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H. R. 3534

To reduce the national debt and eliminate waste in Government spending,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUINTA (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To reduce the national debt and eliminate waste in
Government spending, 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 “Audit U.S. Depart-
5 ments to Insulate Taxpayers Act of 2015” or the “AUDIT
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. GAO REPORT REQUIRED.**

8 (a) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,

1 the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress the re-
2 port required by section 21 of title II of Public Law 111-
3 139 (124 Stat. 29; 31 U.S.C. 712 Note), including a legis-
4 lative proposal that implements the recommendations.

5 (b) INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDA-
6 TIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
8 the date on which the report is submitted under sub-
9 section (a), a legislative proposal based on the report
10 shall be introduced in the Senate by the chair or
11 ranking minority member of the Homeland Security
12 and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Senate
13 and shall be introduced in the House of Representa-
14 tives by the chair or ranking minority member of the
15 Oversight and Government Reform Committee of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 (2) NOT IN SESSION.—If either House is not in
18 session on the day on which such legislative proposal
19 is submitted, the legislative proposal shall be intro-
20 duced in that House, as provided in paragraph (1),
21 on the first day thereafter on which that House is
22 in session.

23 (3) INTRODUCTION BY MEMBER.—If the legisla-
24 tive proposal is not introduced in either House with-
25 in 5 days on which that House is in session after the

1 day on which the legislative proposal is submitted,
2 then any Member of that House may introduce the
3 legislative proposal.

4 (4) REFERRAL.—The legislation introduced
5 under this subsection in the House of Representa-
6 tives shall be referred to the Committee on Over-
7 sight and Government Reform of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives. The legislation introduced under this
9 subsection in the Senate shall be referred to the
10 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
11 Affairs of the Senate.

12 (c) HEARINGS REQUIRED.—After the date on which
13 the legislative proposal is introduced in the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Senate, the chair of the Committee
15 on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of
16 Representatives and the chair of the Committee on Home-
17 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate
18 shall hold hearings to provide a representative of the rel-
19 evant agency the opportunity to testify regarding the mer-
20 its of the programs described in the legislative proposal.

21 (d) DISCHARGE.—If the committee to which a legisla-
22 tive proposal described in subsection (a) is referred has
23 not reported the bill containing such proposal by the end
24 of the 60-day period beginning on the date on which the
25 report is submitted under subsection (a), such committee

1 shall be, at the end of such period, discharged from fur-
2 ther consideration of such bill, and such bill shall be placed
3 on the appropriate calendar of the House involved. In cal-
4 culating the 60-day period, days on which either House
5 is not in session because of an adjournment of more than
6 3 days to a date certain shall not be counted.

7 (e) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.—

8 (1) CONSIDERATION.—On or after the third
9 day after the date on which the committee to which
10 such a bill is referred has reported, or has been dis-
11 charged (under subsection (d)) from further consid-
12 eration of, such a bill, it is in order (even though a
13 previous motion to the same effect has been dis-
14 agreed to) for any Member of the respective House
15 to move to proceed to the consideration of the bill.
16 A member may make the motion only on the legisla-
17 tive day after the day on which the Member an-
18 nounces to the House concerned the Member's inten-
19 tion to make the motion, except that, in the case of
20 the House of Representatives, the motion may be
21 made without such prior announcement if the mo-
22 tion is made by direction of the committee to which
23 the bill was referred. The motion is highly privileged
24 in the House of Representatives and is privileged in
25 the Senate and is not debatable. The motion is not

1 subject to amendment, or to a motion to postpone,
2 or to a motion to proceed to the consideration of
3 other business. A motion to reconsider the vote by
4 which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall
5 not be in order. If a motion to proceed to the consid-
6 eration of the bill is agreed to, the respective House
7 shall immediately proceed to consideration of the bill
8 without intervening motion, order, or other business,
9 and the bill shall remain the unfinished business of
10 the respective House until disposed of.

11 (2) DEBATE.—Debate on the bill, and on all
12 debatable motions and appeals in connection there-
13 with, shall be limited to not more than 4 hours in
14 the House of Representatives and 10 hours in the
15 Senate, which shall be divided equally between those
16 favoring and those opposing the bill. A motion fur-
17 ther to limit debate is in order and not debatable.
18 A motion to postpone, or a motion to proceed to the
19 consideration of other business, or a motion to re-
20 commit the bill is not in order. A motion to recon-
21 sider the vote by which the bill is agreed to or dis-
22 agreed to is not in order.

23 (3) VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE.—Immediately
24 following the conclusion of the debate on the bill and
25 a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate

1 if requested in accordance with the rules of the ap-
2 propriate House, the vote on final passage of the bill
3 shall occur.

4 (4) APPEALS.—Appeals from the decisions of
5 the chair relating to the application of the rules of
6 the Senate or the House of Representatives, as the
7 case may be, to the procedure relating to the bill
8 shall be decided without debate.

9 (f) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.—This sec-
10 tion is enacted by the Congress—

11 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
12 the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-
13 spectively, and as such they shall be considered as
14 part of the rules of each House, respectively, or of
15 that House to which they specifically apply, and
16 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the ex-
17 tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

18 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
19 right of either House to change such rules (so far
20 as relating to such House) at any time, in the same
21 manner, and to the same extent as in the case of
22 any other rule of such House.

1 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “agen-
2 cy” has the meaning given that term in section 551 of
3 title 5, United States Code.

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