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To reform the management practices of the General Accounting Office, and  
for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. HORN, and Mr. FLANAGAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## A BILL

To reform the management practices of the General  
Accounting Office, 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 “General Accounting  
5 Office Management Reform Act of 1996”.

1 **TITLE I—GENERAL ACCOUNTING**  
2 **OFFICE MANAGEMENT REFORM**

3 **SEC. 101. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE OVERSIGHT**  
4 **BOARD.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF BOARD.—  
6 Section 702 of title 31, United States Code, is amended  
7 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(d)(1) The activities of the General Accounting Of-  
9 fice and the Comptroller General of the United States  
10 shall be overseen by a board to be known as the General  
11 Accounting Office Oversight Board.

12 “(2) The Board shall be composed of—

13 “(A) the Speaker of the House of Representa-  
14 tives, or a designee of the Speaker;

15 “(B) the President pro tempore of the Senate,  
16 or a designee of the President pro tempore;

17 “(C) the majority leader and minority leader of  
18 the House of Representatives and the Senate, or  
19 their designees; and

20 “(D) the chairmen and ranking minority mem-  
21 bers of the Committee on Governmental Affairs of  
22 the Senate and the Committee on Government Re-  
23 form and Oversight of the House of Representatives.

24 “(3) The functions of the Board shall be to—

1           “(A) recommend names to the President of the  
2           United States for the position of Comptroller Gen-  
3           eral of the United States;

4           “(B) reinforce the role of the General Account-  
5           ing Office as an objective source of audit, evaluation,  
6           and analysis;

7           “(C) consult with the Comptroller General on  
8           the use of financial and personnel resources; and

9           “(D) perform other duties as instructed by the  
10          Congress.”.

11          (b) RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTEES.—Section  
12          703(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by  
13          striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the follow-  
14          ing:

15          “(2) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of Comp-  
16          troller General, the General Accounting Office Oversight  
17          Board shall recommend at least 3 individuals to the Presi-  
18          dent for appointment to the vacant office, and such addi-  
19          tional individuals as may be requested by the President.”.

1 **SEC. 102. APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER**  
2 **GENERAL; COMPENSATION OF THE COMP-**  
3 **TROLLER GENERAL AND DEPUTY COMP-**  
4 **TROLLER GENERAL.**

5 (a) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COMPTROLLER GEN-  
6 ERAL.—Section 703 of title 31, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and Dep-  
9 uty Comptroller General are” and inserting “is”;

10 (2) in subsection (a)(2)—

11 (A) by striking “or Deputy Comptroller  
12 General” in the first sentence;

13 (B) by inserting “and” following the semi-  
14 colon at the end of subparagraph (C);

15 (C) by striking “; and” and inserting a pe-  
16 riod at the end of subparagraph (D); and

17 (D) by striking subparagraph (E); and

18 (3) in subsection (c), by renumbering para-  
19 graphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), re-  
20 spectively, and by amending paragraph (1) to read  
21 as follows:

22 “(1) is appointed by the Comptroller General,  
23 in consultation with the General Accounting Office  
24 Oversight Control Board;”.

25 (b) COMPENSATION OF THE COMPTROLLER GEN-  
26 ERAL AND DEPUTY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Section

1 703(f) of title 31, United States Code, is amended in para-  
2 graph (1) by striking “II” and inserting “I”, and in para-  
3 graph (2) by striking “III” and inserting “II”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
5 on the first date of the occurrence of a vacancy in the  
6 office of Comptroller General of the United States after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 **SEC. 103. ANNUITY OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

9 (a) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section  
11 772(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended  
12 by striking “equal to the pay” and inserting “equal  
13 to 50 percent of the pay”.

14 (2) REDUCTION BASED ON AGE.—The second  
15 sentence of such section 772(a) is amended by strik-  
16 ing “.25 percent” and inserting “.125 percent”.

17 (3) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
18 MENTS.—

19 (A) ELIMINATION OF REDUNDANT CONDI-  
20 TION.—The first sentence of such section  
21 772(a) (as amended by paragraph (1)) is fur-  
22 ther amended—

23 (i) by striking “or who retires  
24 under section 703(e)(1) of this title”;  
25 and

1 (ii) by striking “term or at the  
2 time of retirement.” and inserting  
3 “term.”.

4 (B) REPEAL.—Section 703(e)(1) of such  
5 title is amended—

6 (i) by striking the first sentence; and

7 (ii) in the second sentence by striking  
8 “Either” and inserting “A Comptroller  
9 General or Deputy Comptroller General”.

10 (b) DISABILITY ANNUITY.—Section 772(b) of such  
11 title is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “50 percent  
13 of” before “the pay”, and by striking “10 years”  
14 and inserting “5 years”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “50 percent”  
16 and inserting “25 percent”, and by striking “10  
17 years” and inserting “5 years”.

18 (c) DEADLINE FOR ELECTING TO CHANGE FROM  
19 CSRS OR FERS.—Section 772(c) of such title is amended  
20 in the second sentence by striking “10 years” and insert-  
21 ing “5 years”.

22 (d) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDUCTIONS.—

23 (1) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 772.—Section  
24 772(d) of such title is amended—

1 (A) by striking “3 percent” each place it  
2 appears and inserting “1.5 percent”;

3 (B) by striking “3.5 percent” each place it  
4 appears and inserting “1.75 percent”; and

5 (C) by striking “8 percent” each place it  
6 appears and inserting “4 percent”.

7 (2) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 773.—Section  
8 773(b) of such title is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (2)(C) by striking “3  
10 percent” and inserting “1.5 percent”, and by  
11 striking “4 percent” and inserting “2 percent”;

12 (B) by striking “4.5 percent” each place it  
13 appears and inserting “2.25 percent”; and

14 (C) in paragraph (1) by striking “5 per-  
15 cent” and inserting “2.5 percent”.

16 (3) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 772(d)  
17 of such title (as amended by paragraph (1)) is fur-  
18 ther amended by inserting, in the matter before  
19 paragraph (1) thereof, “or chapter 84” after “chap-  
20 ter 83”.

21 (e) INTEREST ON REFUNDS.—Section 775 of such  
22 title is amended—

23 (1) by striking “3 percent” each place it ap-  
24 pears and inserting “1.5 percent”; and

1           (2) by striking “4 percent” each place it ap-  
2           pears and inserting “2 percent”.

3           (f) **EFFECTIVE DATE AND SAVINGS PROVISION.**—

4           This section shall take effect on the first date of the occur-  
5           rence of a vacancy in the office of Comptroller General  
6           of the United States after the date of the enactment of  
7           this Act. However, the amendments made by this section  
8           shall not apply in the case of individuals retired or other-  
9           wise separated before the effective date of this section, and  
10          the rights of such individuals and their survivors shall con-  
11          tinue in the same manner and to the same extent as if  
12          this section had not been enacted.

