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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 “General Accounting  
5 Office Act of 1996”.

1 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO LAWS**  
2 **AUTHORIZING AUDITING, RE-**  
3 **PORTING, AND OTHER FUNC-**  
4 **TIONS BY THE GENERAL AC-**  
5 **COUNTING OFFICE**

6 **SEC. 101. TRANSFERS AND TERMINATIONS OF FUNCTIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 (1) FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED.—In any case in  
9 which a provision of law authorizing the perform-  
10 ance of a function by the Comptroller General of the  
11 United States or the General Accounting Office is  
12 amended by this title to substitute another Federal  
13 officer, employee, or agency in that authorization,  
14 the authority under that provision to perform that  
15 function is transferred to the other Federal officer,  
16 employee, or agency.

17 (2) FUNCTIONS TERMINATED.—In any case in  
18 which a provision of law authorizing the perform-  
19 ance of a function by the Comptroller General of the  
20 United States or the General Accounting Office is  
21 repealed by this Act, the authority under that provi-  
22 sion to perform that function is terminated.

23 (3) DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS.—The Direc-  
24 tor of the Office of Management and Budget may  
25 delegate, in whole or in part, to any other agency or

1 agencies any function transferred to or vested in the  
2 Director under section 103(d), 105(b), 116, or  
3 202(n) of this Act, and may transfer to such agency  
4 or agencies any personnel, budget authority, records,  
5 and property received by the Director pursuant to  
6 subsection (b) of this section that relate to the dele-  
7 gated functions.

8 (b) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Incident to any transfer of  
10 authority under subsection (a)(1), there shall be  
11 transferred to the recipient Federal officer, em-  
12 ployee, or agency such personnel, records, budget  
13 authority, and property of the General Accounting  
14 Office as the Comptroller General and the Director  
15 of the Office of Management and Budget jointly de-  
16 termine to be necessary to effectuate the transfer.

17 (2) EFFECT ON PERSONNEL.—Personnel trans-  
18 ferred under this section shall not be separated or  
19 reduced in classification or compensation for one  
20 year after any such transfer, except for cause.

21 (c) REFERENCES.—With respect to any function or  
22 authority transferred under this Act and exercised on or  
23 after the effective date of that transfer, reference in any  
24 Federal law to the Comptroller General or to any officer  
25 or employee of the General Accounting Office is deemed

1 to refer to the Federal officer or agency to which the func-  
2 tion or authority is transferred under this Act.

3 (d) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

4 (1) ORDERS AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTIONS  
5 NOT AFFECTED.—All orders, determinations, rules,  
6 regulations, permits, grants, contracts, certificates,  
7 licenses, and privileges—

8 (A) which have been issued, made, grant-  
9 ed, or allowed to become effective by the Comp-  
10 troller General or any official of the General  
11 Accounting Office, or by a court of competent  
12 jurisdiction, in the performance of any function  
13 or authority transferred under this Act, and

14 (B) which are in effect at the time of the  
15 transfer;

16 shall continue in effect according to their terms until  
17 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or re-  
18 voked in accordance with law.

19 (2) PENDING MATTERS AND PROCEEDINGS.—

20 This Act shall not affect any pending matters or  
21 proceedings, including notices of proposed rule-  
22 making, relating to a function or authority trans-  
23 ferred under this Act. Such matters or proceedings  
24 shall continue under the authority of the agency to

1       which the function or authority is transferred until  
2       completed or terminated in accordance with law.

3           (3) JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSES OF  
4       ACTIONS.—No suit, action, or other proceeding or  
5       cause of action relating to a function or authority  
6       transferred under this Act shall abate by reason of  
7       the enactment of this Act. If, before the date on  
8       which a transfer of a function or authority this Act  
9       takes effect, the Comptroller General of the United  
10      States or any officer or employee of the General Ac-  
11      counting Office in their official capacity is party to  
12      a suit relating to the function or authority, then  
13      such suit shall be continued and the head of the  
14      agency to which the function or authority is trans-  
15      ferred, or other appropriate official of that agency,  
16      shall be substituted or added as a party.

17      (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
19      graph (2), this title shall take effect on the date of  
20      enactment of this Act.

21           (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Sections 103(d), 105(b),  
22      and 116 shall take effect 60 days after the date of  
23      enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 102. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 2, UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE (THE CONGRESS).**

3 (a) COMPLIANCE REPORTING ON REDUCTION IN EM-  
4 PLOYEE POSITIONS.—Section 307(c) of the Legislative  
5 Branch Appropriations Act, 1994 (Public Law 103–69;  
6 107 Stat. 710; 2 U.S.C. 60–1 note) is amended by striking  
7 “shall” and inserting “may”.

8 (b) WAIVER OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS IN THE SEN-  
9 ATE.—Section 2(a) of the Act of July 25, 1974 (Public  
10 Law 93–359; 88 Stat. 394; 2 U.S.C. 130c(a)) is amend-  
11 ed—

12 (1) in the first sentence by striking “, if the  
13 claim is not the subject of an exception made by the  
14 Comptroller General in the account of any account-  
15 able officer or official”; and

16 (2) in the third sentence by striking “shall” the  
17 first place it appears and inserting “may”.

18 (c) WAIVER OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS IN THE  
19 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Section 3(a) of the Act  
20 of July 25, 1974 (Public Law 93–359; 88 Stat. 395; 2  
21 U.S.C. 130d(a)) is amended, in the first sentence, by  
22 striking “, if the claim is not the subject of an exception  
23 made by the Comptroller General in the account of any  
24 accountable officer or official”.

25 (d) REPORT ON SEQUESTRATION OF FUNDS TO  
26 MEET DEFICIT REDUCTION GOALS.—Section 254 of the

1 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
2 1985 (2 U.S.C. 904) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by striking:

“30 days later ..... GAO compliance report.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (i), by striking “On the date  
5 specified in subsection (a)” and inserting “Upon re-  
6 quest of the Committee on the Budget of the House  
7 of Representatives or the Senate”.

8 **SEC. 103. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 5, UNITED**  
9 **STATES CODE (GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION**  
10 **AND EMPLOYEES).**

11 (a) **TRANSMITTAL OF REPORTS.**—Section 1213(e) of  
12 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking the comma  
14 after “President” and inserting “and”, and by strik-  
15 ing “, and the Comptroller General”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the comma  
17 after “President” and inserting “and”, and by strik-  
18 ing “, and the Comptroller General”.

19 (b) **WITHHOLDING OF PAY.**—Section 5512(b) of title  
20 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “General  
21 Accounting Office” and inserting “employing agency”.

22 (c) **DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY.**—Section  
23 5582(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by  
24 striking the second sentence and inserting the following:



1 “An employee may change or revoke a designation at any  
2 time under regulations promulgated—

3 “(1) by the Director of the Office of Personnel  
4 Management or his designee, in the case of an em-  
5 ployee of an executive agency;

6 “(2) jointly by the President pro tempore of the  
7 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representa-  
8 tives, or their designee, in the case of an employee  
9 of the legislative branch; and

10 “(3) by the Chief Justice of the United States  
11 or his or her designee, in the case of an employee  
12 of the judicial branch.”.

