

will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS ELIMINATION ACT OF 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4194) to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sec. 101. Reports eliminated.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Sec. 201. Reports eliminated.

TITLE III—CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sec. 301. Reports eliminated.

TITLE IV—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Sec. 401. Reports eliminated.

TITLE V—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Sec. 501. Report on Impact Aid construction justifying discretionary grant awards eliminated.

TITLE VI—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Sec. 601. Reports eliminated.

TITLE VII—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Sec. 701. Great Lakes management comprehensive report eliminated.

TITLE VIII—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Sec. 801. Report relating to waiver of certain sanctions against North Korea eliminated.

TITLE IX—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Sec. 901. Reports eliminated.

Sec. 902. Reports modified.

TITLE X—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Sec. 1001. Reports eliminated.

TITLE XI—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Sec. 1101. Royalties in-kind report eliminated.

TITLE XII—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Sec. 1201. Report eliminated.

TITLE XIII—OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Sec. 1301. Report eliminated.

TITLE XIV—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sec. 1401. Report eliminated.

TITLE XV—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sec. 1501. Reports eliminated.

Sec. 1502. Report modified.

TITLE XVI—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Sec. 1601. Reports eliminated.

TITLE XVII—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Sec. 1701. Report eliminated.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SEC. 101. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) PEANUT BASE ACRES DATA COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION.—Section 1302(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8752(d)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (3);

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking “Paragraphs (1) through (3)” and inserting “Paragraphs (1) and (2)”; and

(3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3).

(b) REPORT ON EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES TO EMERGING MARKETS.—Section 1542(e) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-624; 7 U.S.C. 5622 note) is amended—

(1) by striking “(1) EFFECT OF CREDITS.—”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2).

(c) EVALUATION OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM FINANCING OF LOCALLY OR REGIONALLY PRODUCED FOOD PRODUCTS.—Section 310B(g)(9)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(g)(9)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking clause (iv); and

(2) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (iv).

(d) QUARTERLY EXPORT ASSISTANCE REPORTS.—Section 603 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5713) is repealed.

(e) RURAL COLLABORATIVE INVESTMENT PROGRAM.—

(1) SECRETARIAL REPORT ON REGIONAL RURAL INVESTMENT BOARDS.—Section 385C(b)(7) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009dd-2(b)(7)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by adding “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking subparagraph (D).

(2) REPORT BY REGIONAL RURAL INVESTMENT BOARD TO NATIONAL RURAL INVESTMENT BOARD AND THE SECRETARY.—Section 385D(a)(7) of Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009dd-3(a)(7)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (C), by adding “and” at the end;

(B) by striking subparagraph (D); and

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (D).

(f) STATUS REPORT FOR FOREIGN MARKET DEVELOPMENT.—Section 702 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5722) is amended by striking subsection (c).

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SEC. 201. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) EFFORTS AND PROGRESS IN BECOMING DESIGNATED AS SEA GRANT COLLEGE OR INSTITUTE.—Section 207 of the National Sea Grant Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1126) is amended by striking subsection (e).

(b) ENTERPRISE INTEGRATION STANDARDIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 3 of the Enterprise Integration Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 278g-5) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

(c) ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS TO SEA GRANT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 208(a) of the National Sea Grant Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(a)) is amended by striking the fourth sentence.

(d) TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Section 28 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278n) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (g);

(2) by redesignating subsections (h) through (l) as subsections (g) through (k), respectively; and

(3) in subsection (k)(5), as redesignated, by striking “under subsection (k)” and inserting “under subsection (j)”.

(e) TIP ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 28 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278n) is further amended in subsection (j), as redesignated by subsection (d), by striking paragraph (5).

(f) NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ACTIVITIES.—Section 212 of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 (16 U.S.C. 5611) is repealed.

TITLE III—CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

SEC. 301. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY.—The National and Community Service Act of 1990 is amended by repealing part IV of subtitle B of title I (42 U.S.C. 12565).

(b) REPORTS BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES TO THE CORPORATION.—Section 182 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12642) is amended—

(1) by striking the following:

“(a) DESIGN OF PROGRAMS.—”; and

(2) by striking subsection (b).

TITLE IV—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SEC. 401. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) DISPLAY OF ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR SOVEREIGNTY ALERT MISSION.—Section 354 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417; 10 U.S.C. 221 note) is hereby repealed.

(b) ANNUAL REPORT ON RELIABILITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.—Section 1008 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107-107; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and

(2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “(b) or”.

TITLE V—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SEC. 501. REPORT ON IMPACT AID CONSTRUCTION JUSTIFYING DISCRETIONARY GRANT AWARDS ELIMINATED.