13          **SEC. 104. AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATHS.**

14          Section 711 of title 31, United States Code, is  
15          amended by striking “when auditing and settling ac-  
16          counts” and inserting “as necessary to carry out the du-  
17          ties and powers of the Comptroller General”.

18          **SEC. 105. PUBLICATION OF COSTS OF GAO REPORTS.**

19          Section 712 of title 31, United States Code, is  
20          amended—

21                 (1) in paragraph (4) by striking “and” after  
22                 the semicolon;

23                 (2) in paragraph (5) by striking the period and  
24                 inserting “; and”; and



1           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3           “(6) publish the cost of each project carried out  
4 by the General Accounting Office.”.

5 **SEC. 106. REIMBURSEMENT FOR DETAILS TO CONGRESS.**

6           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 734 of title 31, United  
7 States Code, is amended—

8           (1) by amending the heading to read as follows:

9 **“§ 734. Details to Congress”;**

10           (2) by striking “assign or”;

11           (3) by inserting “(a)” before “The Comptroller  
12 General”; and

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

15           “(b) A committee shall reimburse the Comptroller  
16 General for the pay of each officer or employee of the Gen-  
17 eral Accounting Office for the time the officer or employee  
18 is detailed to the committee under this section .”.

19           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Chapter 7 of title 31,  
20 United States Code, is amended in the table of sections  
21 at the beginning of the chapter by striking the item relat-  
22 ing to section 734 and inserting the following:

“734. Details to Congress.”.

1 **SEC. 107. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GEN-**  
2 **ERAL IN GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—Chapter 7 of title  
4 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following:

6 “SUBCHAPTER VI—OFFICE OF INSPECTOR  
7 GENERAL

8 “§ 791. **Establishment and purpose of Office of In-**  
9 **spector General**

10 “There is hereby established an Office of Inspector  
11 General in the General Accounting Office. The purpose of  
12 the Office is to create an independent and objective of-  
13 fice—

14 “(1) to conduct and supervise audits and inves-  
15 tigations relating to the operations of the General  
16 Accounting Office;

17 “(2) to provide leadership and coordination and  
18 recommend policies to promote economy, efficiency,  
19 and effectiveness; and

20 “(3) to provide a means of keeping the Comp-  
21 troller General of the United States and the Con-  
22 gress fully and currently informed about problems  
23 and deficiencies relating the administration and op-  
24 erations of the General Accounting Office;

1 **“§ 792. Appointment of Inspector General; super-**  
2 **vision; removal**

3 “(a) There shall be at the head of the Office of In-  
4 spector General of the General Accounting Office, an In-  
5 spector General who shall be appointed by the Comptroller  
6 General of the United States, in accordance with the laws  
7 and regulations governing appointments in the General  
8 Accounting Office, without regard to political affiliation  
9 and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated abil-  
10 ity in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, man-  
11 agement analysis, public administration, or investigations.  
12 The Inspector General shall report to, and be under the  
13 general supervision of, the Comptroller General of the  
14 United States and the General Accounting Office Over-  
15 sight Board. The Comptroller General of the United  
16 States shall have no authority to prevent or prohibit the  
17 Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or com-  
18 pleting any audit or investigation, or from issuing any sub-  
19 poena during the course of any audit or investigation.

20 “(b) The Inspector General may be removed from of-  
21 fice by the Comptroller General of the United States. The  
22 Comptroller General of the United States shall, promptly  
23 upon such removal, communicate in writing the reasons  
24 for any such removal to the General Accounting Office  
25 Oversight Board.

1 **“§ 793. Duties and responsibilities**

2 “(a) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the In-  
3 spector General, with respect to the General Accounting  
4 Office—

5 “(1) to provide policy direction for and to con-  
6 duct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investiga-  
7 tions relating to the operations of the General Ac-  
8 counting Office;

9 “(2) to review existing and proposed legislation  
10 and regulations relating to operations of the General  
11 Accounting Office and to make recommendations in  
12 the semiannual reports required by section 794(a)  
13 concerning the impact of such legislation or regula-  
14 tions on the economy and efficiency in the adminis-  
15 tration of the General Accounting Office or the pre-  
16 vention and detection of fraud and abuse in such op-  
17 erations;

18 “(3) to recommend policies for, and to conduct,  
19 supervise, or coordinate other activities carried out  
20 or financed by the General Accounting Office for the  
21 purpose of promoting economy and efficiency in the  
22 administration of, or preventing and detecting fraud  
23 and abuse in, its operations; and

24 “(4) to keep the Comptroller General of the  
25 United States and the Congress fully and currently  
26 informed, by means of the reports required by sec-

1       tion 794 and otherwise, concerning fraud and other  
2       serious problems, abuses, and deficiencies relating to  
3       the administration of the General Accounting Office,  
4       to recommend corrective action concerning such  
5       problems, abuses, and deficiencies, and to report on  
6       the progress made in implementing such corrective  
7       action.

8       “(b) In carrying out the responsibilities specified in  
9       subsection (a)(1), the Inspector General of the General  
10      Accounting Office shall comply with standards established  
11      by the Comptroller General of the United States for audits  
12      of Federal establishments, organizations, programs, activi-  
13      ties, and functions.

14      “(c) In carrying out the duties and responsibilities  
15      established under this subchapter, the Inspector General  
16      shall report expeditiously to the Attorney General and the  
17      General Accounting Office Oversight Board whenever the  
18      Inspector General has reasonable grounds to believe there  
19      has been a violation of Federal criminal law.

20      “(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
21      chapter, the Inspector General of the General Accounting  
22      Office may not—

23              “(1) review the methodology used by the Gen-  
24      eral Accounting Office in preparing any report or  
25      testimony; or

1           “(2) obtain access to any workpapers relating  
2           to the preparation of any report or testimony that  
3           the Comptroller General would not make publicly  
4           available, unless such workpapers are directly rel-  
5           evant to a review within the scope of the Inspector  
6           General’s authority.

7   **“§ 794. Reports**

8           “(a) The Inspector General of the General Account-  
9           ing Office shall, not later than April 30 and October 31  
10          of each year, prepare semiannual reports summarizing the  
11          activities of the Office of Inspector General of the General  
12          Accounting Office during the immediately preceding 6-  
13          month periods ending March 31 and September 30.

14          “(b) Semiannual reports of the Inspector General  
15          shall be furnished to the Comptroller General of the Unit-  
16          ed States not later than April 30 and October 31 of each  
17          year and shall be transmitted by the Comptroller General  
18          to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight  
19          of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on  
20          Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the General Ac-  
21          counting Office Oversight Board within 30 days after re-  
22          ceipt of such a report, together with a report by the Comp-  
23          troller General.

24          “(c) Within 60 days after the transmission of the  
25          semiannual reports of the Inspector General to the Con-

1 gress, the Comptroller General of the United States shall  
2 make copies of such report available to the public upon  
3 request and at a reasonable cost.

