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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALDEN (for himself and Mr. PALLONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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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 “Department of Energy
5 Organization and Management Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION AND REPORTING ON IMPROVING MAN-**
2 **AGEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part C of title VI of the Depart-
4 ment of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7251 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 664. EVALUATION AND REPORTING TO IMPROVE GEN-**
7 **ERAL MANAGEMENT.**

8 “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
9 of this section, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary
10 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
11 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
12 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report con-
13 taining—

14 “(1) an evaluation of the general management
15 of the Department, including management and mis-
16 sion support functional programs that have Depart-
17 ment-wide responsibility for legal services, adminis-
18 tration, accounting, budgeting, contract and project
19 management, human resources management, and
20 such other staff support offices the Secretary deter-
21 mines appropriate;

22 “(2) a description of impediments to effective
23 Departmental management;

24 “(3) a description of recommended measures to
25 improve Departmental management, including statu-
26 tory changes to address such impediments;

1 “(4) a strategic plan, to be implemented by the
2 Office of the Secretary, for continuous improvement
3 in the management of the Department; and

4 “(5) an evaluation of the status of the improve-
5 ment of Departmental management.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
7 tents of the Department of Energy Organization Act is
8 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
9 663 the following:

 “Sec. 664. Evaluation and reporting to improve general management.”.

10 **SEC. 3. UPDATING ORDERS RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF**
11 **ENERGY MANAGEMENT.**

12 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the
14 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
15 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
16 ural Resources of the Senate a report containing—

17 (1) a description of the status of all orders
18 issued by the Department of Energy relating to
19 management of the Department; and

20 (2) a schedule for updating such orders to en-
21 sure effective management of the Department, in-
22 cluding personnel of the Department and budget for-
23 mulation.

1 **SEC. 4. INTEGRATION OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY**
2 **ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EN-**
3 **ERGY MISSION-SUPPORT PERSONNEL.**

4 Section 3220 of the National Nuclear Security Ad-
5 ministration Act (50 U.S.C. 2410) is amended—

6 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(a) STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL.—
9 Each officer or employee of the Administration shall be
10 responsible to and subject to the authority, direction, and
11 control of the Secretary consistent with section 202(c)(3)
12 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C.
13 7132(c)(3)).”;

14 (2) by striking subsection (b);

15 (3) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
16 (e) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively;

17 (4) in subsection (b), as so redesignated, by
18 striking “Subsections (a) and (b)” and inserting
19 “Subsection (a)”; and

20 (5) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by
21 striking “subsections (a) and (b)” and inserting
22 “subsection (a)”.

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