13 (d) WAIVER OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS.—Section  
14 5584 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “Comp-  
17 troller General of the United States” and in-  
18 serting “authorized official”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (2) by inserting “and” at  
20 the end of subparagraph (A), by striking sub-  
21 paragraph (B), by redesignating subparagraph  
22 (C) as subparagraph (B), and by striking  
23 “Comptroller General” in subparagraph (B) (as  
24 so redesignated) and inserting “authorized offi-  
25 cial”;

1           (2) in subsection (b) by striking “Comptroller  
2           General” and inserting “authorized official”; and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4           section:

5           “(g) For the purpose of this section, the term ‘au-  
6           thorized official’ means—

7           “(1) the head of an agency, with respect to an  
8           agency or employee in the legislative branch; or

9           “(2) the Director of the Office of Management  
10          and Budget, with respect to any other agency or em-  
11          ployee.”.

12          (e)   REGULATIONS    AND    REPORTS.—Section  
13   5707(b)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, is amended  
14   by striking “the Comptroller General of the United  
15   States,”.

16          (f)   GAO AUDIT OF AGENCY COMPLIANCE.—Section  
17   5(b) of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990 (Pub-  
18   lic Law 101–391; 5 U.S.C. 5707 note) is repealed.

19          (g)   PROCEDURES FOR DEPOSIT OF EMPLOYEES’  
20   CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT FUNDS.—Sections  
21   8334(a)(2), 8422(c), and 8432(f) of title 5, United States  
22   Code, are each amended by striking “Comptroller General  
23   of the United States” and inserting “Secretary of the  
24   Treasury”.

1 (h) TRANSMITTAL OF COPY OF REPORT ON THE  
2 CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND.—  
3 Section 8348(l) of title 5, United States Code, is amended  
4 by striking the last sentence in paragraph (1).

5 (i) TRANSMITTAL OF COPY OF REPORT ON THE  
6 THRIFT SAVINGS FUND.—Section 8438(h) of title 5,  
7 United States Code, is amended by striking “and the  
8 Comptroller General of the United States” in the last sen-  
9 tence of paragraph (1).

10 (j) RECEIPT OF COPY OF CPA EXAMINATION OF  
11 THRIFT SAVINGS FUND.—Section 8439(b)(3) of title 5,  
12 United States Code, is amended by striking “and the  
13 Comptroller General of the United States”.

14 **SEC. 104. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 7, UNITED**  
15 **STATES CODE (AGRICULTURE).**

16 (a) AUDIT OF WASHINGTON FAMILY INDEPENDENCE  
17 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—Section 21(g) of the Food  
18 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2030(g)) is amended by  
19 striking “shall” and inserting “may”.

20 (b) REPORTS ON AMOUNTS OBLIGATED AND EX-  
21 PENDED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR ADVI-  
22 SORY SERVICES.—Section 641 of the Rural Development,  
23 Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,  
24 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2207a) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

- 1 (A) by striking “(1)” after “(a)”;
- 2 (B) by striking “shall (A) submit” and in-
- 3 serting “shall submit”; and
- 4 (C) by striking “, and (B) transmit a copy
- 5 of such report to the Comptroller General of the
- 6 United States”;
- 7 (2) by striking subsection (b);
- 8 (3) by redesignating paragraph (2) of sub-
- 9 section (a) as subsection (b); and
- 10 (4) in subsection (b) (as so redesignated)—
- 11 (A) by striking “paragraph (1)” and in-
- 12 serting “subsection (a)”;
- 13 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A),
- 14 (B), and (C) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3),
- 15 respectively.

16 **SEC. 105. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE**

17 **(ARMED FORCES).**

18 (a) **WAIVER OF RECOVERY OF ERRONEOUS ANNUITY**

19 **PAYMENTS.**—Sections 1442 and 1453 of title 10, United

20 States Code, are amended by striking “and the Comptrol-

21 ler General”.

22 (b) **WAIVER OF RECOVERY OF ERRONEOUS OVER-**

23 **PAYMENTS.**—Section 2774 of such title is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Comptroller General” and inserting “Director of the  
2 Office of Management and Budget”; and  
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4 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and”  
5 at the end of subparagraph (A), striking sub-  
6 paragraph (B), redesignating subparagraph (C)  
7 as subparagraph (B), and in that subparagraph  
8 (as so redesignated), striking “Comptroller  
9 General” and inserting “Director of the Office  
10 of Management and Budget”; and

11 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Comptroller General” and inserting “The Director of the  
12 Office of Management and Budget”.

13 (c) CERTIFICATION TO COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
14 OF UNCOLLECTABILITY OF ADVANCES.—Section  
15 2777(b)(2)(B) of such title is amended by striking “to the  
16 Comptroller General”.

17 (d) MAINTAINING ACCOUNTS OF MILITARY DEPART-  
18 MENTS.—Section 2778 of such title is repealed, and the  
19 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 165 of such  
20 title is amended by striking the item relating to that sec-  
21 tion.  
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23 (e) RADIOGRAMS AND TELEGRAMS.—Sections 4592  
24 and 9592 of such title are amended by striking “, or may

1 file a claim with the General Accounting Office for” in  
2 the second sentence and inserting “of”.

3 **SEC. 106. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 12, UNITED**  
4 **STATES CODE (BANKS AND BANKING).**

5 (a) REPORT ON PREPURCHASE AND FORECLOSURE-  
6 PREVENTION COUNSELING DEMONSTRATION.—Section  
7 106(d) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of  
8 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x(d)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking paragraph (9);

10 (2) in paragraph (5)(A), by striking “(10)(K)”  
11 and inserting “(9)”;

12 (3) in paragraph (8), by striking “(for purposes  
13 of the study and report under paragraph (9))”; and

14 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (10), (11),  
15 (12), and (13) as paragraphs (9), (10), (11), and  
16 (12), respectively.

17 (b) ANNUAL GAO COMPLIANCE AUDIT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 141(a)(2) of the  
19 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement  
20 Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 1823 note) is amended by  
21 striking “shall annually audit” and inserting “shall  
22 audit, under such conditions as the Comptroller  
23 General determines to be appropriate,”.

24 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading for  
25 paragraph (2) of section 141(a) of the Federal De-

1       posit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of  
2       1991 (12 U.S.C. 1823 note) is amended by striking  
3       “ANNUAL GAO” and inserting “GAO”.

4       (c) QUARTERLY REPORT ON FDIC COMPLIANCE  
5 WITH LIMITS ON OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS.—Section  
6 102 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Im-  
7 provement Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 1825 note) is amended  
8 by striking subsection (b).

9       (d) PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION: GAO REVIEW.—  
10 Section 38(k)(5) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12  
11 U.S.C. 1831o(k)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

12               “(5) GAO REVIEW.—The Comptroller General  
13       of the United States shall, under such conditions as  
14       the Comptroller General determines to be appro-  
15       priate, review reports made under paragraph (1) and  
16       recommend improvements in the supervision of in-  
17       sured depository institutions (including the imple-  
18       mentation of this section).”.