4 “(d) The Inspector General shall report immediately  
5 to the Comptroller General of the United States whenever  
6 the Inspector General becomes aware of particularly seri-  
7 ous or flagrant problems, abuses, or deficiencies relating  
8 to the operations of the General Accounting Office. The  
9 Comptroller General of the United States shall transmit  
10 any such report to the General Accounting Office Over-  
11 sight Board within 7 calendar days, together with a report  
12 by the Comptroller General containing any comments the  
13 Comptroller General considers appropriate.

14 “(e)(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
15 authorize the public disclosure of information—

16 “(A) which is specifically prohibited from disclo-  
17 sure by any other provision of law;

18 “(B) the disclosure of which constitutes a  
19 threat to the interest of national defense or national  
20 security or in the conduct of foreign affairs; or

21 “(C) which is a part of an ongoing criminal in-  
22 vestigation.

23 “(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(C), any report  
24 under this section may be disclosed to the public in a form  
25 which includes information with respect to a part of an

1 ongoing criminal investigation if such information has  
2 been included in a public record.

3 “(3) Except to the extent and in the manner provided  
4 under section 6103(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
5 1986, nothing in this section or in any other provision of  
6 this subchapter shall be construed to authorize or permit  
7 the withholding of information from the Congress, or from  
8 any committee or subcommittee thereof.

9 “(f) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter,  
10 section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public  
11 Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to reports re-  
12 quired by this section by substituting—

13 “(1) ‘General Accounting Office’ for ‘establish-  
14 ment’; and

15 “(2) ‘Comptroller General’ for ‘head of estab-  
16 lishment’.

17 **“§ 795. Authority; administration provisions**

18 “(a) Except as provided by section 793(d), the In-  
19 spector General of the General Accounting Office, in car-  
20 rying out the provisions of this subchapter, may—

21 “(1) have access to all records, reports, audits,  
22 reviews, documents, papers, recommendations, or  
23 other material available to the General Accounting  
24 Office which relate to operations with respect to



1 which the Inspector General has responsibilities  
2 under this subchapter;

3 “(2) make such investigations and reports relat-  
4 ing to the operations of the General Accounting Of-  
5 fice as are, in the judgment of the Inspector Gen-  
6 eral, necessary or desirable;

7 “(3) request such information or assistance as  
8 may be necessary for carrying out the duties and re-  
9 sponsibilities provided by this subchapter from any  
10 Federal, State, or local governmental agency or unit  
11 thereof;

12 “(4) require by subpoena the production of all  
13 information, documents, reports, answers, records,  
14 accounts, papers, and other data and documentary  
15 evidence necessary in the performance of the func-  
16 tions assigned by this subchapter, which subpoena,  
17 in the case of contumacy or refusal to obey, shall be  
18 enforceable by order of any appropriate United  
19 States district court, except that procedures other  
20 than subpoenas shall be used by the Inspector Gen-  
21 eral to obtain documents and information from Fed-  
22 eral agencies;

23 “(5) administer to or take from any person an  
24 oath, affirmation, or affidavit, whenever necessary in  
25 the performance of the functions assigned by this

1 subchapter, which oath, affirmation, or affidavit  
2 when administered or taken by or before an em-  
3 ployee of the Office of Inspector General designated  
4 by the Inspector General shall have the same force  
5 and effect as if administered or taken by or before  
6 an officer having a seal;

7 “(6) have direct and prompt access to the  
8 Comptroller General of the United States when nec-  
9 essary for any purpose pertaining to the perform-  
10 ance of functions and responsibilities under this sub-  
11 chapter; and

12 “(7) select, appoint, and employ such officers  
13 and employees as may be necessary for carrying out  
14 the functions, powers, and duties of the Office sub-  
15 ject to the laws and regulations governing the ap-  
16 pointment and compensation of employees of the  
17 General Accounting Office.

18 “(b)(1) Upon request of the Inspector General for in-  
19 formation or assistance under subsection (a)(3), the head  
20 of any Federal agency involved shall, insofar as is prac-  
21 ticable and not in contravention of any existing statutory  
22 restriction or regulation of the Federal agency from which  
23 the information is requested, furnish to the Inspector Gen-  
24 eral, or to an authorized designee, such information or as-  
25 sistance.

1       “(2) Whenever information or assistance requested  
2 under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(3) is, in the judgment of  
3 the Inspector General, unreasonably refused or not pro-  
4 vided, the Inspector General shall report the cir-  
5 cumstances to the Comptroller General of the United  
6 States without delay.

7       “(c) The Comptroller General of the United States  
8 shall provide the Office of Inspector General with appro-  
9 priate and adequate office space at central and field office  
10 locations of Office of Inspector General of the General Ac-  
11 counting Office, together with such equipment, office sup-  
12 plies, and communications facilities and services as may  
13 be necessary for the operation of such offices, and shall  
14 provide necessary maintenance services for such offices  
15 and the equipment and facilities located therein.

16       “(d) For purposes of the provisions governing the  
17 Senior Executive Service of the General Accounting Office,  
18 any reference in such provisions to the ‘appointing author-  
19 ity’ for a member of the Senior Executive Service or for  
20 a Senior Executive Service position shall, if such member  
21 or position is or would be within the Office of Inspector  
22 General of the Office of Inspector General of the General  
23 Accounting Office, be deemed to be a reference to the In-  
24 spector General.

1 **“§ 796. Employee complaints**

2       “(a) The Inspector General may receive and inves-  
3 tigate complaints or information from an employee of the  
4 General Accounting Office concerning the possible exist-  
5 ence of an activity constituting a violation of law, rules,  
6 or regulations, or mismanagement, gross waste of funds,  
7 abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger  
8 to the public health and safety.

9       “(b) The Inspector General shall not, after receipt of  
10 a complaint or information from an employee, disclose the  
11 identity of the employee without the consent of the em-  
12 ployee, unless the Inspector General determines such dis-  
13 closure is unavoidable during the course of the investiga-  
14 tion.

15       “(c) Any employee who has authority to take, direct  
16 others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel ac-  
17 tion, shall not, with respect to such authority, take or  
18 threaten to take any action against any employee as a re-  
19 prisal for making a complaint or disclosing information  
20 to the Inspector General, unless the complaint was made  
21 or the information disclosed with the knowledge that it  
22 was false or with willful disregard for its truth or falsity.”.

23       (b) TRANSFER OF OFFICE.—

24             (1) IN GENERAL.—There is transferred to the  
25       Office of Inspector General established by this sub-

1 chapter, the office of the General Accounting Office  
2 referred to as the “Office of Internal Evaluation”.

3 (2) TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL, ASSETS, LIABIL-  
4 ITIES, ETC.—The personnel, assets, liabilities, con-  
5 tracts, property, records of, and the unexpended bal-  
6 ances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations,  
7 and other funds employed, held, or used by, arising  
8 from, or available to or to be made available to, the  
9 office and functions transferred under paragraph (1)  
10 are hereby transferred to the Office of Inspector  
11 General of the General Accounting Office.

