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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee to hold periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which that committee may authorize, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANNER (for himself and Mr. CARDOZA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of
2 the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the
3 end the following new paragraphs:

4 “(n)(1) Each standing committee, or a subcommittee
5 thereof, shall hold at least one hearing during each 120-
6 day period following the establishment of the committee
7 on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement

1 in Government programs which that committee may au-
2 thorize.

3 “(2) A hearing described in subparagraph (1) shall
4 include a focus on the most egregious instances of waste,
5 fraud, abuse, or mismanagement as documented by any
6 report the committee has received from a Federal Office
7 of the Inspector General or the Comptroller General of
8 the United States.

9 “(o) Each committee, or a subcommittee thereof,
10 shall hold at least one hearing in any session in which
11 the committee has received disclaimers of agency financial
12 statements from auditors of any Federal agency that the
13 committee may authorize to hear testimony on such dis-
14 claimers from representatives of any such agency.

15 “(p) Each standing committee, or a subcommittee
16 thereof, shall hold at least one hearing on issues raised
17 by reports issued by the Comptroller General of the United
18 States indicating that Federal programs or operations
19 that the committee may authorize are at high risk for
20 waste, fraud, and mismanagement, known as the ‘high-
21 risk list’ or the ‘high-risk series’.”.

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