19       (e) GAO REPORTS ON RISK-BASED INSURANCE PRE-  
20 MIUMS, ACCESS TO ASSOCIATION CAPITAL, AND SUPPLE-  
21 MENTAL PREMIUMS.—Section 204(a) of the Farm Credit  
22 Banks and Associations Safety and Soundness Act of  
23 1992 (Public Law 102–552; 106 Stat. 4106; 12 U.S.C.  
24 2277a–4 note) is amended by striking “shall” and insert-  
25 ing “may”.

1 (f) REVIEW OF FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE  
2 CORPORATION GUARANTEE FEES.—Section 8.10(b)(4) of  
3 the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2279aa–  
4 10(b)(4)) is amended—

5 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “AN-  
6 NUAL REVIEW” and inserting “REVIEW”; and

7 (2) by striking “shall annually” and inserting  
8 “may”.

9 (g) GAO STUDIES OF APPRAISALS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1112(c) of the Fi-  
11 nancial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforce-  
12 ment Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3341) is amended—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “At the  
14 end of the 18-month period” and all that fol-  
15 lows through “study” and inserting “The  
16 Comptroller General of the United States may  
17 conduct, under such conditions as the Comp-  
18 troller General determines appropriate, stud-  
19 ies”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “required  
21 under” and inserting “referred to in”.

22 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading for  
23 section 1112(c)(1) of Financial Institutions Reform,  
24 Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C.



1 3341(e)(1)) is amended by striking “STUDY RE-  
2 QUIRED” and inserting “GAO STUDIES”.

3 (h) AUDIT OF OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING EN-  
4 TERPRISE OVERSIGHT.—Section 1319E of the Housing  
5 and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C.  
6 4524) is amended—

7 (1) in the first sentence—

8 (A) by striking “shall” and inserting  
9 “may”; and

10 (B) by inserting “, and any such audit  
11 shall be conducted” after “Office”; and

12 (2) by striking the last sentence.

13 (i) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—Section 11(t) of the  
14 Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(t)) is  
15 amended by adding at the end of paragraph (2)(A) the  
16 following new clause:

17 “(vi) The General Accounting Of-  
18 fice.”.

19 **SEC. 107. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 15, UNITED**  
20 **STATES CODE (COMMERCE AND TRADE).**

21 Section 31(b)(1)(B) of the Federal Fire Prevention  
22 and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2227(b)(1)(B)) is  
23 amended by striking clause (iii).

1 **SEC. 108. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 16, UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE (CONSERVATION).**

3 (a) **LICENSES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RE-**  
4 **SOURCES.**—Section 6 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.  
5 799) is amended by striking the last sentence.

6 (b) **AUDIT OF THE BROWNSVILLE WETLANDS POL-**  
7 **ICY CENTER.**—Section 202(d)(4) of the Brownsville Wet-  
8 lands Policy Act of 1994 (108 Stat. 338) is repealed.

9 (c) **AUDIT OF CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COST ALLO-**  
10 **CATION.**—Section 211 of the Reclamation Projects Au-  
11 thorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–  
12 575) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “Comptroller General of the  
14 United States” and inserting “Inspector General of  
15 the Department of the Interior”; and

16 (2) by striking “in accordance with regulations  
17 which the Comptroller General shall prescribe”.

18 (d) **REPORT ON GLEN CANYON COSTS AND BENE-**  
19 **FITS.**—Section 1804 of the Reclamation Projects Author-  
20 ization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–  
21 575) is amended—

22 (1) by striking subsection (b); and

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

1 **SEC. 109. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 18, UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE (CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PRO-**  
3 **CEDURE).**

4 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION ASSISTANCE: DE-**  
5 **TERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE OF IMPROVE-**  
6 **MENTS.**—Section 5(b) of the Presidential Protection As-  
7 sistance Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–524; 90 Stat. 2476;  
8 18 U.S.C. 3056 note) is amended by striking “Comptroller  
9 General of the United States” and inserting “Director”.

10 (b) **DISPUTES OVER PURCHASE OF PRISON-MADE**  
11 **PRODUCTS BY FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS.**—Section  
12 4124(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
13 striking “Comptroller General of the United States” and  
14 inserting “Attorney General”.

15 **SEC. 110. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 19, UNITED**  
16 **STATES CODE (CUSTOMS DUTIES).**

17 (a) **AUDITS OF THE CUSTOMS FORFEITURE**  
18 **FUND.**—Section 613A(e)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19  
19 U.S.C. 1613b(e)(2)) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “annual financial”; and

21 (2) by inserting before the period the following:  
22 “, under such conditions as the Comptroller General  
23 determines appropriate”.

24 (b) **REPORT ON BUSINESSES ESTABLISHED BY CUS-**  
25 **TOMS SERVICE FOR UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS.**—Section  
26 3131(b) of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (19 U.S.C.

1 2081(b)) is amended by striking “and the Comptroller  
2 General”.

3 **SEC. 111. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 22, UNITED**  
4 **STATES CODE (FOREIGN RELATIONS AND**  
5 **INTERCOURSE).**

6 (a) ACCOUNTS OF ADVANCES FOR OPERATIONS OF  
7 THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION ON THE U.S.-  
8 CANADA BOUNDARY WATERS.—The first section of the  
9 Act of March 2, 1921 (chapter 113; 22 U.S.C. 268b) is  
10 amended by striking “chiefs of parties” the first place it  
11 appears and all that follows through “chiefs of parties”  
12 the next place it appears and inserting “chiefs of parties”.

13 (b) PREPARATION OF SCOPE OF AUDIT AND REVIEW  
14 OF AUDITS OF INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT  
15 BANK.—Section 14 of the Inter-American Development  
16 Bank Act (22 U.S.C. 283j–1) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “Comptroller  
18 General of the United States shall prepare for the  
19 Secretary of the Treasury” and inserting “Secretary  
20 of the Treasury shall prepare”; and

21 (2) in subsection (c), in the second sentence, by  
22 striking “shall periodically” and inserting “may”.

23 (c) REPORTS BY THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OF-  
24 FICE.—Section 4 of the Foreign Direct Investment and

1 International Financial Data Improvements Act of 1990  
2 (22 U.S.C. 3143) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “report re-  
4 quired under” and inserting “reports referred to in”;  
5 and

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) by striking “(b)” and all that follows  
8 through “shall submit” and inserting “(b) RE-  
9 PORTS.—Consistent with the provisions of this  
10 section, the Comptroller General may submit”;

11 (B) by striking “Congress, a report” and  
12 inserting “Congress reports”;

13 (C) in paragraph (1) by striking “the re-  
14 port of the Secretary of Commerce” and insert-  
15 ing “reports issued by the Secretary of Com-  
16 merce under section 3”; and

17 (D) by striking the last sentence of the  
18 subsection.

19 **SEC. 112. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 25, UNITED**  
20 **STATES CODE (INDIANS).**

21 (a) COPIES OF INDIAN SERVICE CONTRACTS.—Sec-  
22 tion 7 of the Act of March 3, 1875 (25 U.S.C. 96), is  
23 repealed.