12 (3) METHOD OF TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL.—  
13 Personnel transferred pursuant to paragraph (2)  
14 shall be transferred in accordance with applicable  
15 laws and regulations relating to the transfer of func-  
16 tions except that the classification and compensation  
17 of such personnel shall not be reduced for one year  
18 after such transfer.

19 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
20 at the beginning of chapter 7 of title 31, United States  
21 Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the follow-  
22 ing:

“SUBCHAPTER VI—OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

“791. Establishment and purpose of Office of Inspector General.

“792. Appointment of Inspector General; supervision; removal.

“793. Duties and responsibilities.

“794. Reports.

“795. Authority; administration provisions.

“796. Employee complaints.”.

1 (d) PAY RATE EQUAL TO EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE  
2 LEVEL IV.—Section 731(c) of title 31, United States  
3 Code, is amended by inserting “and of the Inspector Gen-  
4 eral” after “General Counsel”.

5 **TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO**  
6 **LAWS AUTHORIZING AUDIT-**  
7 **ING, REPORTING, AND OTHER**  
8 **FUNCTIONS BY GENERAL AC-**  
9 **COUNTING OFFICE**

10 **SEC. 201. TRANSFERS AND TERMINATIONS OF FUNCTIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—

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

21 (2) FUNCTIONS TERMINATED.—In any case in  
22 which a provision of law authorizing the perform-  
23 ance of a function by the Comptroller General of the  
24 United States or the General Accounting Office is

1 repealed by this Act, the authority under that provi-  
2 sion to perform that function is terminated.

3 (3) DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS.—The Direc-  
4 tor of the Office of Management and Budget may  
5 delegate, in whole or in part, to any other agency or  
6 agencies any function transferred to the Director  
7 under section 203(g)(2), 205(b), or 216 of this Act,  
8 and may transfer to such agency or agencies any  
9 personnel, budget authority, records, and property  
10 received by the Director pursuant to subsection (b)  
11 of this section that relate to the delegated functions.

12 (b) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Incident to any transfer of  
14 authority under subsection (a)(1), there shall be  
15 transferred to the recipient Federal officer, em-  
16 ployee, or agency such personnel, records, and prop-  
17 erty of the General Accounting Office as the Comp-  
18 troller General, after consulting with the head of the  
19 recipient agency, determines to be necessary to effec-  
20 tuate the transfer.

21 (2) EFFECT ON PERSONNEL.—Personnel trans-  
22 ferred under this subsection shall not be separated  
23 or reduced in classification or compensation for one  
24 year after such transfer, except for cause.

1           (c) REFERENCES.—With respect to any function or  
2 authority transferred under this Act and exercised on or  
3 after the effective date of that transfer, reference in any  
4 Federal law to the Comptroller General or to any officer  
5 or employee of the General Accounting Office is deemed  
6 to refer to the Federal officer or agency to which the func-  
7 tion or authority is transferred under this Act.

8           (d) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

9                   (1) ORDERS AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTIONS  
10 NOT AFFECTED.—All orders, determinations, rules,  
11 regulations, permits, grants, contracts, certificates,  
12 licenses, and privileges—

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

19                           (B) which are in effect at the time of the  
20 transfer;

21 shall continue in effect according to their terms until  
22 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or re-  
23 voked in accordance with law.

24                   (2) PENDING MATTERS AND PROCEEDINGS.—

25 This Act shall not affect any pending matters or



1 proceedings, including notices of proposed rule-  
2 making, relating to a function or authority trans-  
3 ferred under this Act. Such matters or proceedings  
4 shall continue under the authority of the agency to  
5 which the function or authority is transferred until  
6 completed or terminated in accordance with law.

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

21 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

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

1           (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Sections 203(d), 205(b),  
2           215(d) and (e), 216, 220(a), (b), and (c), and  
3           221(a) and (e) shall take effect 60 days after the  
4           date of enactment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 202. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 2, UNITED**  
6                                   **STATES CODE (THE CONGRESS).**

7           (a) COMPLIANCE REPORTING ON REDUCTION IN EM-  
8 PLOYEE POSITIONS.—Section 307(c) of the Legislative  
9 Branch Appropriations Act, 1994 (Public Law 103–69;  
10 107 Stat. 710; 2 U.S.C. 60–1 note) is amended by striking  
11 “shall” and inserting “may”.

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

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

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

22           (c) WAIVER OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS IN THE  
23 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Section 3(a) of the Act  
24 of July 25, 1974 (Public Law 93–359; 88 Stat. 395; 2  
25 U.S.C. 130d(a)) is amended, in the first sentence, by

1 striking “, if the claim is not the subject of an exception  
2 made by the Comptroller General in the account of any  
3 accountable officer or official”.

4 (d) REPORT ON SEQUESTRATION OF FUNDS TO  
5 MEET DEFICIT REDUCTION GOALS.—Section 254 of the  
6 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
7 1985 (2 U.S.C. 904) is amended—

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

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

9 (2) in subsection (i), by striking “On the date  
10 specified in subsection (a) of this section” and in-  
11 sserting “Upon request of the Committee on the  
12 Budget of the House of Representatives or the  
13 Senate”.

14 **SEC. 203. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 5, UNITED**  
15 **STATES CODE (GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION**  
16 **AND EMPLOYEES).**

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

19 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking the comma  
20 after “President” and inserting “and”, and by strik-  
21 ing “, and the Comptroller General”; and

22 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the comma  
23 after “President” and inserting “and”, and by strik-  
24 ing “, and the Comptroller General”.

1 (b) WITHHOLDING OF PAY.—Section 5512(b) of title  
2 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “General  
3 Accounting Office” and inserting “employing agency”.

4 (c) DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY.—Section  
5 5582(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by  
6 striking the second sentence and inserting the following:  
7 “An employee may change or revoke a designation at any  
8 time under regulations promulgated—

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

12 “(2) jointly by the President pro tempore of the  
13 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representa-  
14 tives, or their designee, in the case of an employee  
15 of the legislative branch; and

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

19 (d) WAIVER OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS.—Section  
20 5584 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “Comp-  
23 troller General of the United States” and in-  
24 serting “authorized official”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2) by inserting “and” at  
2 the end of subparagraph (A), by striking sub-  
3 paragraph (B), by redesignating subparagraph  
4 (C) as subparagraph (B), and by striking  
5 “Comptroller General” in subparagraph (B) (as  
6 so redesignated) and inserting “authorized offi-  
7 cial”;

8 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “Comptroller  
9 General” and inserting “authorized official”; and  
10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

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

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

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

19 (e) REGULATIONS AND REPORTS.—Section  
20 5707(b)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, is amended  
21 by striking “the Comptroller General of the United  
22 States,”.

23 (f) GAO AUDIT OF AGENCY COMPLIANCE.—Section  
24 5(b) of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990 (Pub-  
25 lic Law 101–391; 5 U.S.C. 5707 note) is repealed.