Section 8007(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7707(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (7).

TITLE VI—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SEC. 601. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM.—Section 983 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16323) is amended by striking subsection (d).

(b) STRATEGIC UNCONVENTIONAL FUELS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—Section 369(i) of Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15927(i)) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(c) ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT.—Section 342(a)(6)(C) of Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6313(a)(6)(C)) is amended—

(1) by striking clause (v); and

(2) by redesignating clause (vi) (as added by section 310(a)(4) of Public Law 112-110; 126 Stat. 1524) as clause (v).

TITLE VII—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SEC. 701. GREAT LAKES MANAGEMENT COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 118(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (10); and

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (11) through (13) as paragraphs (10) through (12), respectively.

TITLE VIII—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SEC. 801. REPORT RELATING TO WAIVER OF CERTAIN SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA ELIMINATED.

Section 1405 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (22 U.S.C. 2799aa-1 note) is amended—

- (1) by striking subsection (c); and
- (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

TITLE IX—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SEC. 901. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) **EXPENDITURES OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.**—Section 1904 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6574) is repealed.

(b) **USE OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS BY STATES AND LOCALITIES REPORT.**—Section 901 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 191) is repealed.

(c) **HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT FUNDS AUDIT.**—(1) **ELIMINATION OF AUDIT.**—Section 902(b) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15542(b)) is amended—

- (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph (5)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”;
- (B) by striking paragraph (3); and
- (C) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (5).

(2) **PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY TO RECOUP FUNDS RESULTING FROM PRIOR AUDITS.**—Section 902(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 15542(c)) is amended by inserting after “subsection (b)” the following: “prior to the date of the enactment of the Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014”.

(d) **STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE AUDIT AND REPORT.**—Section 3011 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5710) is amended—

- (1) by striking subsection (b); and
- (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

(e) **SMALL BUSINESS LENDING FUND PROGRAM AUDIT AND REPORT.**—Section 4107 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 4741 note) is amended—

- (1) by striking subsection (c); and
- (2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

(f) **HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT.**—Section 6303(a) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 1490e note) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

SEC. 902. REPORTS MODIFIED.

(a) **NATIONAL PREVENTION, HEALTH PROMOTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL.**—Subsection (i) of section 4001 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–10) is amended by striking “The Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States shall jointly conduct periodic reviews” and inserting “The Secretary shall conduct periodic reviews”.

(b) **POSTCARD MANDATE.**—Section 719(g)(2) of title 31, United States Code is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: “The Comptroller General shall make each list available through the public website of the Government Accountability Office.”; and

(2) in the second sentence, by inserting “of Congress” after “committee or member”.

(c) **ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD FOUNDATION.**—

(1) **USE OF PRIVATE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.**—Section 107 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 807) is amended to read as follows:

“AUDITS

“SEC. 107. (a) **CONTRACTS WITH INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.**—The Board shall enter into a contract with an independent public accountant to conduct an annual audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, of the financial records of the Board and of any corporation established under section 106(i), and shall ensure that the independent public accountant has access for the purpose of the audit to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Board or such corporation (or any agent of the Board or such cor-

poration) which the independent public accountant reasonably determines to be pertinent to the Congressional Award Program.

“(b) **ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON AUDIT RESULTS.**—Not later than May 15 of each calendar year, the Board shall submit to appropriate officers, committees, and subcommittees of Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on the results of the most recent audit conducted pursuant to this section, and shall include in the report information on any such additional areas as the independent public accountant who conducted the audit determines deserve or require evaluation.

“(c) **REVIEW BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF ANNUAL AUDIT.**—

“(1) The Comptroller General of the United States shall review each annual audit conducted under subsection (a).

“(2) For purposes of a review under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General, or any duly authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Board or such corporation, or any agent of the Board or such corporation, including the independent external auditor designated under subsection (a), which, in the opinion of the Comptroller General, may be pertinent.

“(3) Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Comptroller General receives a report under subsection (b), the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the review conducted under paragraph (1) with respect to the preceding year.”.

(2) **AMENDMENTS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH FISCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**—Section 104(c) of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 804(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence, by—

- (i) inserting “policies and” before “procedures”; and
- (ii) striking “fund”; and
- (B) in paragraph (2)(A)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking “The Comptroller General of the United States” and inserting “The independent public accountant conducting the annual audit of the financial records of the Board pursuant to section 107(a)”;

(ii) in the second sentence, by striking “the Comptroller General” and inserting “the independent public accountant”.