24 (b) COPIES OF INDIAN SERVICE CONTRACT BIDS.—  
25 Section 3 of the Act of August 15, 1876 (25 U.S.C. 97),

1 is amended by striking “; and an abstract of all bids or  
2 proposals received for the supplies or services embraced  
3 in any contract shall be attached to, and filed with, the  
4 said contract when the same is filed in the office of the  
5 Second Comptroller of the Treasury” and inserting in lieu  
6 thereof a period.

7 **SEC. 113. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 26, UNITED**  
8 **STATES CODE (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE).**

9 Section 7608(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
10 1986 (26 U.S.C. 7608(c)(2)), is amended by striking “and  
11 the Comptroller General of the United States”.

12 **SEC. 114. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 28, UNITED**  
13 **STATES CODE (JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL**  
14 **PROCEDURE).**

15 Section 2410(e) of title 28, United States Code, is  
16 amended by striking, in the second sentence, “shall so re-  
17 port to the Comptroller General who”.

18 **SEC. 115. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 31, UNITED**  
19 **STATES CODE (MONEY AND FINANCE).**

20 (a) TREATMENT OF RECORDS CONTAINING BANKING  
21 AGENCY INFORMATION.—Section 714(d) of title 31,  
22 United States Code, is amended by striking the last sen-  
23 tence of paragraph (1) and by amending paragraph (2)  
24 to read as follows:

1       “(2) The Comptroller General shall prevent unau-  
2 thORIZED access to records or property of or used by an  
3 agency that the Comptroller General obtains during an  
4 audit.”.

5       (b) REPORT ON AUDITS AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF  
6 TAXPAYER INFORMATION.—Section 719 of title 31, Unit-  
7 ed States Code, is amended—

8           (1) by striking subsection (d); and

9           (2) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g),  
10       (h), and (i) as subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h),  
11       respectively.

12       (c) COMPLIANCE REPORTING ON ADMINISTRATIVE  
13 EXPENSES.—Section 308(e) of the Legislative Branch Ap-  
14 propriations Act, 1994 (Public Law 103–69; 107 Stat.  
15 710; 31 U.S.C. 1105 note) is amended by striking “shall”  
16 and inserting “may”.

17       (d) PAYING CHECKS AND DRAFTS.—Section 3328 of  
18 title 31, United States Code, is amended—

19           (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “until the  
20 Comptroller General settles the question” and in-  
21 serting “until the question is settled”;

22           (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “on settle-  
23 ment by the Comptroller General”; and

1           (3) in subsection (d), by striking “With the ap-  
2           proval of the Comptroller General, the” and insert-  
3           ing “The”.

4           (e) WITHHOLDING CHECKS TO BE SENT TO FOR-  
5           EIGN COUNTRIES.—Section 3329(b)(4) of title 31, United  
6           States Code, is amended by striking the last two sentences  
7           and inserting “The Secretary shall credit the accounts of  
8           the drawer and drawee.”.

9           (f) PROPERTY RETURNS.—

10           (1) REPEAL.—Section 3531 of title 31, United  
11           States Code, is repealed.

12           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
13           tions at the beginning of chapter 35 of title 31,  
14           United States Code, is amended by striking the item  
15           relating to section 3531.

16           (g) CLAIMS COLLECTION AND COMPROMISE.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3711 of title 31,  
18           United States Code, is amended—

19                   (A) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting be-  
20                   fore the semicolon the following: “, except that  
21                   only the Comptroller General may compromise  
22                   a claim arising out of an exception the Comp-  
23                   troller General makes in the account of an ac-  
24                   countable official”;

25                   (B) by striking subsection (b);



1 (C) by redesignating subsections (c), (d),  
2 (e), and (f) and the first subsection (g) in order  
3 as subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f); and

4 (D) in subsection (d) (as so redesignated),  
5 by striking “and the Comptroller General” and  
6 by striking “jointly” from paragraph (2).

7 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (A) Section 3701(d) of title 31, United  
9 States Code, is amended by striking “3711(f)”  
10 and inserting “3711(e)”.

11 (B) Section 552a of title 5, United States  
12 Code, is amended by striking “3711(f)” each  
13 place it appears and inserting “3711(e)”.

14 (C) Section 2780(b) of title 10, United  
15 States Code, is amended by striking “3711(f)”  
16 and inserting “3711(e)”.

17 (D) Section 4(d)(6) of the State Depart-  
18 ment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (Chapter  
19 841; 22 U.S.C. 2671(d)(6)) is amended by  
20 striking “3711(f)” and inserting “3711(e)”.

21 (E) Section 204(f)(1) of the Social Secu-  
22 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 404(f)(1)) is amended by  
23 striking “3711(f)” and inserting “3711(e)”.

1 (h) AUDIT OF PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF COM-  
2 MEMORATIVE COINS.—Section 303 of Public Law 103–  
3 186 (31 U.S.C. 5112 note) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “Before the end of the 1-year  
5 period” and all that follows through “the Comptrol-  
6 ler General of the United States shall” and inserting  
7 “The Comptroller General of the United States  
8 may”; and

9 (2) by striking “sale of such coins” and insert-  
10 ing “sale of commemorative coins”.

11 (i) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERGOVERN-  
12 MENTAL FINANCING.—Section 6 of the Cash Management  
13 Improvement Act of 1990 (31 U.S.C. 6503 note) is re-  
14 pealed.

15 (j) CONSULTATION ON ACCOUNTING, AUDIT AND  
16 FISCAL PROCEDURES.—Section 6703(d)(6) of title 31,  
17 United States Code, is amended by striking “after con-  
18 sultation with the Comptroller General of the United  
19 States”.

20 (k) REVIEWS OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ACT PRO-  
21 GRAM.—Section 6718(b) of title 31, United States Code,  
22 is amended by striking “shall” each place it appears and  
23 inserting “may”.

1 **SEC. 116. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 32, UNITED STATES CODE**  
2 **(NATIONAL GUARD).**

3 Section 716 of title 32, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Comp-  
7 troller General” and inserting “Director of the  
8 Office of Management and Budget”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and”  
10 at the end of subparagraph (A), striking sub-  
11 subparagraph (B), redesignating subparagraph (C)  
12 as subparagraph (B), and in that subparagraph  
13 (as so redesignated), striking “Comptroller  
14 General” and inserting “Director of the Office  
15 of Management and Budget”; and

16 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Comp-  
17 troller General” and inserting “The Director of the  
18 Office of Management and Budget”.

19 **SEC. 117. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 33, UNITED**  
20 **STATES CODE (NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE**  
21 **WATERS).**

22 Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act  
23 of 1992 (106 Stat. 4831–4832; 33 U.S.C. 2281 note) is  
24 repealed.

1 **SEC. 118. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 37, UNITED STATES CODE**  
2 **(PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF THE UNIFORMED**  
3 **SERVICES).**

4 Section 902(b) of title 37, United States Code, is  
5 amended by striking “the General Accounting Office,  
6 under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, may”  
7 and inserting “the Secretary of the Navy may”.