1 (g) PROCEDURES FOR DEPOSIT OF EMPLOYEES'  
2 CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT FUNDS.—Sections  
3 8334(a)(2), 8422(c), and 8432(f) of title 5, United States  
4 Code, are each amended by striking “Comptroller General  
5 of the United States” and inserting “Secretary of the  
6 Treasury”.

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

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

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

20 **SEC. 204. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 7, UNITED**  
21 **STATES CODE (AGRICULTURE).**

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

1 (b) REPORTS ON AMOUNTS OBLIGATED AND EX-  
2 PENDED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR ADVI-  
3 SORY SERVICES.—Section 641 of the Rural Development,  
4 Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,  
5 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2207a) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) by striking “(1)” after “(a)”;

8 (B) by striking “shall (A) submit” and in-  
9 serting “shall submit”; and

10 (C) by striking “, and (B) transmit a copy  
11 of such report to the Comptroller General of the  
12 United States”;

13 (2) by striking subsection (b);

14 (3) by redesignating paragraph (2) of sub-  
15 section (a) as subsection (b); and

16 (4) in subsection (b) (as so redesignated)—

17 (A) by striking “paragraph (1)” and in-  
18 serting “subsection (a)”;

19 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A),  
20 (B), and (C) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3),  
21 respectively.

22 **SEC. 205. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE**  
23 **(ARMED FORCES).**

24 (a) WAIVER OF RECOVERY OF ERRONEOUS ANNUITY  
25 PAYMENTS.—Sections 1442 and 1453 of title 10, United

1 States Code, are amended by striking “and the Comptrol-  
2 ler General”.

3 (b) WAIVER OF RECOVERY OF ERRONEOUS OVER-  
4 PAYMENTS.—Section 2774 of such title is 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 (c) CERTIFICATION TO COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
20 OF UNCOLLECTABILITY OF ADVANCES.—Section  
21 2777(b)(2)(B) of such title is amended by striking “to the  
22 Comptroller General”.

23 (d) MAINTAINING ACCOUNTS OF MILITARY DEPART-  
24 MENTS.—Section 2778 of such title is repealed, and the  
25 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 165 of such



1 title is amended by striking the item relating to that sec-  
2 tion.

3 (e) RADIOGRAMS AND TELEGRAMS.—Sections 4592  
4 and 9592 of such title are amended by striking “, or may  
5 file a claim with the General Accounting Office for” in  
6 the second sentence and inserting “of”.

7 **SEC. 206. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 12, UNITED**  
8 **STATES CODE (BANKS AND BANKING).**

9 (a) REPORT ON PREPURCHASE AND FORECLOSURE-  
10 PREVENTION COUNSELING DEMONSTRATION.—Section  
11 106(d) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of  
12 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x(d)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking paragraph (9);

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

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

18 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (10), (11),  
19 (12), and (13) as paragraphs (9), (10), (11), and  
20 (12), respectively.

21 (b) ANNUAL GAO COMPLIANCE AUDIT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 141(a)(2) of the  
23 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement  
24 Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 1823 note) is amended by  
25 striking “shall annually audit” and inserting “shall

1       audit, under such conditions as the Comptroller  
2       General determines to be appropriate.”.

3           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading for  
4       paragraph (2) of section 141(a) of the Federal De-  
5       posit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of  
6       1991 (12 U.S.C. 1823 note) is amended by striking  
7       “ANNUAL GAO” and inserting “GAO”.

8           (c) QUARTERLY REPORT ON FDIC COMPLIANCE  
9       WITH LIMITS ON OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS.—Section  
10      102 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Im-  
11      provement Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 1825 note) is amended  
12      by striking subsection (b).

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

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

23          (e) GAO REPORTS ON RISK-BASED INSURANCE PRE-  
24      MIUMS, ACCESS TO ASSOCIATION CAPITAL, AND SUPPLE-  
25      MENTAL PREMIUMS.—Section 204(a) of the Farm Credit

1 Banks and Associations Safety and Soundness Act of  
2 1992 (Public Law 102–552; 106 Stat. 4106; 12 U.S.C.  
3 2277a–4 note) is amended by striking “shall” and insert-  
4 ing “may”.

5 (f) REVIEW OF FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE  
6 CORPORATION GUARANTEE FEES.—Section 8.10(b)(4) of  
7 the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2279aa–  
8 10(b)(4)) is amended—

9 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “AN-  
10 NUAL”; and

11 (2) by striking “shall annually” and inserting  
12 “may”.

13 (g) GAO STUDIES OF APPRAISALS.—

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

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

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

1           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading for  
2           section 1112(c)(1) of Financial Institutions Reform,  
3           Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C.  
4           3341(c)(1)) is amended by striking “STUDY RE-  
5           QUIRED” and inserting “GAO STUDIES”.

6           (h) AUDIT OF OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING EN-  
7           TERPRISE OVERSIGHT.—Section 1319E of the Housing  
8           and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C.  
9           4524) is amended—

10           (1) in the first sentence—

11           (A) by striking “shall” and inserting  
12           “may”; and

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

15           (2) by striking the last sentence.

16 **SEC. 207. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 15, UNITED**  
17 **STATES CODE (COMMERCE AND TRADE).**

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

21 **SEC. 208. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 16, UNITED**  
22 **STATES CODE (CONSERVATION).**

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

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

4 (c) AUDIT OF CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COST ALLO-  
5 CATION.—Section 211 of the Reclamation Projects Au-  
6 thorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-  
7 575) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “Comptroller General of the  
9 United States” and inserting “Inspector General of  
10 the Department of the Interior”; and

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

13 (d) REPORT ON GLEN CANYON COSTS AND BENE-  
14 FITS.—Section 1804 of the Reclamation Projects Author-  
15 ization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-  
16 575) is amended—

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

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

20 **SEC. 209. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 18, UNITED**  
21 **STATES CODE (CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PRO-**  
22 **CEDURE).**

23 (a) PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION ASSISTANCE: DE-  
24 TERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE OF IMPROVE-  
25 MENTS.—Section 5(b) of the Presidential Protection As-

1 sistance Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–524; 90 Stat. 2476;  
2 18 U.S.C. 3056 note) is amended by striking “Comptroller  
3 General of the United States” and inserting “Director”.

4 (b) DISPUTES OVER PURCHASE OF PRISON-MADE  
5 PRODUCTS BY FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS.—Section  
6 4124(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
7 striking “Comptroller General of the United States” and  
8 inserting “Attorney General”.

9 **SEC. 210. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 19, UNITED**  
10 **STATES CODE (CUSTOMS DUTIES).**

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

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

15 (2) by inserting before the period the following:  
16 “, under such conditions as the Comptroller General  
17 determines appropriate”.

18 (b) REPORT ON BUSINESSES ESTABLISHED BY CUS-  
19 TOMS SERVICE FOR UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS.—Section  
20 3131(b) of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (19 U.S.C.  
21 2081(b)) is amended by striking “and the Comptroller  
22 General”.

