ADJUDICATIONS.—Chapter 7 of title 5, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 706 the
9 following:

1 **“§ 706A. Special rules for certain agency adjudica-**
2 **tions**

3 “(a) AGENCY ADJUDICATION.—

4 “(1) DEMURRER.—Except as provided in sub-
5 section (c), a party against whom an agency adju-
6 dication is initiated may file with the adjudicator a
7 demurrer.

8 “(2) FINAL ORDER OF DISMISSAL.—If the
9 party makes a filing described in paragraph (1), the
10 adjudicator shall issue a final order of dismissal with
11 prejudice.

12 “(b) CIVIL ACTION.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
14 after an agency adjudication is dismissed with re-
15 spect to a party under subsection (a), the agency
16 may commence a civil action against such party in
17 the district court for the district in which the alleged
18 violation occurred setting forth the violations alleged
19 in such agency adjudication. No such action may be
20 commenced after the expiration of such 90-day pe-
21 riod.

22 “(2) JURY TRIAL.—A defendant in an action
23 described in paragraph (1) shall be entitled to a trial
24 by jury.

25 “(3) DEFENSE.—Notwithstanding any other
26 provision of law, it shall be a defense to an action

1 described in paragraph (1) that an alleged violation
2 of an agency rule, order, or consent decree was rea-
3 sonable under the circumstances.

4 “(c) EXCEPTIONS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—This section does not apply
6 with respect to any matter pertaining to—

7 “(A) the immigration laws (as such term is
8 defined in section 101 of the Immigration and
9 Nationality Act);

10 “(B) national security;

11 “(C) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

12 “(D) bankruptcy;

13 “(E) patent; or

14 “(F) a Federal benefit.

15 “(2) FEDERAL BENEFIT DEFINED.—In this
16 section, the term ‘Federal benefit’ means any retire-
17 ment, welfare, health, disability, public or assisted
18 housing, postsecondary education, food assistance,
19 unemployment benefit, or any other similar benefit
20 for which payments or assistance are provided to an
21 individual, household, or family eligibility unit by an
22 agency of the United States or by appropriated
23 funds of the United States.”.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 701(b)(2) of title 5,
25 United States Code, is amended by striking “‘relief’, and

1 ‘agency action’” and inserting “‘relief’, ‘party’, ‘adjudica-
2 tion’, and ‘agency action’”.

3 (c) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for
4 chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by
5 inserting after the item relating to section 706 the fol-
6 lowing:

“706A. Special rules for certain agency adjudications.”.