8 **SEC. 119. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE**  
9 **(VETERANS’ BENEFITS).**

10 Section 711(d) of title 38, United States Code, is  
11 amended by inserting “, upon request of either of such  
12 Committees,” in the first sentence after “the Comptroller  
13 General shall”.

14 **SEC. 120. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 40, UNITED**  
15 **STATES CODE (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROP-**  
16 **ERTY, AND WORKS).**

17 (a) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF SALES FROM PRO-  
18 CEEDS.—Section 1 of the Act of June 8, 1896 (29 Stat.  
19 268; 40 U.S.C. 485a) is amended by striking “, as ap-  
20 proved by the accounting officers of the Treasury,”.

21 (b) FURNISHING DETERMINATIONS TO THE GEN-  
22 ERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.—Section 210(a)(8) of the  
23 Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949  
24 (40 U.S.C. 490(a)(8)) is amended by striking “. A copy  
25 of every such determination so made shall be furnished  
26 to the General Accounting Office”.

1 **SEC. 121. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 41, UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE (PUBLIC CONTRACTS).**

3 (a) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF FRAUDU-**  
4 **LENT WAR CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS.**—Section 16 of the  
5 Contract Settlement Act of 1944 (41 U.S.C. 116) is re-  
6 pealed.

7 (b) **RECORDS OF WAR CONTRACT FINANCING AND**  
8 **TERMINATIONS.**—Section 18(a) of the Contract Settle-  
9 ment Act of 1944 (41 U.S.C. 118(a)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “(1)”; and

11 (2) by striking “; and (2) the records in connec-  
12 tion therewith to be transmitted to the General Ac-  
13 counting Office”.

14 (c) **COPIES OF CONTRACTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE**  
15 **DETERMINATIONS.**—Section 307(b) of the Federal Prop-  
16 erty and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C.  
17 257(b)) is amended by striking the second sentence.

18 **SEC. 122. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 42, UNITED**  
19 **STATES CODE (PUBLIC HEALTH AND WEL-**  
20 **FARE).**

21 (a) **CONSULTATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**  
22 **OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.**—Section  
23 408(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 284c(a)(3)) is amended by striking the last sentence.

1 (b) AUDIT OF NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR BIO-  
2 MEDICAL RESEARCH.—Section 499(n) of the Public  
3 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290b(n)) is repealed.

4 (c) CONSULTATION AND REPORTS ON GRANTS FOR  
5 TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS.—Section 528 of the  
6 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290cc-28) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “the Comp-  
9 troller General of the United States, and”; and

10 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “Comptroller  
11 General of the United States in cooperation with  
12 the” and by striking the comma after “Administra-  
13 tion”.

14 (d) CONSULTATION AND REPORT ON TRAUMA CARE  
15 GRANTS.—Section 1216(a) of the Public Health Service  
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–16(a)) is amended by striking “and  
17 the Comptroller General of the United States”.

18 (e) CONSULTATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-  
19 STANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANTS.—Section 1942(a) of the  
20 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–52(a)) is  
21 amended by striking “and the Comptroller General”.

22 (f) STATE REPORTS ON MATERNAL AND CHILD  
23 HEALTH PROGRAMS.—Section 506(a)(1) of the Act of Au-  
24 gust 14, 1935, ch. 531 (42 U.S.C. 706(a)(1)) is amended  
25 by striking “and the Comptroller General”.

1 (g) REVIEW HHS CALCULATION OF REIMBURSE-  
2 MENT RATE.—Section 4204(b) of the Omnibus Budget  
3 Reconciliation Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 1395mm note) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking paragraph (4);

6 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “Taking into  
7 account the recommendations made pursuant to  
8 paragraph (4), on” and inserting “On”; and

9 (3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-  
10 graph (4).

11 (h) STUDY OF OWNERSHIP OF PROVIDERS OF MEDI-  
12 CARE SERVICES BY REFERRING PHYSICIANS.—

13 (1) Section 6204(e) of the Omnibus Budget  
14 Reconciliation Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 1395nn note)  
15 is repealed.

16 (2) Section 6204(f) of the Omnibus Budget  
17 Reconciliation Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 1395nn note)  
18 is amended by striking “and the Comptroller Gen-  
19 eral”.

20 (i) REPORTS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING.—  
21 Section 4401(d) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation  
22 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8 note) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (2), by—

24 (A) striking “By not later than May 1 of  
25 each year, the” and inserting “The”;

1 (B) striking “an annual” and inserting  
2 “a”; and

3 (C) striking “retail and”; and  
4 (2) by striking paragraph (6).

5 (j) STUDY OF DEMONSTRATION TO ATTRACT PEN-  
6 SION FUND INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—  
7 Section 6 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42  
8 U.S.C. 1437f) is amended by—

9 (1) striking subsection (i); and

10 (2) redesignating subsection (j) as subsection  
11 (i).

12 (k) AUDIT OF HUD LOW-INCOME HOUSING AC-  
13 COUNTS.—Section 10(a)(2) of the United States Housing  
14 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437h) is amended by—

15 (1) striking “annually”;

16 (2) striking, after “accounts which”, “shall”,  
17 and inserting “may”;

18 (3) striking “in accordance with the principles  
19 and procedures applicable to commercial trans-  
20 actions”; and

21 (4) striking “, and no other audit shall be re-  
22 quired”.

23 (l) REPORT ON THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY  
24 PROGRAM.—Section 23(m) of the United States Housing  
25 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437u(m)) is amended—



1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) by striking “shall”, and inserting  
3 “may”; and

4 (B) by striking “(1) IN GENERAL.—”; and  
5 (2) by striking paragraph (2).

6 (m) METHODOLOGY OF STUDY.—Section  
7 211(B)(f)(2) of Public Law 101–515, as amended by the  
8 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994,  
9 is amended by striking “shall serve” and all that follows  
10 through “approve” and inserting “may serve in an advi-  
11 sory capacity, may oversee the methodology, and may ap-  
12 prove”.

13 (n) STUDIES OF INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR LOCAL DE-  
14 LINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—Section 5(b) of  
15 the Act of November 4, 1992 (42 U.S.C. 5781 note, Public  
16 Law 102–586), is amended to read as follows:

17 “(b) GAO STUDIES AND REPORTS.—Under such  
18 conditions as the Comptroller General of the United States  
19 determines appropriate, the General Accounting Office  
20 may conduct studies and report to Congress on the effects  
21 of the program established by subsection (a) in encourag-  
22 ing States and units of general local government to comply  
23 with the requirements of part B of title II of the Juvenile  
24 Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (42  
25 U.S.C. 5631–5633).”.

1           (o) AUDITS OF RECIPIENTS OF LOAN GUARANTEES  
2 FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL DEMONSTRATION FACILI-  
3 TIES.—Section 19(x)(1) of the Federal Nonnuclear En-  
4 ergy Research and Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
5 5919(x)(1)) is amended—

6           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(A)”; and  
7           (2) by striking subparagraph (B).

8           (p) REPORT ON USE OF SUBPOENA AUTHORITY TO  
9 GET ENERGY INFORMATION.—Section 502(f) of the En-  
10 ergy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6382(f)) is  
11 repealed.