1 **SEC. 211. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 22, UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE (FOREIGN RELATIONS AND**  
3 **INTERCOURSE).**

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

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

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

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

21 (c) REPORTS BY THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OF-  
22 FICE.—Section 4 of the Foreign Direct Investment and  
23 International Financial Data Improvements Act of 1990  
24 (22 U.S.C. 3143) is amended—

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

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

9 (B) by striking “Congress a report” and  
10 inserting “Congress reports”;

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

15 (D) by striking the last sentence of the  
16 subsection.

17 **SEC. 212. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 25, UNITED**  
18 **STATES CODE (INDIANS).**

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

22 (b) COPIES OF INDIAN SERVICE CONTRACT BIDS.—  
23 Section 3 of the Act of August 15, 1876 (25 U.S.C. 97),  
24 is amended by striking “; and an abstract of all bids or  
25 proposals received for the supplies or services embraced



1 in any contract shall be attached to, and filed with, the  
2 said contract when the same is filed in the General Ac-  
3 counting Office the office of the Second Comptroller of  
4 the Treasury” and inserting in lieu thereof a period.

5 **SEC. 213. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 26, UNITED**  
6 **STATES CODE (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE).**

7 Section 7608(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
8 1986 (26 U.S.C. 7608(c)(2)), is amended by striking “and  
9 the Comptroller General of the United States”.

10 **SEC. 214. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 28, UNITED**  
11 **STATES CODE (JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL**  
12 **PROCEDURE).**

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

16 **SEC. 215. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 31, UNITED**  
17 **STATES CODE (MONEY AND FINANCE).**

18 (a) TREATMENT OF RECORDS CONTAINING BANKING  
19 AGENCY INFORMATION.—Section 714 of title 31, United  
20 States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (d), by striking the last sen-  
22 tence of paragraph (1) and by amending paragraph  
23 (2) to read as follows:

24 “(2) The Comptroller General shall prevent unau-  
25 thorized access to records or property of or used by an

1 agency that the Comptroller General obtains during an  
2 audit.”; and

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

5           “(e)(1) An agency shall not be considered to have  
6 waived any privilege applicable to any information by  
7 transferring that information to or permitting that infor-  
8 mation to be used by the Comptroller General.

9           “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘privi-  
10 lege’ includes any work-product, attorney-client, or other  
11 privilege recognized under Federal or State law.

12           “(3) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as imply-  
13 ing that any person waives any privilege applicable to any  
14 information because paragraph (1) does not apply to the  
15 transfer or use of that information.”.

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

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

20           (2) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g),  
21 (h), and (i) as subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h),  
22 respectively.

23           (c) COMPLIANCE REPORTING ON ADMINISTRATIVE  
24 EXPENSES.—Section 308(c) of the Legislative Branch Ap-  
25 propriations Act, 1994 (Public Law 103–69; 107 Stat.

1 710; 31 U.S.C. 1105 note) is amended by striking “shall”  
2 and inserting “may”.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (f) PROPERTY RETURNS.—

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

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

25 (g) CLAIMS COLLECTION AND COMPROMISE.—

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

3           (A) by striking subsection (b);

4           (B) by redesignating subsections (c), (d),  
5 (e), and (f) in order as subsections (b), (c), (d),  
6 and (e); and

7           (C) in subsection (d) (as so redesignated),  
8 by striking “and the Comptroller General” and  
9 by striking “jointly” from paragraph (2).

10          (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

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

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

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

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

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

4           (h) AUDIT OF PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF COM-  
5           MEMORATIVE COINS.—Section 303 of Public Law 103–  
6           186 (31 U.S.C. 5112 note) is amended—

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

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

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

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

23          (k) REVIEWS OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ACT PRO-  
24          GRAM.—Section 6718(b) of title 31, United States Code,

1 is amended by striking “shall” each place it appears and  
2 inserting “may”.

3 **SEC. 216. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 32, UNITED STATES CODE**  
4 **(NATIONAL GUARD).**

5 Section 716 of title 32, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

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

1 **SEC. 217. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 33, UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE (NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE**  
3 **WATERS).**

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

7 **SEC. 218. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 37, UNITED STATES CODE**  
8 **(PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF THE UNIFORMED**  
9 **SERVICES).**

10 Section 902(b) of title 37, United States Code, is  
11 amended by striking “the General Accounting Office,  
12 under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, may”  
13 and inserting “the Secretary of the Navy may”.

14 **SEC. 219. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE**  
15 **(VETERANS’ BENEFITS).**

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

20 **SEC. 220. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 40, UNITED**  
21 **STATES CODE (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROP-**  
22 **ERTY, AND WORKS).**

23 (a) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF SALES FROM PRO-  
24 CEEDS.—Section 1 of the Act of June 8, 1896 (29 Stat.  
25 268; 40 U.S.C. 485a) is amended by striking “, as ap-  
26 proved by the General Accounting Office,”.

1 (b) FURNISHING DETERMINATIONS TO THE GEN-  
2 ERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.—Section 210(a)(8) of the  
3 Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949  
4 (40 U.S.C. 490(a)(8)) is amended by striking “. A copy  
5 of every such determination so made shall be furnished  
6 to the General Accounting Office”.

7 **SEC. 221. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 41, UNITED**  
8 **STATES CODE (PUBLIC CONTRACTS).**

9 (a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF FRAUDU-  
10 LENT WAR CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS.—Section 16 of the  
11 Contract Settlement Act of 1944 (41 U.S.C. 116) is re-  
12 pealed.

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

16 (1) by striking “(1)”; and

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

20 (c) COPIES OF CONTRACTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
21 DETERMINATIONS.—Section 288(b) of the Federal Prop-  
22 erty and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C.  
23 257(b)) is amended by striking the second sentence.



1 **SEC. 222. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 42, UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE (PUBLIC HEALTH AND WEL-**  
3 **FARE).**

4 (a) CONSULTATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
5 OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—Section  
6 408(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 284c(a)(3)) is amended by striking the last sentence.

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

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

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

17 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “Comptroller  
18 General of the United States in cooperation with  
19 the” and by striking the comma after “Administra-  
20 tion”.

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

25 (e) CONSULTATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-  
26 STANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANTS.—Section 1942(a) of the

1 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-52(a)) is  
2 amended by striking “and the Comptroller General”.

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

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

11 (1) by striking paragraph (4);

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

15 (3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-  
16 graph (4).

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

19 (1) Section 6204(e) of the Omnibus Budget  
20 Reconciliation Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 1395nn note)  
21 is repealed.

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

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

4 (1) in paragraph (2), by—

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

7 (B) striking “an annual” and inserting  
8 “a”; and

9 (C) striking “retail and”; and

10 (2) by striking paragraph (6).

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

15 (1) striking subsection (i); and

16 (2) redesignating subsection (j) as subsection  
17 (i).