(3) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

(d) **ANNUAL GAO REVIEW OF PROPOSED HHS RECOVERY THRESHOLD.**—The third sentence of section 1862(b)(9)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(9)(B)(i)) is amended by striking “for a year” and inserting “for 2014”.

TITLE X—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

SEC. 1001. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) **PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS MADE WITH DOG OR CAT FUR.**—Section 308 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1308) is amended by striking subsection (e).

(b) **PORT OF ENTRY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT STUDY AND NATIONAL LAND BORDER SECURITY PLAN.**—The Border Infrastructure and Technology Modernization Act of 2007 (title VI of division E of Public Law 110–161; 6 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) is amended by striking sections 603 and 604.

(c) **FEES FOR CERTAIN CUSTOMS SERVICES.**—

(1) **REPEAL.**—Section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–272; 19 U.S.C. 58c) is amended—

- (A) in subsection (a)(9), by striking subparagraph (C) and redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (C); and
- (B) in subsection (f)—
- (i) in paragraph (3)—
- (I) by striking subparagraph (D); and

(II) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (D);

(ii) by striking paragraph (4); and

(iii) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Subsection (f) of such section is further amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “paragraph (5)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”;

(B) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “paragraph (5)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”.

(d) **MODERNIZATION OF NATIONAL DISTRESS AND RESPONSE SYSTEM.**—

(1) **REPEAL.**—Section 346 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–295; 14 U.S.C. 88 note) is repealed.

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by striking the item relating to section 346.

TITLE XI—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SEC. 1101. ROYALTIES IN-KIND REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 342 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15902) is amended—

- (1) by striking subsection (e); and
- (2) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j) as subsections (e) through (i), respectively.

TITLE XII—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SEC. 1201. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 207 of the Andean Trade Preference Act (19 U.S.C. 3205) is repealed.

TITLE XIII—OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

SEC. 1301. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 2(5)(E) of the Senate resolution advising and consenting to ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) of November 19, 1990, adopted at Vienna May 31, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105–5) (commonly referred to as the “CFE Flank Document”), 105th Congress, agreed to May 14, 1997, is repealed.

TITLE XIV—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SEC. 1401. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 620F of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2376) is amended by striking subsection (c).

TITLE XV—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 1501. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) **REPORTS OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES COMMITTEE.**—Section 106(p)(7) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by striking subparagraph (H); and
- (2) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as subparagraph (H).

(b) **ANNUAL SUMMARIES OF AIRPORT FINANCIAL REPORTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 47107 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (k).

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(A) Section 47107 of title 49, United States Code, as amended by paragraph (1), is further amended—

- (i) by redesignating subsections (l) through (t) as subsections (k) through (s), respectively;
- (ii) in paragraph (5) of subsection (k), as redesignated by clause (i)—

(I) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “subsection (n)(7)” and inserting “subsection (m)(7)”;

(II) in subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (n)” and inserting “subsection (m)”;

(iii) in subsection (m), as so redesignated—

(I) by striking “subsections (b) and (l)” each place it appears and inserting “subsections (b) and (k)”;

(II) by striking “subsection (o)” each place it appears and inserting “subsection (n)”;

(iv) in subsection (n), as so redesignated, by striking “subsection (n)” each place it appears and inserting “subsection (m)”;

(v) in subsection (o), as so redesignated, by striking “subsection (o)” and inserting “subsection (n)”;

(vi) in subsection (p), as so redesignated, by striking “subsections (a) through (p)” and inserting “subsections (a) through (o)”;

(vii) in subsection (q), as so redesignated, by striking “subsections (q)(1) through (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (p)”.

(B) Section 46301(d)(2) of such title is amended by striking “section 47107(l)” and inserting “section 47107(k)”.

(C) Section 47111(e) of such title is amended by striking “section 47107(l)” and inserting “section 47107(k)”.

(D) Section 9502 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “section 47107(n)” each place it appears and inserting “section 47107(m)”.

(c) ANNUAL REPORT ON PIPELINE SAFETY INFORMATION GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES.—Section 60130 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

(d) ANNUAL REPORT ON PILOT PROGRAM FOR INNOVATIVE FINANCING OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT.—Section 182 of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (117 Stat. 2515; 49 U.S.C. 44502 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (e); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (e).

(e) REPORTS ON JUSTIFICATIONS FOR AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONES.—Section 602 of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (117 Stat. 2563), and the item relating to that section in the table of contents contained in section 1(b) of that Act, are repealed.

(f) ANNUAL REPORT ON STANDARDS FOR AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT ENGINES TO REDUCE NOISE LEVELS.—Section 726 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (114 Stat. 167; 49 U.S.C. 47508 note) is amended by striking subsection (c).