12          (q) CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF EN-  
13 ERGY CONCERNING TERMINATION OF LOAN GUARAN-  
14 TEES.—Section 451 of the Energy Conservation in Exist-  
15 ing Buildings Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6881) is amended,  
16 in subsection (d) and in the first sentence of subsection  
17 (e)(1), by striking “and the Comptroller General”.

18          (r) REPORT ON POLLUTION CONTROL STRATEGIES  
19 AND EMPLOYMENT EFFECTS OF CLEAN AIR ACT AMEND-  
20 MENTS OF 1990.—Section 812(b) of the Clean Air Act  
21 Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 7612 note) is repealed.

22          (s) REPORT ON ENERGY CONSERVATION BY FED-  
23 ERAL AGENCIES.—Section 801(c) of the National Energy  
24 Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8287(c)) is amend-  
25 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(1)”; and

2 (2) by striking paragraph (2).

3 (t) EVALUATION OF HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PRO-  
4 GRAMS.—Section 105 of the Stewart B. McKinney Home-  
5 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11304) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “shall annually” and inserting  
7 “may”; and

8 (2) by striking “, and submit to the Congress  
9 an annual summary of the status of each program  
10 authorized under this Act”.

11 (u) CONSULTATION ON ACCOUNTING, AUDIT AND  
12 FISCAL PROCEDURES.—Section 30203(b)(5) of the Vio-  
13 lent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42  
14 U.S.C. 13753(b)(5)) is amended by striking “after con-  
15 sultation with the Comptroller General of the United  
16 States”.

17 (v) STUDY OF SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES.—Sec-  
18 tion 6026 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of  
19 1989 (Public Law 101–239) is repealed.

20 (w) REPORT ON GEOGRAPHIC COST ADJUSTMENT  
21 FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.—Section 135(c)(2)  
22 of the Social Security Act Amendments of 1994 (Public  
23 Law 103–432) is amended—

24 (1) by striking the dash and “(A)” and insert-  
25 ing a comma, and

1           (2) by striking “; and” and all that follows and  
2           inserting a period.

3 **SEC. 123. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 44, UNITED**  
4                           **STATES CODE (PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCU-**  
5                           **MENTS).**

6           (a) AUDIT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.—

7 Section 309 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

8           (1) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
9           lows:

10          “(d) The Inspector General of the Government Print-  
11 ing Office shall audit the financial and operational activi-  
12 ties of the Government Printing Office each year. The au-  
13 dits shall be conducted under the direction of the Joint  
14 Committee on Printing. For purposes of the audits, the  
15 Inspector General shall have such access to the records,  
16 files, personnel, and facilities of the Government Printing  
17 Office as the Inspector General considers appropriate. The  
18 Inspector General shall furnish reports of the audits to  
19 the Congress and the Public Printer.”; and

20          (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
21 sections:

22          “(e) The Public Printer shall prepare an annual fi-  
23 nancial statement meeting the requirements of section  
24 3515(b) of title 31, United States Code. Each financial

1 statement shall be audited in accordance with applicable  
2 generally accepted Government auditing standards—

3 “(1) by an independent external auditor se-  
4 lected by the Public Printer, or

5 “(2) at the request of the Joint Committee on  
6 Printing, by the Inspector General of the Govern-  
7 ment Printing Office.

8 “(f) The Comptroller General of the United States  
9 may audit the financial statement prepared under sub-  
10 section (e) at his or her discretion or at the request of  
11 the Joint Committee on Printing. An audit by the Comp-  
12 troller General shall be in lieu of the audit otherwise re-  
13 quired by that subsection.”.

14 (b) PUBLICATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMPTROL-  
15 LER GENERAL.—

16 (1) Section 1311 of title 44, United States  
17 Code, is repealed.

18 (2) The table of sections for chapter 13 of title  
19 44, United States Code, is amended by striking out  
20 the item relating to section 1311.

21 **SEC. 124. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 45, UNITED**  
22 **STATES CODE (RAILROADS).**

23 Section 1036(f) of the Intermodal Surface Transpor-  
24 tation Efficiency Act of 1991 (45 U.S.C. 831 note) is  
25 amended by striking “and annually thereafter,”.

1 **SEC. 125. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 46, UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE (SHIPPING).**

3 Section 901(a) of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936  
4 (46 U.S.C. App. 1241(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “: *Provided*, That the Comptrol-  
6 ler General of the United States” and inserting  
7 “. The Administrator of General Services shall pre-  
8 scribe regulations under which agencies”; and

9 (2) by striking “credit any allowance” and in-  
10 sserting “pay for or reimburse officers or employees”.

11 **SEC. 126. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 47, UNITED**  
12 **STATES CODE (TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES,**  
13 **AND RADIOTELEGRAPHS).**

14 (a) APPROVE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE COR-  
15 PORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR VALUING  
16 VOLUNTEER SERVICES.—Section 397(9) of the Commu-  
17 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 397(9)) is amended, in  
18 the last sentence—

19 (1) by striking “and approved by the Comptrol-  
20 ler General pursuant to section 396(g)(5)”; and

21 (2) by striking “with respect to such services  
22 provided to public telecommunications entities after  
23 such standards are approved by the Comptroller  
24 General and only”.

1 (b) REPORT ON PAYMENTS BY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
2 TO CARRIERS FOR INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICA-  
3 TIONS.—

4 (1) Section 112(b)(1) of the Communications  
5 Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (47 U.S.C.  
6 1010(b)(1)) is amended by amending the matter  
7 preceding subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

8 “(1) On or before April 1, 1996, the Comptrol-  
9 ler General of the United States, and every two  
10 years thereafter, the Inspector General of the De-  
11 partment of Justice, shall submit to the Congress a  
12 report, after consultation with the Attorney General  
13 and the telecommunications industry—”.

14 (2) Section 112(b)(2) of the Communications  
15 Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (47 U.S.C.  
16 1010(b)(2)) is amended—

17 (A) after “include”, by striking “the”; and

18 (B) by striking “of the Comptroller Gen-  
19 eral”.

20 **SEC. 127. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 49, UNITED**  
21 **STATES CODE (TRANSPORTATION).**

22 (a) AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF DEPARTMENT OF  
23 TRANSPORTATION.—Section 5334(c)(2) of title 49, Unit-  
24 ed States Code, is amended by striking “the Comptroller  
25 General shall” and inserting “for”.

1 (b) REPORT ON MASS TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.—  
2 Sections 5335(c) and 5335(d) of title 49, United States  
3 Code, are each amended by striking “and in January of  
4 every 2d year after 1993”.

5 (c) AUDIT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL  
6 RAIL FREIGHT SERVICE.—Section 22107(b) of title 49,  
7 United States Code, is amended by striking “and the  
8 Comptroller General”.

9 (d) TRANSPORTATION BY FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS.—  
10 Section 40118(c) of title 49, United States Code, is  
11 amended by striking “Comptroller General shall” and in-  
12 serting “Administrator of General Services shall prescribe  
13 regulations under which agencies may”.