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

21 (1) striking “annually”;

22 (2) striking, after “accounts which”, “shall”,  
23 and inserting “may”;

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

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

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

9           (1) in paragraph (1)—

10           (A) by striking “shall”, and inserting  
11           “may”; and

12           (B) by striking “(1)”; and

13           (2) by striking paragraph (2).

14           (m) METHODOLOGY OF STUDY.—Section  
15 211(B)(f)(2) of Public Law 101–515, as amended by the  
16 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994,  
17 is amended by striking “shall serve” and all that follows  
18 through “approve” and inserting “may serve in an advi-  
19 sory capacity, may oversee the methodology, and may ap-  
20 prove”.

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

1           “(b) Under such conditions as the Comptroller Gen-  
2 eral of the United States determines appropriate, the Gen-  
3 eral Accounting Office may conduct studies and report to  
4 Congress on the effects of the program established by sub-  
5 section (a) in encouraging States and units of general local  
6 government to comply with the requirements of part B of  
7 title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
8 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5631–5633).”.

9           (o) AUDITS OF RECIPIENTS OF LOAN GUARANTEES  
10 FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL DEMONSTRATION FACILI-  
11 TIES.—Section 19(x)(1) of the Federal Nonnuclear En-  
12 ergy Research and Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
13 5919(x)(1)) is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(1)”; and  
10 (2) by striking paragraph (2).

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

14 (1) by striking “shall annually” and inserting  
15 “may”; and

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

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

1 (v) STUDY OF SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES.—Sec-  
2 tion 6026 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of  
3 1989 (Public Law 101–239) is repealed.

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

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

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

12 **SEC. 223. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 44, UNITED**  
13 **STATES CODE (PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCU-**  
14 **MENTS).**

15 (a) AUDIT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.—  
16 Section 309 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
18 lows:

19 “(d) The Inspector General of the Government Print-  
20 ing Office shall audit the financial and operational activi-  
21 ties of the Government Printing Office each year. The au-  
22 dits shall be conducted under the direction of the Joint  
23 Committee on Printing. For purposes of the audits, the  
24 Inspector General shall have such access to the records,  
25 files, personnel, and facilities of the Government Printing

1 Office as the Inspector General considers appropriate. The  
2 Inspector General shall furnish reports of the audits to  
3 the Congress and the Public Printer.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 sections:

6 “(e) The Public Printer shall prepare an annual fi-  
7 nancial statement meeting the requirements of section  
8 3515(b) (1) through (4) of title 31, United States Code.  
9 Each financial statement shall be audited in accordance  
10 with applicable generally accepted Government auditing  
11 standards—

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

14 “(2) at the request of the Joint Committee on  
15 Printing, by the Inspector General of the Govern-  
16 ment Printing Office.

17 “(f) The Comptroller General of the United States  
18 may audit the financial statement prepared under sub-  
19 section (e) at his or her discretion or at the request of  
20 the Joint Committee on Printing. An audit by the Comp-  
21 troller General shall be in lieu of the audit otherwise re-  
22 quired by that subsection.”.

23 (b) PUBLICATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMPTROL-  
24 LER GENERAL.—



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

3           (2) The table of sections for chapter 13 of title  
4 44, United States Code, is amended by striking out  
5 the item relating to section 1311.

6 **SEC. 224. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 45, UNITED**  
7 **STATES CODE (RAILROADS).**

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

11 **SEC. 225. AMENDMENT RELATING TO TITLE 46, UNITED**  
12 **STATES CODE (SHIPPING).**

13           Section 901(a) of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936  
14 (46 U.S.C. App. 1241(a)) is amended—

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

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

21 **SEC. 226. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 47, UNITED**  
22 **STATES CODE (TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES,**  
23 **AND RADIOTELEGRAPHS).**

24           (a) APPROVE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE COR-  
25 PORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR VALUING

1 VOLUNTEER SERVICES.—Section 397(9) of the Commu-  
2 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 397(9)) is amended, in  
3 the last sentence—

4 (1) by striking “and approved by the Comptrol-  
5 ler General pursuant to section 396(g)(5) of this  
6 title”; and

7 (2) by striking “with respect to such services  
8 provided to public telecommunications entities after  
9 such standards are approved by the Comptroller  
10 General and only”.

11 (b) REPORT ON PAYMENTS BY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
12 TO CARRIERS FOR INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICA-  
13 TIONS.—

14 (1) Section 112(b)(1) of the Communications  
15 Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (47 U.S.C.  
16 1010(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

17 “(1) On or before April 1, 1996, the Comptrol-  
18 ler General of the United States, and every two  
19 years thereafter, the Inspector General of the De-  
20 partment of Justice, shall submit to the Congress a  
21 report, after consultation with the Attorney General  
22 and the telecommunications industry—”.

23 (2) Section 112(b)(2) of the Communications  
24 Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (47 U.S.C.  
25 1010(b)(2)) is amended—

- 1 (A) after “include”, by striking “the”; and  
2 (B) by striking “of the Comptroller Gen-  
3 eral”.

4 **SEC. 227. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 49, UNITED**  
5 **STATES CODE (TRANSPORTATION).**

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

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

14 (c) **AUDIT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL**  
15 **RAIL FREIGHT SERVICE.**—Section 22107(b) of title 49,  
16 United States Code, is amended by striking “and the  
17 Comptroller General”.

18 (d) **TRANSPORTATION BY FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS.**—  
19 Section 40118(c) of title 49, United States Code, is  
20 amended by striking “Comptroller General shall” and in-  
21 serting “Administrator of General Services shall prescribe  
22 regulations under which agencies may”.

23 (e) **AUDIT OF AVIATION INSURANCE OFFERED BY**  
24 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**—Section 44308(e)  
25 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking

1 “. The Comptroller General shall audit those accounts”  
2 and inserting “for audit”.

3 (f) AUDIT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AIRPORT  
4 AND AIRWAY DEVELOPMENT.—Section 47121(c) of title  
5 49, United States Code, is amended—

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

8 (2) in the second sentence—

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

11 (B) by striking “shall” and inserting  
12 “may”; and

13 (3) by striking the third sentence.

14 (g) STUDY OF ENHANCED PROCUREMENT AUTHOR-  
15 ITY FOR FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.—Section  
16 9206 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990  
17 (Public Law 101–508) is repealed.

18 **SEC. 228. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TITLE 50, UNITED**  
19 **STATES CODE (WAR AND NATIONAL DE-**  
20 **FENSE).**

21 (a) AUDIT OF TERMINATION PAYMENTS ON CON-  
22 TRACTS FOR CERTAIN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS.—Section  
23 1 of the Act of March 30, 1949 (62 Stat. 17; 50 U.S.C.  
24 491), is amended in the third sentence of the second para-  
25 graph—

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

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

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

6           (b) DETERMINATIONS OF ENTITLEMENT TO WAR  
7 CLAIM AWARDS.—Section 213(d) of the War Claims Act  
8 of 1948 (50 U.S.C. App. 2017l(d)) is amended by striking  
9 “Comptroller General” and inserting “Secretary of the  
10 Treasury”.