SEC. 1502. REPORT MODIFIED.

Section 1138(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “at least annually, but may be conducted”.

TITLE XVI—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

SEC. 1601. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.—Section 2 of Public Law 108–215 (22 U.S.C. 290m–6) is repealed.

(b) REPORT ON VOTING ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS LOAN PROPOSALS.—Section 701 of the International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262d) is amended by striking subsection (c) and redesignating subsection (d) through subsection (g) (as added by section 501(g) of Public Law 96–259) as subsections (c) through (f), respectively.

(c) REPORT ON NEW IMF ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING RATES AND MATURITIES.—Section 605 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999 (112 Stat. 2681–222), as enacted into law by section 101(d) of division A of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105–277), is amended by striking subsection (d).

(d) REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS.—The Government Securities Act Amendments of 1993 (Public Law 103–202; 31 U.S.C. 3121 note) is amended—

(1) by striking section 203; and

(2) in the table of contents for such Act, by striking the item relating to section 203.

TITLE XVII—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SEC. 1701. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 8125 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (d); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (d).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to support the Senate amendment to H.R. 4194, the Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014. H.R. 4194 passed the House by voice vote on April 28, 2014, and an amended version passed the Senate under unanimous consent on September 16. I would like to personally take a moment to thank Senators CARPER and COBURN, as well as the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee staff, for diligently working on getting this bill passed through the Senate. I would also like to personally thank Senators WARNER and AYOTTE, who introduced a companion bill in the Senate, for working with the OGR and the House Armed Services Committee, and others, to get a bill that is so broadly accepted and does so much to eliminate unnecessary and duplicative agency reports.

The Government Reports Elimination Act is part of the committee's effort to reduce waste and duplication in the Federal Government. We have spent more than a year working with each House committee vetting each section to ensure that useful agency reports are maintained. The Senate amendment reduces to 48 the number of unnecessary agency reports to Congress and eliminates or streamlines an additional five.

Mr. Speaker, it is a good start. We started with a much larger report list. We believe that the progress under this bill sets the tone for an annual elimination of reports that have become outdated or unnecessary. It is very clear that each time the Congress passes a new piece of legislation—or even a new appropriation—there are questions that need to be answered and which the executive branch is staffed and funded to answer. However, most reports requested have no termination date. A single report is harmless and generally is accurate to the time of the passing, while one that goes on in perpetuity inevitably becomes outdated and, in fact, unnecessary.

In the future, we not only want to continue doing this for those reports that have an in-perpetuity annual or periodic report, we also want to make sure, as a committee, that new report

requirements written into any piece of legislation have a reauthorization or elimination date. We believe that is the only way we can cease the continuation of excess reports.

Lastly, I would like to thank the GAO, the Congress' government accountability organization. In 2013, they identified mandates that appeared to be both burdensome and unnecessary, and they came to the Oversight Committee and to our counterpart in the Senate with them. If not for them, we would not have this bill here today.

Again, very often, the American people see Senators on one side and House Members on another taking credit for a vote they are about to make or have just made. Not often enough do we realize that it is not only our personal and committee staffs but also the staffs that work for Congress on a non-partisan basis who are the ones, in fact, who generate most of the good things that ultimately come to this floor.

Lastly, I would like to thank this administration. This is one area in which they concurred with us and helped all along the way to try to include as many reports as they could in this piece of legislation.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this important legislation. I am pleased to join my colleagues in support of H.R. 4194, the Government Reports Elimination Act, as amended. I also want to thank my good friend, Chairman DARRELL ISSA, for his bipartisan approach to this bill. This bill will bring greater efficiency to the overall government of the United States.

Congress often requires reports from executive branch agencies, and these reports can be a valuable tool to scrutinize performance and assess agency goals. However, with the passage of time, reporting requirements can become outdated, unnecessary, or duplicative.

Congress and the executive branch have recognized that improved coordination across the Federal Government benefits both the taxpayer and the government. In 2010, Congress passed the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act. That act requires the Office of Management and Budget to publish a list of plans or reports that are produced by the executive branch pursuant to congressional mandate. The act also requires the administration to identify potentially outdated or duplicative plans and reports, and to provide views on whether they should be eliminated.

In January 2013 the Office of Management and Budget produced a list of more than 300 plans and reports that are potentially outdated or duplicative. Majority and minority staffs of our committee worked together to review this list. During this process, the

views of all other committees of jurisdiction were also considered. A similar process occurred in the Senate.