14 (e) AUDIT OF AVIATION INSURANCE OFFERED BY  
15 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—Section 44308(e)  
16 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking  
17 “. The Comptroller General shall audit those accounts”  
18 and inserting “for audit”.

19 (f) AUDIT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AIRPORT  
20 AND AIRWAY DEVELOPMENT.—Section 47121(c) of title  
21 49, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Comptrol-  
23 ler General” and inserting “Secretary”;

24 (2) in the second sentence—



1 (A) by striking “Not later than April 15 of  
2 each year, the”, and inserting “The”; and

3 (B) by striking “shall” and inserting  
4 “may”; and

5 (3) by striking the third sentence.

6 (g) STUDY OF ENHANCED PROCUREMENT AUTHOR-  
7 ITY FOR FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.—Section  
8 9206 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990  
9 (Public Law 101–508) is repealed.

10 **SEC. 128. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 50, UNITED**  
11 **STATES CODE (WAR AND NATIONAL DE-**  
12 **FENSE).**

13 (a) AUDIT OF TERMINATION PAYMENTS ON CON-  
14 TRACTS FOR CERTAIN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS.—Section  
15 1 of the Act of March 30, 1949 (62 Stat. 17; 50 U.S.C.  
16 491), is amended in the third sentence of the second para-  
17 graph—

18 (1) by striking “no termination payment shall  
19 be final until audited and approved by”;

20 (2) by striking “which” after “General Ac-  
21 counting Office”; and

22 (3) by inserting “of audit” after “purpose”.

23 (b) DETERMINATIONS OF ENTITLEMENT TO WAR  
24 CLAIM AWARDS.—Section 213(d) of the War Claims Act  
25 of 1948 (50 U.S.C. App. 2017l(d)) is amended by striking

1 “Comptroller General” and inserting “Secretary of the  
2 Treasury”.

3 (c) FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS: CONSULTATION  
4 WITH CONGRESS.—Section 6(f)(3) of the Export Adminis-  
5 tration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(f)(3)) is amend-  
6 ed by striking the second sentence.

7 **SEC. 129. AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE DISTRICT OF CO-**  
8 **LUMBIA**

9 Section 145 of the District of Columbia Retirement  
10 Reform Act (sec. 1–725, D.C. Code) is amended as fol-  
11 lows:

12 (1) In subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by striking “(1)”,

15 (ii) by striking “and the Comptroller  
16 General”, and

17 (iii) by striking “each” the first and  
18 third places it appears; and

19 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3).

20 (2) In subsection (c)(1), by striking “Comptrol-  
21 ler General pursuant to subsection (b)” and insert-  
22 ing “enrolled actuary pursuant to subsection (a)”.

23 (3) In subsection (c)(3)(A)—

1 (A) by striking “Comptroller General pur-  
2 suant to subsection (b)” and inserting “enrolled  
3 actuary pursuant to subsection (a)”;

4 (B) by striking “and the Comptroller Gen-  
5 eral”; and

6 (C) by striking “of the Comptroller Gen-  
7 eral”.

8 (4) In subsection (e)(3)(B), by striking “the  
9 Comptroller General, the Board,” and inserting “the  
10 Board”.

11 (5) In subsection (e)(3)(C)(1)—

12 (A) by striking “The Comptroller General,  
13 on the basis of such reports from the Board  
14 and” and inserting “The Board, on the basis of  
15 such reports from”;

16 (B) by striking “The Comptroller General  
17 shall report the amount of such reduction so  
18 caused to the Board and” and inserting “The  
19 Board shall report the amount of such reduc-  
20 tion so caused”; and

21 (C) by striking “he receives” and inserting  
22 “the Board receives”.

23 (6) In subsection (e)(3)(C)(2), by striking “by  
24 the Comptroller General”.

1 **TITLE II—CONFORMING AMEND-**  
2 **MENTS TO ENACT TRANS-**  
3 **FERS AND DELEGATIONS OF**  
4 **FUNCTIONS UNDER OTHER**  
5 **LAWS**

6 **SEC. 201. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this title is to amend provisions of  
8 law to reflect, update, and enact transfers and subsequent  
9 delegations of functions made under section 211 of the  
10 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law  
11 104–53, 109 Stat. 535), as in effect immediately before  
12 this title takes effect.

13 **SEC. 202. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

14 (a) **CLAIMS FOR PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF HOUSE-**  
15 **HOLD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.**—Section 5564(h) of title  
16 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “General  
17 Accounting Office” each place it appears and inserting  
18 “Administrator of General Services”.

19 (b) **SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF DECEASED EM-**  
20 **PLOYEES.**—Section 5583 of title 5, United States Code,  
21 is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “Comptroller  
23 General of the United States” and inserting “Direc-  
24 tor of the Office of Personnel Management”; and

1           (2) in subsection (b) by striking the first sen-  
2           tence and inserting: “The Director may by regula-  
3           tion prescribe the method for settlement of accounts  
4           payable under subsection (a) of this section.”.

5           (c) REMISSION OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.—Section  
6           2312 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
7           ing “Comptroller General” and inserting “Secretary of the  
8           Treasury”.

9           (d) DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.—Sec-  
10          tion 2575(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
11          by striking “Comptroller General of the United States”  
12          both places it appears and inserting “Secretary of De-  
13          fense”.

14          (e) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—Sections 2733(d) and  
15          2734(d) of title 10, United States Code, are amended by  
16          striking “Comptroller General” and inserting “Secretary  
17          of the Treasury”.

18          (f) SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF DECEASED MEM-  
19          BERS.—Section 2771(c) of title 10, United States Code,  
20          is amended to read as follows:

21                 “(c) Payments under subsection (a) shall be made by  
22          the Secretary of Defense.”.

23          (g) DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS OF DECEASED MEM-  
24          BERS.—Sections 4712 and 9712 of title 10, United States  
25          Code, are amended by striking subsection (g).

1 (h) SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS.—Sec-  
2 tion 7 of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949  
3 (22 U.S.C. 1626) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (c)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “Comp-  
6 troller General” and inserting “Secretary of the  
7 Treasury”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “Comp-  
9 troller General of the United States” and in-  
10 sserting “Secretary of the Treasury”; and

11 (2) in subsection (d) by striking “, or the  
12 Comptroller General of the United States, as the  
13 case may be,”.

14 (i) ESTATES OF DECEDENTS.—Section 1709 of the  
15 Revised Statutes (22 U.S.C. 4195) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “General Accounting Office”  
17 each place it appears and inserting “Department of  
18 State”;

19 (2) in the penultimate paragraph—

20 (A) in the first sentence, by striking  
21 “Comptroller General of the United States, or  
22 such member of the General Accounting Office  
23 as he may duly empower to act as his rep-  
24 resentative for the purpose,” and inserting

1 “Secretary of State or the Secretary’s rep-  
2 resentative”; and

3 (B) by striking “Comptroller General” and  
4 inserting “Secretary of State”; and

5 (3) in the last paragraph—

6 (A) by striking “office” and inserting “de-  
7 partment”; and

8 (B) by striking “Comptroller General” and  
9 inserting “Secretary of State”.

