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# H. R. 1496

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2011

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 “Federal Reserve  
5 Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUDIT REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY FOR THE**  
2 **BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RE-**  
3 **SERVE SYSTEM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 714 of  
5 title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking all  
6 after “in writing.”.

7 (b) REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.—Section  
8 714 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
9 ing subsection (f).

10 (c) AUDIT.—Section 714 of title 31, United States  
11 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
12 subsection:

13 “(f) AUDIT AND REPORT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE  
14 SYSTEM.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An audit of the Board of  
16 Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the  
17 Federal reserve banks under subsection (b) shall be  
18 completed within 12 months of the enactment of the  
19 Federal Reserve Transparency Act.

20 “(2) REPORT.—

21 “(A) REQUIRED.—A report on the audit  
22 referred to in paragraph (1) shall be submitted  
23 by the Comptroller General to the Congress be-  
24 fore the end of the 90-day period beginning on  
25 the date on which such audit is completed and  
26 made available to the Speaker of the House of

1           Representatives, the majority and minority  
2           leaders of the House of Representatives, the  
3           majority and minority leaders of the Senate, the  
4           Chairman and Ranking Member of the com-  
5           mittee and each subcommittee of jurisdiction in  
6           the House of Representatives and the Senate,  
7           and any other Member of Congress who re-  
8           quests it.

9           “(B) CONTENTS.—The report under sub-  
10          paragraph (A) shall include a detailed descrip-  
11          tion of the findings and conclusion of the  
12          Comptroller General with respect to the audit  
13          that is the subject of the report.

14          “(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-  
15          section shall be construed to limit the ability of the  
16          Government Accountability Office to perform addi-  
17          tional audits of the Board of Governors of the Fed-  
18          eral Reserve System or of the Federal reserve  
19          banks.”.

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