H.R. 4194, as amended, would eliminate the statutory requirements to prepare reports that are produced by 17 different Federal agencies. Implementing H.R. 4194 would reduce the administrative costs of these agencies by reducing the number of reports that must be prepared and printed. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that implementing the bill would save about \$1 million over the next 5 years. H.R. 4194 provides for greater efficiency and a more effective Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill. It is worth the time we have put into discussing it. I thank Majority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY for his support on this bill, and I think this is a special opportunity to thank Congressmen WOODALL and CONNOLLY for their support as original cosponsors on this bill.

It is amazing to me that you can have dozens and dozens of reports senselessly coming back from the administration that are not being read, not needed, are obsolete, and when you point it out, there is no objection whatsoever to eliminating them. I think that is exactly the situation we have here.

I look forward to working with the majority and minority leaders' offices to make sure that this is an annual event until we reach a point where there are zero pieces of reports coming to the Congress that are unread, unused, or unnecessary.

With that, I urge passage of this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I just wanted to join the chairman in his remarks about this bill. This bill is the quintessential efficiency bill. We have been doing the same thing over and over again until the chairman got the bright idea that maybe we should start doing this. I think we are in for more efficiency as more Federal agencies go through the same process.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, once again, I urge support for the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 4194.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PRESIDENTIAL AND FEDERAL RECORDS ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1233) to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

(1) On page 5, line 7, strike [of] and insert on.
(2) On page 10 from line 8 through page 11 line 1, strike all and insert:

(a) *IN GENERAL.—The President, the Vice President, or a covered employee may not create or send a Presidential or Vice Presidential record using a non-official electronic message account unless the President, Vice President, or covered employee—*

(1) *copies an official electronic messaging account of the President, Vice President, or covered employee in the original creation or transmission of the Presidential record or Vice Presidential record; or*

(2) *forwards a complete copy of the Presidential or Vice Presidential record to an official electronic messaging account of the President, Vice President, or covered employee not later than 20 days after the original creation or transmission of the Presidential or Vice Presidential record.*

(b) *ADVERSE ACTIONS.—The intentional violation of subsection (a) by a covered employee (including any rules, regulations, or other implementing guidelines), as determined by the appropriate supervisor, shall be a basis for disciplinary action in accordance with subchapter I, II, or V of chapter 75 of title 5, as the case may be.*

(c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

(1) *COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term “covered employee” means—*

(A) *the immediate staff of the President;*

(B) *the immediate staff of the Vice President;*

(C) *a unit or individual of the Executive Office of the President whose function is to advise and assist the President; and*

(D) *a unit or individual of the Office of the Vice President whose function is to advise and assist the Vice President.*

(3) On page 11, line 2, strike [1] and insert 2.

(4) On page 11, line 6, strike [2] and insert 3.

(5) On page 11, line 9 through line 11, strike everything up to the first period.

(6) On page 31, line 8, strike [within five days] and insert *not later than 20 days.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today to consider the Senate amendment to H.R. 1233, the Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014. This bill was introduced by the ranking member, who I see is here today, and was first passed by the House on January 14 of this year. It was passed by a vote of 420-0. Let not a unanimous vote belie the fact that the ranking member worked hard to find consensus within the House and to make sure that this was a well-reasoned and, in fact, tailored piece of legislation.

The Senate, as it often does, did make some changes, but ultimately this bill, H.R. 1233, which would codify existing executive order and allows former Presidents to appeal to incumbent Presidents to keep certain Presidential documents privileged under the Presidential Records Act, is the good work of Mr. CUMMINGS.

This bill would lock into statute a process established by President Reagan in 1989. In 2009, President Obama restored this by executive order. However, like anything that the Congress has observed for a long time that is being done by executive order, the question is: Should it be on the whim of the next President, or should it, in fact, be something which statutorily is part of the Presidential Records Act, which was a statute created by Congress?

I think particularly important is the fact that Mr. CUMMINGS recognizes that past Presidents, including President Clinton and, of course, President George W. Bush, do, in fact, have a number of things that occurred on their watch which remain sensitive today.

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Allowing the standing of these individuals and the oversight of the current President is a good middle ground, and it is one that balances the needs of the public, something that Mr. CUMMINGS and I feel strongly about, that transparency and freedom of information and access is important.

At the same time, we recognize that there are times when a secret must remain a secret, an action must remain an action. It doesn't change the fact that Congress may have an interest or the American people might prevail.

This bill does, rightfully so and on a unanimous basis now in the House and the Senate, codify historic Federal recordkeeping. We believe it is good.

I want to take a moment to thank Mr. CUMMINGS personally for his hard work. He not only championed the bill, but he worked well in the Senate to make sure it came back to us today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.