10 (j) DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS OF DECEASED ARMED  
11 FORCES RETIREMENT HOME RESIDENTS.—Section 1520  
12 of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Act of 1991 (24  
13 U.S.C. 420) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(C)—

15 (A) by striking “Comptroller General of  
16 the United States” in the second sentence and  
17 inserting “Secretary of Defense”; and

18 (B) by striking “Comptroller General” in  
19 the third sentence and inserting “Secretary”;  
20 and

21 (2) in subsection (d)—

22 (A) by striking “Comptroller General of  
23 the United States” in paragraph (1) and insert-  
24 ing “Secretary of Defense”; and

1 (B) by striking “Comptroller General” in  
2 paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting “Sec-  
3 retary”.

4 (k) PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS AND COMPROMISE  
5 SETTLEMENTS.—Section 2414 of title 28, United States  
6 Code, is amended in the first paragraph by striking “Gen-  
7 eral Accounting Office” each place it appears and insert-  
8 ing “Secretary of the Treasury”.

9 (l) PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS.—Section 2517(a) of  
10 title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking “Gen-  
11 eral Accounting Office” and inserting “Secretary of the  
12 Treasury”.

13 (m) JUDGMENT FUND CERTIFICATIONS.—Section  
14 1304 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
15 ing “Comptroller General” each place it appears and in-  
16 serting “Secretary of the Treasury”.

17 (n) CLAIMS SETTLEMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3702 of title 31,  
19 United States Code, is amended—

20 (A) in the heading by striking “**of the**  
21 **Comptroller General**”;

22 (B) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
23 follows:



1       “(a) Except as provided in this chapter or another  
2 law, all claims of or against the United States Government  
3 shall be settled as follows:

4               “(1) The Secretary of Defense shall settle—

5                       “(A) claims involving uniformed service  
6 members’ pay, allowances, travel, transpor-  
7 tation, retired pay, and survivor benefits; and

8                       “(B) claims by transportation carriers in-  
9 volving amounts collected from them for loss or  
10 damage incurred to property incident to ship-  
11 ment at Government expense.

12               “(2) The Director of the Office of Personnel  
13 Management shall settle claims involving Federal ci-  
14 vilian employees’ compensation and leave.

15               “(3) The Administrator of General Services  
16 shall settle claims involving expenses incurred by  
17 Federal civilian employees for official travel and  
18 transportation, and for relocation expenses incident  
19 to transfers of official duty station.

20               “(4) The Director of the Office of Management  
21 and Budget shall settle claims not otherwise pro-  
22 vided for by this subsection or another provision of  
23 law.”;

24                       (C) in subsection (b)(1), by amending that  
25 portion of the second sentence preceding sub-

1 paragraph (A) to read “The claim must be re-  
2 ceived by the official responsible under sub-  
3 section (a) for settling the claim or by the agen-  
4 cy that conducts the activity from which the  
5 claim arises within 6 years after the claim ac-  
6 crues except—”;

7 (D) in subsection (b)(2) by striking “pre-  
8 sented to the Comptroller General” and insert-  
9 ing “received”, and by striking “clause” and in-  
10 serting “paragraph”;

11 (E) by amending subsection (b)(3) to read  
12 as follows:

13 “(3) A claim that is not received in the time required  
14 under this subsection shall be returned with a copy of this  
15 subsection, and no further communication is required.”;  
16 and

17 (F) in subsection (d), by striking “Comp-  
18 troller General” the first place it appears and  
19 inserting “official responsible under subsection  
20 (a) for settling the claim”; and by striking  
21 “Comptroller General” every other place it ap-  
22 pears and inserting “official”.

23 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Chapter 37 of  
24 title 31, United States Code, is amended in the table  
25 of sections at the beginning of the chapter, by

1       amending the item relating to section 3702 to read  
2       as follows:

“3702. Authority to settle claims.”.

3       (o) TRANSPORTATION CLAIMS.—Section 3726 of title  
4 31, United States Code, is amended—

5           (1) in subsection (f) by striking “and the  
6       Comptroller General prescribe jointly” and inserting  
7       “prescribes”; and

8           (2) in subsection (g)(1) by striking “Comptrol-  
9       ler General” and inserting “Administrator of Gen-  
10      eral Services”.

11      (p) SETOFF AGAINST JUDGMENTS.—Section 3728 of  
12 title 31, United States Code, is amended—

13           (1) in subsection (a) by striking “Comptroller  
14      General” the first place it appears and inserting  
15      “Secretary of the Treasury”; and

16           (2) by striking “Comptroller General” each  
17      place it appears thereafter and inserting “Sec-  
18      retary”.

19      (q) SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF DECEASED MEM-  
20 BERS.—Section 714(c) of title 32, United States Code, is  
21 amended—

22           (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Comptrol-  
23      ler General” and inserting “Secretary concerned”;  
24      and

25           (2) by striking the second sentence.

1 (r) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS RELATING TO NATIONAL  
2 GUARD ACTIVITIES.—Section 715(d) of title 32, United  
3 States Code, is amended by striking “Comptroller Gen-  
4 eral” and inserting “Secretary of the Treasury”.

5 (s) CLAIMS FOR NET PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF  
6 HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.—Section 554(h)  
7 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by striking  
8 “General Accounting Office” each place it appears and in-  
9 serting “Secretary of Defense”.

10 (t) CANCELLATION OF CHECKS MAILED TO DE-  
11 CEASED PAYEES.—Section 5122 of title 38, United States  
12 Code, is amended by striking “upon settlement by the  
13 General Accounting Office”.

14 (u) WAIVER OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.—Section  
15 10(a) of the Act of September 5, 1950 (64 Stat. 591; 41  
16 U.S.C. 256a), is amended by striking “Comptroller Gen-  
17 eral” and inserting “Secretary of the Treasury”.

18 **SEC. 203. REPEAL.**

19 Section 211 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations  
20 Act, 1996 (Public Law 104–53; 109 Stat. 535) is amend-  
21 ed to read as follows:

22 “SEC. 211. Personnel transferred pursuant to this  
23 section, as in effect immediately before the effective date  
24 of section 303 of the General Accounting Office Act of  
25 1996, shall not be separated or reduced in classification

1 or compensation for one year after any such transfer, ex-  
2 cept for cause.”.

3 **SEC. 204. AUTHORITY TO RENDER DECISIONS.**

4 Section 3529(b) of title 31, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “The Comptroller General shall”  
7 and inserting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph  
8 (2), the Comptroller General shall”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph:

11 “(2) A decision requested under this section concern-  
12 ing a function transferred to or vested in the Director of  
13 the Office of Management and Budget under section  
14 211(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,  
15 1996 (109 Stat. 535), as in effect immediately before the  
16 effective date of title II of the General Accounting Office  
17 Act of 1996, or under this Act, shall be issued—

18 “(A) by the Director of the Office of Manage-  
19 ment and Budget, except as provided in subpara-  
20 graph (B); or

1           “(B) in the case of a function delegated by the  
2           Director to another agency, by the head of the agen-  
3           cy to which the function was delegated.”.

          Passed the House of Representatives September 4,  
1996.

Attest:

*Clerk.*