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

15 **SEC. 229. AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE DISTRICT OF CO-**  
16 **LUMBIA**

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

20           (1) In subsection (b)—

21                   (A) in paragraph (1)—

22                           (i) by striking “(1)”,

23                           (ii) by striking “and the Comptroller  
24                   General”, and

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

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

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

7 (3) In subsection (c)(3)(A)—

8 (A) by striking “Comptroller General pur-  
9 suant to subsection (b)” and inserting “enrolled  
10 actuary pursuant to subsection (a)”;

11 (B) by striking “and the Comptroller Gen-  
12 eral”; and

13 (C) by striking “of the Comptroller Gen-  
14 eral”.

15 (4) In subsection (c)(3)(B), by striking “the  
16 Comptroller General, the Board,” and inserting “the  
17 Board”.

18 (5) In subsection (c)(3)(C)(1)—

19 (A) by striking “The Comptroller General,  
20 on the basis of such reports from the Board  
21 and” and inserting “The Board, on the basis of  
22 such reports from”;

23 (B) by striking “The Comptroller General  
24 shall report the amount of such reduction so  
25 caused to the Board and” and inserting “The

1 Board shall report the amount of such reduc-  
2 tion so caused”; and

3 (C) by striking “he receives” and inserting  
4 “the Board receives”.

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

7 **TITLE III—CONFORMING**  
8 **AMEND- MENTS TO ENACT**  
9 **TRANSFERS AND DELEGA-**  
10 **TIONS OF FUNCTIONS UNDER**  
11 **OTHER LAWS**

12 **SEC. 301. PURPOSE.**

13 The purpose of this title is to amend provisions of  
14 law to reflect, update, and enact transfers and subsequent  
15 delegations of functions made under section 211 of the  
16 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law  
17 104–53, 109 Stat. 535), as in effect immediately before  
18 this title takes effect.

19 **SEC. 302. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

20 (a) **CLAIMS FOR PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF HOUSE-**  
21 **HOLD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.**—Section 5564(h) of title  
22 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “General  
23 Accounting Office” each time it appears and inserting  
24 “head of the agency concerned”.

1 (b) SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF DECEASED EM-  
2 PLOYEES.—Section 5583 of title 5, United States Code,  
3 is amended—

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

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

11 (c) REMISSION OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.—Section  
12 2312 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
13 ing “Comptroller General” and inserting “Secretary of the  
14 Treasury”.

15 (d) DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.—Sec-  
16 tion 2575(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
17 by striking “General Accounting Office” both places it ap-  
18 pears and inserting “Secretary”.

19 (e) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—Sections 2733(d) and  
20 2734(d) of title 10, United States Code, are amended by  
21 striking “Comptroller General” and inserting “Secretary  
22 of the Treasury”.

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



1       “(c) Payments under subsection (a) shall be made by  
2 the Secretary of the military department concerned or the  
3 Secretary of Transportation, as the case may be.”.

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

7       (h) SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS.—Sec-  
8 tion 7 of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949  
9 (22 U.S.C. 1626) is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (c)—

11               (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “Comp-  
12 troller General” and inserting “Secretary of the  
13 Treasury”; and

14               (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “Comp-  
15 troller General of the United States” and in-  
16 serting “Secretary of the Treasury”; and

17           (2) in subsection (d) by striking “, or the  
18 Comptroller General of the United States, as the  
19 case may be,”.

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

22           (1) by striking “General Accounting Office”  
23 each place it appears and inserting “Department of  
24 State”;

25           (2) in the penultimate paragraph—

1 (A) in the first sentence, by striking  
2 “Comptroller General of the United States, or  
3 such member of the General Accounting Office  
4 as he may duly empower to act as his rep-  
5 resentative for the purpose,” and inserting  
6 “Secretary of State or the Secretary’s rep-  
7 resentative”; and

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

10 (3) in the last paragraph—

11 (A) by striking “office” and inserting “de-  
12 partment”; and

13 (B) by striking “Comptroller General” and  
14 inserting “Secretary of State”.

15 (j) DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS OF DECEASED ARMED  
16 FORCES RETIREMENT HOME RESIDENTS.—Section 1520  
17 of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Act of 1991 (24  
18 U.S.C. 420) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(C)—

20 (A) by striking “Comptroller General of  
21 the United States” in the second sentence and  
22 inserting “Retirement Home Board”; and

23 (B) by striking “Comptroller General” in  
24 the third sentence and inserting “Board”; and

25 (2) in subsection (d)—

1 (A) by striking “Comptroller General of  
2 the United States” in paragraph (1) and insert-  
3 ing “Retirement Home Board”; and

4 (B) by striking “Comptroller General” in  
5 paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting “Board”.

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

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

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

19 (n) CLAIMS SETTLEMENT.—

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

22 (A) in the heading by striking “**of the**  
23 **Comptroller General**”;

24 (B) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
25 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 by the head of the agency that conducts  
4 the activity from which the claim arises.”;

5               (C) in subsection (b), by striking “Comp-  
6 troller General” each place it appears and in-  
7 serting “the agency that conducts the activity  
8 from which the claim arises”; and

9               (D) by amending subsection (d) to read as  
10 follows:

11       “(d) The head of an agency shall refer to the Director  
12 of the Office of Management and Budget a claim against  
13 the Government that is timely presented under this sec-  
14 tion, that may not be adjusted by using an existing appro-  
15 priation, and that the head of the agency determines the  
16 Congress should consider for legal or equitable reasons.  
17 If the Director concurs, the Director shall report to the  
18 Congress on the claim with appropriate recommenda-  
19 tions.”.

20               (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Chapter 37 of  
21 title 31, United States Code, is amended in the table  
22 of sections at the beginning of the chapter, by  
23 amending the item relating to section 3702 to read  
24 as follows:

“3702. Authority to settle claims.”.

1 (o) TRANSPORTATION CLAIMS.—Section 3726 of title  
2 31, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) by striking the second sentence.

24 (r) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS RELATING TO NATIONAL  
25 GUARD ACTIVITIES.—Section 715(d) of title 32, United

1 States Code, is amended by striking “Comptroller Gen-  
2 eral” and inserting “Secretary of the Treasury”.

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

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

12 (u) WAIVER OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.—Section  
13 10(a) of the Act of September 5, 1950 (64 Stat. 591; 41  
14 U.S.C. 256a), is amended by striking “Comptroller Gen-  
15 eral” and inserting “Secretary of the Treasury”.

16 **SEC. 303. REPEAL.**

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

20 “SEC. 211. Personnel transferred pursuant to this  
21 section, as in effect immediately before the effective date  
22 of section 303 of the General Accounting Office Manage-  
23 ment Reform Act of 1996, shall not be separated or re-  
24 duced in classification or compensation for one year after  
25 any such transfer, except for cause.”.

1 **SEC. 304. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       This title shall take effect on the later of the date  
3 of the enactment of this Act or June 30, 1996.

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